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Mark 16:15-17: "And he said unto them, *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues....*"

Acts 1:4: "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but *wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*"

Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Luke 24:49: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

These scriptures record just a few of the instructions Jesus gave to His disciples on the same day that He ascended to heaven. There were as many as five hundred people at one time that saw Him after His resurrection, and Peter indicates in Acts 10:40-41 that Jesus appeared "...not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us." We do not know how many were with Him at His ascension, but we know that there should have been above five hundred, because that is how many were "chosen" to be His witnesses. We do know that there were only a hundred and twenty out of the five hundred that obeyed His instructions to "wait for the promise of the Father."

Possibly the first command Jesus gave on that last day was "the great commission," to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." That "command," however was superseded by another command that He gave the same day; "wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." These two commands have confused many in the churches today; "should we go, or should we wait." The advocates of "go" most often go without the presence and power of the Holy Ghost, but the advocates of "wait" never seem to do anything but "wait," while they wholeheartedly give themselves to the comforts of everyday life. Something has

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By Kirbbie Cowart

As we Americans look at the coming year many of us are concerned about where we are headed as a nation. 1. We are concern about the economy, the financial system that runs our nation. 2. We are concern about the safety of our children at school and at play. 3. We are concern about safety and well being of our families will we be able to have health insurance for them. 4. One of our deepest concerns is if we will be able to protect and defend our families from danger if our guns are taken from us.

All of the above concerns are worthy concerns, but as a Christian to me there are concerns much greater. When I look at this nation through the eyes of the Spirit of God or through the Word of God, I tremble and shake all over at what God is seeing when He look at America. As I look through the eye of the Word of God at America I can see the pride, the unspeakable abominations that is going on in America and that most of America is not ashamed of it they parade in the streets with no shame at all they don't even blush. *Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 6:15*

God is seeing the murder by the thousands of babies, the adultery, the lusts, and the Americas greed. Not only dose He see all of this He sees the religious adultery with many saying after you get saved you can live anyway you like because God don't see your sins any more, you can lie, still, com-

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been lost in the understanding of the instructions that Jesus gave. When telling His disciples to "wait," He said, "*ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*" When telling them to "go" He said, "*these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues, etc.*" Isn't this amazing? Those who "turned the world upside down" in their generation were those who first "waited" for about seven days until the Day of Pentecost came, at which time they were "*all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*" (Acts 2:4). They "*spoke with new tongues,*" they "*cast out devils,*" just as Jesus said they would, and they "*laid hands on the sick and they recovered*" (Mark 16:18). On that first day, the "*Day of Pentecost,*" over three thousand of the same Jews that only fifty days before had demanded the death of Jesus of Nazareth as an imposter, now called upon His name to save them as He sat at the right hand of the Father. Peter told them to repent, convert to Jesus, call upon His name, and they also would "*receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*" (Acts 2:38), "*For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call*" (Acts 2:39). The "*promise of the Father*" is to everyone who will believe and call upon Jesus.

Acts 2:38: "*Then Peter said unto them, 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 Ghost.*"

I will not take up the issue of water baptism in this message because one of the things Jesus had told His disciples in the day of His ascension was "*John truly baptized with water; BUT ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*" God Himself showed that salvation is based upon repentance and faith when the Holy Ghost "*fell*" upon Cornelius and his house hold when they "*heard the words*" of Peter in Acts 10:43-44; "*To him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*" These were uncircumcised Gentiles, which means they had not been converted to Judaism. They had never received water baptism, which means they had not been formally "*converted*" to "*Christianity,*" but when they heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, that "*through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins,*" in a moment of time they received Jesus and were baptized with the Holy Ghost, which is God's way of saying, "*these are mine.*"

How do we know that God received these "*uncircumcised*" and "*un-water-baptized*" Gentiles? Peter gives the answer, which amazed him and all those Jews who were with him; "*And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter; Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*" (Act 10:45-47). We know that they had received the Holy Ghost because the Holy Ghost "*fell upon them*" and they "*spake with other tongues.*"

