



*"That you may be children of God, blameless and not confused; unblemished in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." (Philippians 2:15)*

## THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF GOD

### THE START

Paul tells us that we should live our lives as if running a race (I Cor. 9:24), and that we should run it *"with endurance"* (Heb. 12:1) ... with preparation and determination. Unfortunately, most people who call themselves Christians have no idea what this actually means.

Churches (false Christianity) tell us "the race" means nothing more than joining a church ... one of your choice.

But the truth is that Jesus set before us a race that requires time, skill, determination, and endurance ... and guidance. Most of all it requires that you be ALIVE. The dead – including Churchgoers – neither "run" nor "live."

True, Paul wasn't talking about a literal race. "Running the race" was a metaphor for "living the life" (the new life in Christ). However, only the living can know what "life" is. The dead know nothing of life nor of Christ: the King of the living.

The dead do not know they are dead. To know "life" one must be alive. To keep that life one must repent and let go of the old self. Becoming a child of God requires that you humble yourself, acknowledge that you have been dead, and desire to have a new life in Christ.

### WALK FIRST, THEN RUN

How difficult is it to humble yourself and start over? It's pretty difficult! It requires abandoning your old self, and starting over as a new man. Letting go of your image is neither natural nor easy ... especially if you've been taught to like your old image.

This message does not resonate with the unregenerate. When he is told he must repent it only confuses him. He does not know of what to repent ... because he does not know he is dead.

This is the state of most Americans. They have been taught that they are naturally good. They do not know they are helpless, worthless, and dead without Christ. They do not humble themselves before Christ.

The carnal man thinks he can run his own life on his own terms. He believes in himself instead of God.

I am not addressing the non-believers. I'm addressing YOU! The Bible does not address the non-believers. It

addresses YOU! None have escaped the brainwash and brain-drain of the churches and the media. The principles of Christ's Kingdom have NOT BEEN TAUGHT in the schools or in the churches. Don't assume you already know this.

Don't take it personal, and don't be insulted. Repentance is required for EVERY man. You may think you were raised a Christian, but the truth is most of us were raised Zoroastrians and told it was Christianity. We must UN-LEARN the Zoroastrian church brainwash, and find truth.

But when it comes to your self image you may not like to think of yourself as a newcomer. It may be a blow to your ego. If you have enjoyed being called a "Christian" for some time, you may not like to think of yourself as a beginner. Your pride may prevent you from humbling yourself and seeing yourself through the eyes of Jesus.

Accepting Christ's gift of salvation is one thing ... learning to love Jesus more than yourself is another. Most Americans never get to second base. They fall out when asked to stop worshipping themselves. Being "saved" does not qualify you as a veteran runner. It only makes you a beginner.

Jesus is King! You are not! You did not choose Him, He chose you! He chose to give you his gift, and you may only opt to receive it or reject it.

Churches have taught lies. Americans are out of touch with reality and don't realize the gravity of their situation. They think they are in control ... masters of their world.

Carnal man has no need for Christ ... mostly because he thinks too highly of himself. He is proud of "man" ... and he worships man's institutions. He thinks he has nothing of which to repent. He organizes churches and he plays the role models ... and his life never changes. He calls himself "Christian," but he never repents, and he doesn't change.

### REPENT!

Can anyone be a true Christian without repentance?  
Can anyone be reborn without dying?

NO! Being a real Christian requires repentance ... which is impossible for those who don't know they are dead. A real Christian must be *"born again."* That means he must

abandon (“mortify”) his former life, and start afresh ... as a beginner. This requires humility. The first thing beginners need to realize is that their new life is on a different plane ... a spiritual one. And only on that plane can they know Jesus.

16. *As for us, from now on we know no man according to the flesh. And if we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet no longer are we knowing Him thus.*

17. *Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creation: the old is passed away; behold, it has become new.*

18. *And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation;*

19. *As that God, through Christ, was reconciling the world to himself, not imputing their trespasses; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

2 Cor. 5:16-19

“Reconciliation” requires repentance ... which means CHANGE. “Repentance” is defined as “reversing direction.” To be “in Christ” one cannot be “in self.” You must see yourself and the world from Christ’s eyes instead of your old eyes. These are the new eyes of the new man.

