

Proclaiming the Gospel

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (*1 Cor. 1.18*).

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"I'm Not Ashamed His Name to Bear!"

There is a hymn that was once sung with great power coming from the followers of Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel): "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian."

It was sung with great profundity and efficacy pouring forth from each person's soul – wanting the world to know that they were Christians as is taught in the Holy Bible, as they were first called in Antioch (Acts 11.26).

We have to be definitive that we are not using the word *Christian*, as is all too often used today to mean western ideology. We are not using the word *Christian* to mean whoever has a jesus in their religion.

Satan is so deceitful. For many years, it has been clear that people use terms that others will not discern are being used with a different meaning. How crafty they are to *pull* people into their way – yes, their way, by using the same terminology as is used by those who are truly the body of Christ Jesus (Eph 4.14; II Ti 3.13). Pray, people, pray – if you are born again and know the Jesus of Nazareth (Jn 1.45), the Jesus Who is the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel) – that you will have discernment in these days as never before.

The hymn mentioned above is not sung today; rarely will you hear it. In fact, we do not hear about "The Old Rugged Cross." We do not hear, "When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound – and time shall be no more . . ." We do not hear about Heaven in the Biblical understanding. There are those who believe in universal reconciliation and twist the meanings of the Holy Bible to mean everyone is going to Heaven because *God (god) is so gracious and merciful and . . .* They obliterate much of the Holy Bible that they might preach another gospel that is **not** another gospel – as Paul wrote (Gal 1.6, 7).

How many do I hear say, "Oh, I'm not a-sha" – as they lower their voice, look around to see if anyone is near to hear them say the name of Jesus before they finish the sentence; or "I'm not ashamed to say Je . . ." – as they whisper it.

How many have we heard say, "Uh, I'm at work and cannot talk religion." Then, immediately turn to a co-worker to discuss their personal lives or whatever else they choose to discuss – for several minutes.

before King Agrippa. "I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused . . ." (Acts 26). He proclaimed Jesus Christ! He took the opportunity to witness for Jesus. He was not ashamed **His Name to Bear** before kings who knew not Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior!

Where do you and I stand this day and in the days that lie before us? Are we willing to bear His Name in the fires of persecution when we shall be accused of witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ, of preaching Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel), the **only living God**? Are we ready **HIS Name to Bear**, to proclaim salvation through Jesus Christ, in the midst of a pagan and heathen world?

Let us seek the face of the Lord as never before.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Let me make it clear that **we do not** talk religion. Jesus is a person, our Lord and Savior – not a religion. The *Via Dolorosa* is a walk with the Lord God, Jesus Christ – not a religion. He is my life, my All in All.

Paul wrote “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth . . .” (Rom 1.16). How challenging it is at times to speak forth the Truth of the Lord God, to walk in obedience, to share one’s love for Jesus Christ today.

It is interesting that many who have come to evangelize are not ashamed to speak the name of their god(s); and they go to great lengths to deceive those who are not daily reading the Word of the Lord God, the Holy Bible, those who do not know the Word. Many are listening to those who bring their gods with them.

Psalms 115.1-8 and 135.15-18 speak powerfully of these gods and those that make them.

Their idols [*are*] silver and gold, the work of men's hands.

They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat.

They that make them are like unto them; [*so is*] every one that trusteth in them.

Interestingly, people are not ashamed of their many gods and that they, themselves, are like unto the gods they make. Read the scripture above several times; let the Lord God reveal to you the depravity of those walking on this path – if you have not understood the vain life of following “carved” gods, whether actual or in the mind.

If we could grasp the magnanimity of the life of Jesus Christ – what He did on the Cross of Calvary, shedding His precious blood for our sins, dying a cruel death because He loves with a perfect love that no one can understand or fully experience – I believe we would not only sing, “I’ll Tell the World That I’m a Christian;” but we would live the life to which we are called – the life to *Come up Higher* (*Message*: Nov, 2014).

If we could grasp Who God in Christ Jesus is, our lives would be changed, and the enemy would flee from any location wherein he may be living and lying, deceiving people into believing there is a better way, a way of power and greed, following the antichrist. God in Christ Jesus is Creator, Redeemer, Healer, Lover of our souls, Provider, Sustainer, Almighty . . .

If we could grasp Who the Lord God is, One Who performs miracles for His glory, we would no longer want a god to use as a genie, seeking special favors for our selfish benefit. We would want to know Jesus in His fullness that we

might lay our lives before Him and worship Him – as so many did in the Biblical days and have done all through the ages. We would, with them, bow before Him and adore Him and serve Him with an obedient heart.

When we do this and our lives are lived moment by moment for Him, for His glory, according to His commandments, the community where we live will change and the enemy will flee. Imagine this taking place where you are in your community and the enemy fleeing from every location in this “country.”

The downfall of Israel was their acceptance and worship of the gods of the pagan and heathen nations (Dt 6.13-15; I K 11; II K 21; 22). God told Israel concerning other nations:

Of the nations [*concerning*] which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: [*for*] surely they will turn away your heart after their gods . . . (I K 11.2).

When someone says, “I came to this *location* because it is better than where I did live,” but they brought with them that which was in their prior *location*, there is deception, is there not? If they did not like the *location* where they were, why have they brought their gods and evil ways and thoughts and . . .?

Paul was able to speak forth the truth and was willing to pay with his life for obeying the Lord God Almighty (II Tim 4.6, 7). Our prayer is, “Strengthen me, Lord, in this day, and fill me with Your love and wisdom and discernment.”

This nation and many of God’s people have spurned the Lord; and, in our present condition, can expect only God’s judgment. But, hear me well; God is still on the throne and is the only living God and is a God of miracles – even today.

We need to return to our first love with our whole being, to serve Him, to worship Him, to give Him glory – in our hearts, our lives, at home, away from home, in the workforce – crying out,

“I’ll Tell the World that I’m a Christian.

I’m Not Ashamed His Name to Bear . . .”

We serve a mighty God, the only living God. He is calling us to repent of our sins and serve Him in the beauty of holiness.

Read the Word of God in Christ Jesus.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven (Mt 10.32, 33).

Paul was not ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ. Many times he fled for His life and found himself standing before those in authority for the **crime of witnessing**, for speaking forth the precious Name of Jesus. When Paul found himself before those in authority, he was not ashamed to witness to them. Hear Paul as he stands