The Holy Ghost "Falls"

It is a common belief today among many "*charismatic*" and "*full gospel*" believers that we receive the Holy Ghost at the moment of salvation, and we need only to receive our "*prayer language,*" which we receive "*by faith*" and the Spirit "*rises up in us*" to give us our language. That does not describe the experience of the hundred and twenty, or the initial experience of any person in the book of Acts who received the Holy Ghost. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost came "*suddenly from heaven*" as a "*rushing mighty wind.*" At the house of Cornelius, the Holy Ghost "*fell on all them that heard the word.*" At Phillip's great revival in Samaria, multitudes of people believed and were baptized in water when they heard the gospel and saw the great miracles and healings that were done through the name of Jesus. The scripture says, "*Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city*" (Acts 8:5-8). Phillip was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power to preach Christ in both word and deed. The lame were healed and those possessed with unclean spirits were delivered. Great miracles caught the attention of the entire city of Samaria, and people by the hundreds believed and received water baptism, which

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mit adultery and God don't even see it because you are under grace and if you repent you put Jesus back on the cross. In other words if you sin you don't even need to repent. A lie from Hell!

My concern is, knowing that God is seeing all that is going on in America how much time do we have left to repent before God for the sins of America and turn from our evil ways back to God with all of our heart and souls before the judgment of God is poured out. ***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. 2 Chron. 7:14***

You can say that I'm under the Law and that you are under Grace and God don't see the sin that in the world if you want. This one thing that I know is that if you have been baptized into his death and been raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father and you are walking in newness of life you will not sin. ***What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:1-7***

My concern is that many so call Christian in America think that sin is no big deal, they say everyone sin all the time and God understand that is why He has given us Grace to live under. Sin still carries a death sentence. ***The soul that sinneth, it shall die... Ezekiel 18:20***

My concern is that if there is not a turning back to God you will hear more words in the **NEWS Media** like: "**Unbelievable**", "**Imposable**," and "**Martial Law**"

With thing going on in the church like "**The Harlem Shake in church**" and "**The Holy Ghost Hokey Pokey**," it just makes me sick. It's the church that needs to repent of sins in the church. ***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. 2 Chron. 7:14*** This younger generation coming up in church has no conscience of sin or sense of right and wrong.

Back in the 70's when these mega churches begin to pop up the message begin to change no long preaching against sin. It had to be uplifting, building up man self worth; the pulpits begin learning how to manipulate people to give more in the offerings. Men have learned how to build churches by studying the demographics of an area and how to win friends and influence people is the teaching of today. Jesus said in ***Matthew 11:6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*** The teaching of Jesus will offend. ***Matthew 13:57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.*** We must remember when we preach this gospel of Jesus Christ it will offend people and people will leave the church. Jesus is calling people to repent, ***Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.***

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall

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was the "sign" of their repentance. "Great joy was in that city." This was a revival greater than any that has been seen in our generation, yet, something was missing, and the apostles at Jerusalem knew what it was; the Holy Ghost had not yet fallen upon the people.

Acts 8:14-17: "Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, **that they might receive the Holy Ghost:** (For as yet he was **FALLEN upon none of them:** only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and **they received the Holy Ghost.**"

There are several traditions of the modern church that must fall in the light of the revival at Samaria. First, this revival proves that believers do not receive the Holy Ghost at the moment they "put their faith in Christ." Multitudes were converted at the preaching of Phillip, but none of them received the Holy Ghost at the moment of conversion. In Acts 19:1, Paul found some "believers" in Ephesus, and asked them the question, "Have you received the Holy Ghost **since you believed.**" They were believers, but they had never heard of the Holy Ghost, because Apollos, who had preached Jesus "the Christ" to them, had not received the Holy Ghost himself, "knowing only John's (water) baptism" (Acts 28:18-24). After instructing them further in the gospel, Paul laid his hands on them and "the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied" (Act 19:6). Paul reminded the Ephesians of the day they received the Holy Ghost in his letter to them, saying, "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, **after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory**" (Ephesians 1:13-14). How did Paul know they were saved? Because they had received the truth of the gospel with great joy and trusted in Christ alone for their salvation. How did he know they were "sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise?" Because they "spake with tongues, and prophesied" when the Holy Ghost first came upon them.