Some people think they are “saved” by virtue of their race (genetics). But Scripture clearly tells us that being a child of God is spiritual ... not biological. God wants spiritual sons. He always did. Adam was the first to be offered spiritual sonship ... and he rejected it and reverted back to death (I Cor. 15:20-22; Rm. 5:12-18). Jesus (“the second Adam”) accepted sonship (life) and became the King of the living (Jn. 11:25). LIFE changes everything! No one can see or understand Christ’s Reign unless he is ALIVE ... and that new life comes from above (Jn. 3:3).

## REBIRTH -VS- PRIDE

God demands repentance! But of what must we repent? Of being imperfect? NO! Of being prone to mistakes? NO! Of being weak? NO! NO! NO! God created us imperfect, prone to mistakes, and weak. He does not ask us to repent of the way He created us.

What then? What is naturally wrong with man that puts him at odds with his Creator? In a word ... arrogance!

The thing we must all repent of is thinking we are, or can be, sufficient in ourselves ... without God. He created us with an inherent need for Him ... a need that is not understood or admitted by the dead (carnal minded).

Natural man does not realize that left to himself he will destroy everything he touches. His pride and his blindness, and his churches and his schools have made him gullible, ignorant, and arrogant.

Dr. Tim O’Shea, in a recent article, addressed gullibility in America. Writing to Americans he said,

*“You are part of the most conditioned, programmed*

*culture the world has ever known. Not only are your thoughts and attitudes continually being shaped and molded, but your very awareness of the whole design seems like it is being subtly and inexorably erased.*

*The doors of your perception are carefully and precisely regulated.”*

How true! What’s more, the ones who most need help are the least likely to accept it ... because they won’t acknowledge they need it. The ignorant are arrogant.

Being a child of God means humbling yourself before Jesus and repenting. Of what? Of looking to man instead of to God. Man must find new understanding of himself and the world around him. Then, and only then, can he surrender to Kingdom principles. Once he does this, he will be shocked at how wrong he was before ... about himself, about Christ, and about the Kingdom. Only after his eyes are opened can he see that conventional wisdom is wrong about Jesus and his Kingship. Only then will he turn and look for truth in the right place.

God gives us the gift of “eyes to see and ears to hear.” He enlivens our minds with a more accurate view of ourselves and the world ... and starts us on the road to sanity. But none of this is possible until we humble ourselves and become as newborn babes. Being a beginner, a babe, at the feet of Jesus is a great honor ... its the first step to sanity.

Learning how to function under Christ’s Kingship is not unlike learning any other skill. It takes time and practice, and enough humility to accept help. God doesn’t ask us to give up anything valuable ... only OUR DOMINION. God does not want us to be rulers. He wants us to be SONS!

The mistake that Israel made, and most men make, is thinking that men should be rulers of men. But Yahweh condemns it! The concept of “rulership” among men is pagan in origin. It is carnal man’s lust to be gods.

## NEW JERUSALEM

In the Bible, the Kingdom of God is called New Jerusalem (Mtt. 7:13-14; Rev. 22:14). New Jerusalem is not a physical city in the sky. It is the kingship of Jesus. He reigns over the living ... the spiritual body of men who recognize the dominion of Jesus. They are the ones who repudiate the dominion of man and the Beast System.

The “river of life” that flows from “the throne” (Rev. 22:1) is THE SPIRIT that flows into and through us. The LIVING drink of that spirit continually. It is THE LIFE.

LIFE is God’s gift to us. We must drink of it daily. To ignore this is the greatest mistake anyone can make. The fact that most Americans ignore it is the very reason this country is in sad shape today. Instead of following Jesus and living, Americans are following the Beast and dying.

Some want to blame the Jews for all the problems. Yes, Judaism is bad ... but no worse than Zoroastrianism and Zionism as churches practice. Yes, some Jews are in top positions in the Beast System. But they are outnumbered by our own racial kinfolk who make up the bulk of it.

Our own Israelite kin are just as guilty as the Jews. In deed, they are often more Zionistic than the Jews. The

carnal Israelite may be the blindest of the blind. Biblical warnings of blindness and judgment are addressed expressly to us (Israelites) ... not to others (Dt. 28:15-68; Is. 63:7-10; Ps. 8:36; Pet. 4:17.)

New Jerusalem is the CITY OF THE LIVING ... the dead do not enter. Only the living ... those who have repented and accepted new life in Christ ... enter the gates. The unrepentant, regardless of race, remain outside with "the dead," and are at enmity with us and with Christ.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO AMERICA?