Things We Should Know about Speaking in Tongues

Act 2:1-4: "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

It is clear according to the record of the scriptures that the first evidence that a believer has received the Holy Ghost is that they will speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance. Speaking in tongues is not the only evidence, or even the greatest evidence, but it is the initial, or first, evidence that the Holy Ghost has come into the believer. There are some other very important things to understand about speaking in tongues.

1. Those who received the Holy Ghost spoke in tongues "as the Spirit gave them utterance." The Greek word "apophtheggomai," which was translated "utterance" means "to enunciate plainly." It was not the people, but the Holy Ghost, who "pronounced" the words they spoke. The Spirit of God actually formed the words in their mouth.

2. Speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance is always a miracle. It can only happen when the Holy Ghost is moving in the believer. It is no different than any of the other manifestations of the Spirit which Paul listed in I Corinthians 12:7-11; "All these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit..." (verse eleven). If a person could truly speak in other languages at their will, they could also work a miracle at their will.

3. Speaking in tongues by the Spirit is always initiated by the Holy Ghost and not by the believer. The believer can yield to the Spirit as He gives utterance, but the believer cannot yield to what the Spirit is not doing. If it is not the Holy Ghost that initiates the speaking, then it is not the Holy Ghost that is giving the utterance.

4. Speaking in tongues is not a prayer language. This does not mean that one filled with the Spirit will not pray in tongues, but tongues is not a language given to you for you to pray in at your will. Paul says, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" (I Corinthians 14:15-16). Whether He prayed in

other tongues or in his own language, the apostle prayed "with the Spirit." If this were not so, he could not "prophesy with the Spirit." There are times that the Spirit of God will make intercession for us in "groanings that cannot be uttered" (Romans 8:26), but this will always be in times of a powerful moving of the Holy Ghost in us.

5. Speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance is both the initial and a continuing evidence of the Holy Ghost dwelling and working in a believer. If however, it is the believer that initiates speaking in tongues, it becomes the evidence that it is not the Spirit of God giving the utterance.

6. The baptism with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues is not received by faith. This is perhaps the error that has opened the door for so much pretense and fleshly activity. Only that which has been "finished" at the cross where Jesus died for our sins can be received "by faith." The baptism with the Holy Ghost is not a "finished work" at the cross. John the Baptist said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11). Jesus said, "John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Act 1:5). John the Baptist said that Jesus is the baptizer who baptizes with the Holy Ghost. During the three and a half years of Jesus' ministry, He did not baptize anyone with the Holy Ghost. Before He could baptize the people He had to offer His body and blood for their sanctification (Hebrews 10:10, 13:12), because the Holy Ghost will not come into an unsanctified vessel. Jesus told His disciples during His last supper with them, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter (the Holy Ghost) will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." He sent the Holy Ghost upon the hundred and twenty on the Day of Pentecost, and He still sits at the right hand of the Father, ready to send the Holy Ghost upon those who whose hearts have been made pure through repentance and faith in His precious blood. When the Holy Ghost fell upon Cornelius and his house, who were all uncircumcised Gentiles, Peter said, "God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8-9). A sinner can receive Christ "by faith" and his heart will be purified by that faith. No one can receive the Holy Ghost by faith. God "knows the hearts" of the people and Christ will send the Holy Ghost to whose hearts have been made pure. The wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost cannot be received "by faith," but is given at the discretion of Jesus Christ, our savior and baptizer, who "knows the hearts of men."

7. The believer who speaks in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance edifies himself. (I Corinthians 14:4). This is a very necessary thing if the believer is to be one God can use to edify the church. Those who pray and rejoice in Jesus until the Holy Ghost comes upon them and speaks through them will always leave edified. This is the way a child of God is "renewed day by day" (II Corinthians 4:16). Those who have nothing but a prayer language to pray with will leave as empty as when they came.

Paul made it clear that it is better to speak in a known language in the church than in an unknown tongue. For while the Spirit coming upon you to speak in unknown tongues edifies you, the Spirit coming upon you to speak in the common language of the church, edifies the church. The time of public ministry is not for the edification of the minister, but for those who are ministered to. Paul makes this statement: "I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied" (I Corinthians 14:5). Many mistakenly believe that Paul is saying "I want you to speak in tongues, but I would rather that you prophesied." That interpretation misses an important point. The Greek word Paul used for "that" is "hina," which means "in order that." With this understood, it is clear to see what Paul was saying; "I want all of you to speak in tongues, because speaking in tongues as the Spirit of God gives you utterance will edify you and anoint you to speak to others in your own language with the same anointing and power as when you speak in tongues." Unless a person is edified by the Spirit of God, they cannot edify the church with words of "spirit and life" from the Spirit of God.

A Modern Day Error

I must admit that I am distressed by the wounds that the Pentecostal and full gospel movements have inflicted upon itself by an almost total ignorance of the things of the Spirit. There are, and probably always will be, those resist the Holy Ghost, and fight against every manifestation of the Spirit. Those who do so from the outside through unbelief can do no great harm to a move of the Spirit of God. It is those who embrace the baptism with the Holy Ghost in doctrine, but actually seek only what Paul calls a "fair shew in the flesh" that do the greatest harm. When you hear a minister boast that they have seen more people filled with the Holy Ghost than anyone in history, it is a signal that something is wrong. When you hear them tell the people that the Holy Ghost is "received by faith," and

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instruct them to simply speak whatever comes into their minds, you can know that the minister himself is spiritually ignorant. When he tells those who obey his instructions that they have received the Holy Ghost, you know that reality has been lost, and pretense has taken its place. When you see people who can open their mouth and instantly began to speak in tongues without any move of the Spirit of God, you know they have been the victim of some pastor or evangelist who only wanted to make a "fair shew in the flesh," just as those who wanted to circumcise the people in the churches at Galatia (Galatians 6:12). When you see churches that are filled with "tongue talkers" that are no different than the world, you know they have not received what the hundred and twenty received on the Day of Pentecost. Far too many preachers today think they have found shortcuts to give the people the Holy Ghost without the necessity of true repentance and seeking God until the Holy Ghost falls on them from heaven. What they have really accomplished is to insure that the Spirit will never fall on those who believe them. For years I have told our congregation "If you are satisfied with something less than that which is real, that is exactly what you will have." We must ever seek God for that which "comes suddenly from heaven like a rushing mighty wind" and falls upon the people in a mighty baptism from above!

Power From on High

Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Luke 24:49: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

The Power of ONE!

By Kirbbie Cowart

1Samuel 17:44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

1Samuel 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

1Samuel 17:46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

1Samuel 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

1Samuel 17:48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

1Samuel 17:49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the

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come from the presence of the Lord;

Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Act 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

If we do not repent this nation will lose its conscience and the holocaust under Hitler will be nothing to compare with what is coming.

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We have form of godliness **2Timothy 3:5** Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.
1Samuel 17:50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

1Samuel 17:51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

1Samuel 17:52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

1Samuel 17:53 And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents.

I Sought For A Man

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Martin Luther

The Ninety-Five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences (Latin: *Disputatio pro declaratione virtutis indulgentiarum*), commonly known as **The Ninety-Five Theses**, was written by **Martin Luther** in 1517 and is widely regarded as the initial catalyst for the **Protestant Reformation**. The **disputation** protests against clerical abuses, especially the sale of **indulgences**.