My postwar (WWII) generation took a broadside hit in ethics and common sense compared to previous generations. In the 40's America began an escalation of idolatry and worshipping the Beast. We called ourselves "The Empire Builders" ... as stated in our railroad advertisements of the 50's. Faith in our "empire" was at an all time high. We believed in man's "advancements," comforts, and technology. They seemed boundless. As insanity began infecting us we covered our wood floors with linoleum, learned to eat margarine instead of butter, and loved our captors ... and we called it progress. We created the welfare system and gave up our independence; we traded freedom for security; honor for slavery. We thought we were living "the good life" when in fact we were poisoning ourselves with idolatry. While politicians taught us apathy, they marauded and raped small nations at will ... and we blindly approved the bloody spoils of war and thievery, and called it "American ingenuity." Few of us bothered to ask questions. Most of us weren't interested in the tremendous crimes of the state and international corporations ... because life seemed easy here.

And while we languished in the easy 50's, behind the scenes the US Government was building an infrastructure to rob us of every inherited value and principle.

How did they do it to us? By teaching us that we were gods! We came to believe that our good fortunes depended upon ourselves and the government system. So we worshipped the system and raised our children to do the same ... which equated to worshipping ourselves. We became soft, self-centered, spoiled ... and godless. And we kept calling ourselves "Christian" although we were Zoroastrians.

Americans forgot how to live, to work, to sacrifice or suffer, and we forgot the meaning of honor and humility. We thought we were privileged ... and we told our children they were "special."

We thought we deserved freedom. We became self-indulged ... and lost. We taught our children to celebrate themselves instead of Christ.

Today, kids do not respect their elders ... because we taught them to worship themselves. Even the elders believe it. Kids are told they deserve "better things" ... better educations and better jobs. Why should kids respect elders who envy them?

Parents are tolerated, not honored. My generation began taking for granted the essentials: homes, meals, educations, and the love of family. Now kids tolerate the older generation ... but they definitely do not respect it.

I sometimes shake my head and wonder what hap-

pened to the world I once knew. That world vanished, leaving me a misfit in today's world; I do not belong in this culture.

What happened? Where did we go wrong?

We began losing our world when we accepted the illusion of the Beast System ... which promised comforts, success, and security. It taught Americans to reject Christ and believe in man ... and in man's system. We were stupid enough to fall for it, and we set in motion our own destruction ... and the destruction of our children.

We sent satellites into space while we sent our kids to government schools and churches. When our kids got older we sent them to government wars where they learned to murder, destroy, deceive, torture ... and as the Army says, "Be all you can be!" (but you are nothing without Christ).

### NARCISSISM

In my last issue of STRAIGHT TALK I offered the video "**The Century Of The Self**" which documents the evolving of Americans into worshippers of self. It seems this problem is being noticed by other writers too.

For instance, the following was taken from a recent Associated Press release:

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### Are Today's Students Too Self-Centered? Study Finds Rising Narcissism

Today's college students are more narcissistic and self-centered than their predecessors, according to a comprehensive new study by five psychologists who worry that the trend could be harmful to personal relationships and American society. "We need to stop endlessly repeating 'You're special' and having children repeat that back," said the study's lead author, Professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University. "*Kids are self-centered enough already.*"

Twenge and her colleagues, in findings to be presented at a workshop Tuesday in San Diego on the generation gap, examined the responses of 16,475 college students nationwide who completed an evaluation called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006. The standardized inventory asks for responses to such statements as "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place," "I think I am a special person" and "I can live my life any way I want to."

The researchers describe their study as the largest ever of its type and say students' NPI scores have risen steadily since it was introduced in 1982.

Narcissism may be useful for "*auditioning on 'American Idol.'*" But in fact it has very negative consequences for society, including the breakdown of close relationships with others.

The study asserts that narcissists "*are more likely to have sexual relationships that are short-lived, at risk for infidelity, lack emotional warmth.*" Narcissists also tend to lack empathy, and show greedy and competitive behavior, the study said.

Twenge, the author of "Generation Me: Why Today's Young Americans Are More Confident, Assertive, Entitled — and More Miserable Than Ever Before," said narcissists tend to lack empathy, react aggressively to criticism and favor self-promotion over helping others.