On the eve of **All Saint's Day, October 31, 1517**, Luther posted the ninety-five theses, which he had composed in Latin, on the door of the Castle Church of **Wittenberg**, according to university custom.^[4]

On the same day, Luther sent a hand-written copy, accompanied with honourable comments, to the archbishop **Albert of Mainz** and **Magdeburg**, responsible for the practice of the indulgence sales, and to the bishop of **Brandenburg**, the superior of Luther. Within two weeks, copies of the Theses had spread throughout Germany; within two months throughout Europe.^{[5][6]} It was not until January 1518 that **Christoph von Scheurl** and

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Is It The Dawning of A New Day? Or The Setting of the Sun for America?

By Kirbbie Cowart

As I look forward into the future of America, I must wonder if we are seeing the setting of America's sun, or could we see the dawning of a new day. This one thing I know for certain is that we need God more than ever before. The price of oil and gas keeps going up and that makes the price of other goods increase until we are all paying more for everything we purchase. This has brought most families today into very stressful circumstances. I am concerned more about the spiritual condition of America, however, than the financial condition. It is a time when people need to be seeking God and turning to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more than ever, but they are caught up in their own selfish wants and needs more than they desire to seek to know the will of the Lord.

We can all see America heading in the wrong direction when it comes to finances or politics, but when it comes to spiritual things people will turn a deaf ear. Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

The dawning of a new day for America will be a lot worse than financial or political problems if the people of God don't turn to God with all their heart and soul and seek God for a spiritual awakening. This Nation is ripe for communism and socialism. People are demanding the government to solve all their problems. They are calling for the government to take control of the big oil companies and the medical systems as well, because of the great greed that controls these industries. We have kicked God out of our lives. People are ashamed of His name they don't want you to even speak of Him in public places or even say "Merry Christmas". Jesus said if we were ashamed of Him and His word that He would be ashamed of us when He comes in the glory of His Father.

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 8:38

America is ashamed of her Christian heritage and will not stand up for Christian principals. She has opened her doors to other gods and does not want to offend the worshipers of other gods, but will do everything to appease them. As the old saying goes, "Our forefathers would turn over in their graves," if they could see the things taking place in America today. Is this nation about to be turned into hell? *"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."*

Psalm 9:17

Some people may say we are already turned into hell. I say you have not seen anything yet. When the government is telling us that fifty percent of America's youth will be locked up in less than fifty years, I say we need a good old fashion Revival where men repent of their sins and turn to the Lord with all their heart.

Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Jeremiah 5:29

But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

Jeremiah 7:28

Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my

soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

Jeremiah 9:9

But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah 12:17

It's not about what I think or say, but it is about what the word of God has said and we as a nation had better take heed.

This could be a dawning of a glorious day for this nation if this nation would turn to God in repentance to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for our national sins and stand up for the "Bible" Gods Holy Word. This one thing I know, God loves America and is doing every thing He can to bring Her back to Him by showing Her (America) Her sins, but if she does not repent, He must carry out her punishment. Just has He has done with other nations before us. God has already judged America; next comes the punishment stage.

At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it; If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

Jeremiah 18:7-8

What a great promise this is to America from our Lord. This could be a dawning of a great future for America, but it will not be because of the election that is coming up this year or whether a certain party wins the white house. The Word of God says "Blessed is the nation who's God is the Lord."

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Psalm 33:12

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Proverbs 14:34

Will it be the dawning of a great new future or will it be the setting of the sun over a nation that used to be a great leader among the nations of the world? We will not be able to place blame on our leaders of past or future leaders, it is still "WE THE PEOPLE."

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

Eccles. 12:13

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other friends of Luther translated the *Ninety-Five Theses* from Latin into German, printed, and widely copied them, making the controversy one of the first in history to be aided by the [printing press](#).^[7]

Reaction[[edit](#)]

On June 15, 1520, [Pope Leo X](#) issued a rebuttal to Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, a [papal encyclical](#) titled *Exsurge Domine* ("Arise, O Lord"), from its opening words. This document outlined the [Magisterium](#) of the Church's findings of where the pope believed Luther had erred.

As early as October 29, 1521, the chapel at [Wittenberg](#) began to turn away from private Masses^{[[clarification needed](#)]}. In 1522, much of the city began celebrating [Lutheran](#) services instead of the Roman Catholic services. Luther's popularity grew rapidly, mostly due to the general Roman Catholic church members' dissatisfaction with the corruption and "worldly" desires and habits of the [Roman Curia](#) coupled with the preaching of what was perceived as Biblical truth as opposed to Catholic ideology.^{[8][9][10]}

Martin Luther's excommunication on 3 January 1521, from the Catholic Church, was a main cause for the Protestant Reformation.

While virtually all Pentecostal denominations trace their origins to Azusa Street, the movement has experienced a variety of divisions and controversies. An early dispute centered around challenges to the doctrine of the [Trinity](#). As a result, the Pentecostal Movement is divided between trinitarian and [non-trinitarian](#) branches. Comprising over 700 denominations and a large number of independent churches, there is no central authority governing Pentecostalism; however, many denominations are affiliated with the [Pentecostal World Fellowship](#)

William J. Seymour was born in Centerville, Louisiana on May 2, 1870. He was the son of former slaves, Simon and Phyllis Seymour. Even after gaining their freedom the Seymours had continued working on a plantation. Young William followed in their footsteps, growing strong in body and spirit, but receiving very little formal education. He taught himself to read so that he could read the Bible. Under the almost constant harassment of the Ku Klux Klan, and the oppressive Jim Crow laws, William became convinced that Jesus Christ was the only true liberator of men. After contracting small pox and losing one eye, he devoted himself to the ministry, proclaiming the gospel of

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the true liberty of all men through Jesus Christ.

Viewing The Shift

The goal of the ministry of the church.

The primary goal is not a bigger group, more activities or better services, it is not even benevolent acts, nor greater prosperity, and not even more and better evangelism, neither is it healing or emotional healing and deliverance. All of these and more are the results of the goal of the (assembly of called out ones). **The goal is Christ formed by the Holy Spirit in a people becoming His character and His nature in the world producing the kingdom of God and His righteousness.**

This is the work of the Holy Spirit in the humble and not a work of man's prideful efforts. The Holy Spirit brings the life of Christ within replacing our dead self-life. It is Christ being formed within by the same Spirit that raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The love of Christ flowing from a pure heart is the most powerful world changing force. Fear, pride, lust, greed, envy, and every evil work can be overpowered by love from a pure heart touching and changing our household and those who abide within then spilling out to the world.

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[1John 5:20](#) And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

[Philippians 3:10](#) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death

AG News

Poll Questions First Amendment Freedoms
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A new survey finds more than a third of Americans believe the First Amendment goes too far in guaranteeing personal freedoms.

A nationwide poll found that 34 percent think the First Amendment is overly generous with individual rights, a jump from 13 percent in last year's survey. This is the largest single-year increase in the 16-year history of the State of the First Amendment national survey.

"It's unsettling to see a third of Americans view the First Amendment as providing too much liberty," said Ken Paulson, president of the Nashville, Tennessee-based First Amendment Center. "If we truly understand the essential role of these freedoms in a democracy, we're more likely to protect them."

Americans identified freedom of speech as the most important freedom that citizens enjoy (47 percent), with freedom of religion a distant second at 10 percent.

Just 4 percent of those surveyed could name "petition" as one of the five freedoms in the First Amendment, the lowest percentage for any of the five freedoms. Only freedom of speech was named by more than half of the respondents, 59 percent. Freedom of religion was named by 24 percent, while 14 percent named freedom of the press and 11 percent named freedom to assemble.

Author: Pentecostal Evangel

AG Church Heavily Damaged by Suspected Arson Fire

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Wynona (Oklahoma) Assembly of God was burglarized and then appears to have been set on fire early Saturday morning, November 30. According to the fire marshal, the fire had been burning for 6 or 7 hours before it was noticed and reported, with three fire stations responding.