The researchers traced the phenomenon back to what they called the "**self-esteem movement**" that emerged in the 1980's, asserting that the effort to build self-confidence had gone too far. As an example, Twenge cited a song commonly sung to the tune of Frere Jacques in preschool: "*I am special, I am special. Look at me, Look at me.*"

"*Current technology fuels the increase in narcissism,*" Twenge said. "*By its very name, MySpace.com encourages attention-seeking, as does YouTube.com.*"

Campbell said the narcissism upsurge seemed so pronounced that he was unsure if there were obvious remedies. "*Permissiveness seems to be a component,*" he said. "*A potential antidote would be more authoritative parenting. Less indulgence might be called for.*"

"*People say college is a time to focus on yourself,*" said Jean Twenge, "*but it was not as much a time to focus on yourself in previous generations.*"

A study released by UCLA last month found that nearly three-quarters of the freshmen said their ambition was to be "very well-off financially." Compare that with students 50 years ago who hoped to "contribute something to society."

Hanady Kader, a University of Washington senior, said "*We're told to be individuals and go out there and do what you want, and nobody should stand in your way.*"

Narcissism is defined as: a positive and inflated view of the self, especially on such traits as importance, power, and physical attractiveness, according to the study.

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Whether America's problem is narcissism or just plain self-centeredness, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that America has lost her reputation and her soul. It's been said, "*America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.*" If that is true then America's greatness is gone. America has lost her soul and has become a childish, cheap whore ... fit only to service the criminal government.

## **IDOLATRY AND SERVITUDE**

What happened to the America I once knew? She was never perfect ... but I can remember a time when I wasn't ashamed to be called an American. Now the label is offensive. The US Government's criminality is more obvious than ever, and citizens are more hopeless and helpless than ever.

The definition of "citizen" has been narrowed to being a taxpayer who pledges allegiance, without question, to the government. "National interest," as defined by politicians, has become the only criteria. "National interest" serves the fascist government and the corporations it represents. This alone drives America today. Right, wrong, and truth are not important.

## **OBEDIENCE TO TYRANTS**

If "*disobedience to tyrants is obedience to God*" (once an American creed), then **obedience to tyrants is disobedience to God**. That seems clear enough.

What are the symptoms of idolatry? Well, one symptom is stupidity. Another is gullibility.

Stupid people are morally and spiritually debased ... and more easily controlled. It is an advantage for the Beast System when her citizens are "dumbed down." And this appears to be the case today.

## **EVIDENCE**

In 1961, Stanley Milgram (a psychologist at Yale University) conducted a study focusing on obedience to authority and personal conscience. He examined justifications (excuses) for acts of war crimes by men whose defenses were based on "obeying authorities" (i.e., obeying orders while under the authority of superiors).

The results of the study were eventually published in Milgram's "*Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View.*"

The experiment was thus: In response to a newspaper ad offering \$4.50 for one hour's work, an individual would show up to take part in a Psychology experiment. He was introduced to a stern looking authority in a white coat. Also there was a pleasant and friendly co-subject. The authority explained that they were looking into "the role of punishment in learning," and that one of the subjects would act the role of "**teacher**" and the other would be the "**learner**." They drew lots to determine roles (it was rigged so the unwitting volunteer who answered the ad always was the "teacher").

The co-subject was taken to a room where he was strapped in a chair to prevent movement, and an electrode was placed on his arm. Next, the "teacher" was taken to an adjoining room which contained a generator. In the test, the "teacher" was instructed that for each wrong answer from the learner he was to administer a shock as punishment ... starting at 15 volts up to 450 volts. With each succeeding wrong answer the voltage was increased – and the switches were clearly marked from "**slight shock**" to "**danger: severe shock**". The final two switches are labeled "**XXX**".

Although the "teacher" thought that he/she was administering shocks to the "learner," the "learner" was actually an actor who was never really electrocuted, but acted the role of being in pain ... groaning and pounding the wall.

Surprisingly, **100% of the "teachers" obeyed the instructors' orders to administer punishment** to the "learners." Ultimately 65% of all of the subjects punished the "learners" to the maximum 450 volts. None of the subjects stopped before reaching 300 volts – a lethal amount!

Milgram's obedience experiment was replicated by other researchers spanning a 25-year period from 1961 to 1985 and have been repeated in numerous locations.

**Conclusion?** The typical American does whatever he is told ... including torturing and killing – like U.S. military and police. Yes, they even oppress, torture, and kill their own people. They are "**just doing their jobs**."

My advice to you: learn who are your real friends (brothers). There is a difference between acquaintances and brethren. **TRUST ONLY YOUR BROTHER** (1Jn. 3:15)! No one else! Racial factors and national ethnicity do not make men spiritual brothers. Understand this ... or you'll get hurt.

Don't be gullible!

*Ben Williams*