Pastor David Downing, and his wife Ruth, who have led the church of 125-150 members for the past 26 years, say that when constructing the building, they used fireboard drywall. However, as a side door that was pried open by the perpetrator was left open, the smoldering fire had a source of oxygen to keep it burning, causing the interior of the building to literally start melting.

"The fireboard helped keep the fire contained, but the heat was so intense that it melted everything," Downing says. "The interior is covered in soot and ash — everything was destroyed."

Although the church building was insured, Downing says that adjustor informed him that the contents of the building were only insured for \$26,000.

"We just put in a \$25,000 sound system a couple years ago and had 200 padded chairs for seating," Downing says. "Just that will take up more than the \$26,000. I'm praying for favor, that's all I know to do."

Downing says that after the fire was extinguished, the fire marshal asked him to go through the church to see if anything was missing. A \$1,000 bass guitar and amp had been taken. Sighing, Downing works on coming to grips with all the damage done for the sake of a guitar and amp. He says that although the church will now meet in its adjacent gymnasium/New Life Center until the sanctu-

ary can be rebuilt or repaired, if anyone is really hurt by this act, it's the people the church regularly helps.

Downing explains that the local school has about 70 kids who attend and the community's population is around 300.

"But for the last 10 years, every Wednesday night we feed 130 to 150 people, including about 110 kids from the area," Downing says. "With our bus ministry, we pull in [additional] kids from north, south, east, west... we deal with a lot of drug addicts and we pick up a lot of their kids."

He says that the meal served on Wednesdays is a hearty one, with brisket or chicken along with mashed potatoes and other nutritious items often on the menu. "For some of these kids, it's the only meal they'll get for the day, so we plan a good meal for them."

Downing, who is 65 and suffered a stroke last year, says he was contemplating retirement, but with this setback, he's determined to carry on.

"We're going to keep on having church, keep on running the bus routes," he says. "This [fire] isn't going to stop us in our mission of trying to reach the lost."

In addition to continuing the weekly meal program, the Wynona Assembly of God is also getting ready to give 60 pairs of shoes to the school system through the Rural Compassion/Convoy of Hope ministry.

"This weekend we were also able to help out a family with some funeral expenses," Downing says, "and we're going to be giving 75 pairs of shoes to the children attending the Wednesday night outreach (those who do not attend the church's youth group) as well!"

Although Crime Stoppers and the church's insurance company is offering a \$15,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction of the suspected arsonist, Downing expresses sorrow for the perpetrator, who, he admits, may end up being someone they've helped.

"I hate it that someone is going to get caught for stealing a \$1,000 bass and amp," he says, somberly. "Someone's life is going to be ruined."

Despite the difficult loss, Downing says this reminds him of the last time he was going through a trial. Two elderly ministers from Springfield, Missouri, called him at that time and told him that God wanted him to know that He knew where Downing was at.

"That's when God opened the door to our ministry to drug addicts," Downing recalls.

And with this new challenge, Downing sums up the future of the church with one telling phrase: "Victory in Jesus!"

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Prayer for Pastor Saeed Abedini Urged

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The conditions American Pastor Saeed Abedini is facing in Iran's Rajai Shahr prison are growing increasingly deadly.

In a recent series of reports filed by the non-profit American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ), last month Pastor Saeed was transferred from the notorious Evin Prison in Tehran to a deadly new prison where nothing but a curtain separates him from murderers and rapists.

According to ACLJ, Saeed has twice been robbed at knife point of hygiene items, is suffering from lack of proper nutrition, has been refused medication needed to help internal organs recover from the beatings he suffered at Evin Prison, is experiencing increased stomach and kidney pains, has internal infections, and is covered in lice - in addition to facing direct threats on his life on almost a daily basis.

"At this time, many Americans are enjoying the festivities of the season surrounded by family and friends - complete with bountiful tables of food and gifts," AG General Superintendent George O. Wood observes. "It's in sharp contrast to what Pastor Saeed, his young family, and others are experiencing at this very moment for the cause of Christ. I urge every believer to regularly set aside time to pray for all those who are a part of the persecuted church."



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