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Correction in our November– December Issue, 2010*, I inadvertently wrote that 1.2 million babies are slaughtered in the womb each “day**,” the number was correct, but it should have read every “**year**.” Presently the number destroyed in the slaughter houses of Planned Parenthood and other “hoods” in the abortion business is about 3,300 per day. Since the great day of America’s infamy, January 22, 1973, there have been 53,000,000 babies exterminated, which averages about 4,000 per day.

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THE URGENCY OF WORLD EVANGELISM DEMANDS A MINDSET TO REACH THE LOWLIEST SINNER, THE WIDOW, THE FATHERLESS CHILD, THE DISEASED, THE POOREST ILLITERATE AMONG THE MASSES WITH WHOM WE SHARE THIS PLANET

Jesus said,

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen” (Matt. 28:18-20, NKJV).

This great commission, which was aimed at getting the gospel to every nation prior to the end of the gospel age, was given virtually in the shadow of the our Lord’s statement concerning His return at the end of that age,

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world ...’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels’ (Matt. 25:31-34, 41).

In light of these words by the our King for whom we profess fidelity unto death, **and** the prospect of impending judgment of all humanity, why is there so little zeal among us to get the gospel to the masses (see the population chart)?

THE BIG TEN IN MILLIONS			
Mid 2010	Millions	Mid 2025	Millions
The World	6,397	The World	8,108
China	1,338	China	1,476
India	1,189	India	1,445
USA	310	USA	361
Indonesia	236	Indonesia	273
Brazil	193	Pakistan	246
Pakistan	186	Nigeria	217
Bangladesh	164	Brazil	212
Nigeria	158	Bangladesh	195
Russia	142	Russia	141
Japan	127	Japan	119

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In this new year of 2011, I can state from personal knowledge that there is far less zeal in our brotherhood today for preaching the gospel to every creature, than there was fifty years ago, when across this land, brother Ira Rice and others were holding world mission workshops and preaching the urgency of “World evangelism.”

There is little doubt, that there are various reasons for this lack of zeal at this present time; but one of the most harmful contributions to that lack of zeal is that the ‘50’s, ‘60s and following decades saw many of our most talented young people being mesmerized by leaders in institutions of higher learning among us. Mesmerized due to the passion for accreditation of their theology departments to be like those of worldly colleges and universities.

Thus young brothers who ought to have been sent out to do the work of evangelists (2 Tim. 4:1-5) were enticed with the glamour of higher education in the infidel producing theological seminaries. Often in such institutions they were/are browbeaten with the residue of the infidelity of Julius Wellhausen (1844-1918) and his fellow travelers in Germany, England and the U.S. This situation resulted in the development of a love, not to say lust, for higher degrees and the hope of being a professor in a “Christian” college or university; in contrast to being simply a gospel preacher. In light of this we should remember,

Jesus said, *“And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted”* (Matt. 23:12). A well known gospel preacher of the twentieth century was G. C. Brewer of Memphis TN, who wrote, “I must not neglect to say that I thoroughly believe that the providence of God worked out my education. I am profoundly convinced that I obtained what education I have, not only by the goodness of God, but I am also profoundly convinced that the Lord guided in the affairs of my life to keep me from becoming a teacher and attaining high academic degrees. For I verily believe that had I followed that course I would probably never have done very much gospel preaching to the poor and to the needy and to those who needed the gospel most of all” (Autobiography of G.C. Brewer, p. 44).

Why do some want to exalt themselves by flaunting their education? It was Edward Young who said: “Pygmies are pygmies still, though perched on alps. And pyramids are pyramids in vales.” Why should preachers feel compelled to exalt themselves with the title of “doctor” among their brethren, when Jesus forbade such (Matt. 23:6-12); and saints among the rank and file in our congregations, who have earned higher degrees in various useful disciplines do not want their brothers and sisters in Christ to address them as “doctor.” This sickness of “degree-itis” especially among those trained in seminaries hampers the growth of the church; especially among the poor and lowly masses, who do not care a snap of one’s fingers about how many degrees a potentate has.

Again it is written, *“Some of the Jews marveled, saying how knoweth this man letters, having never learned”* (7:15). It is tragic, but Jesus could not preach in many of today’s pulpits because he did not hold a degree from some college, university or divinity school. Education is an effective tool, if it is made a servant; but the lack of a higher education should not prevent sound, God-fearing brethren, who know the word from preaching it.

The importance of a preacher is not whether or not he can quote Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Emil Brunner, Rudolf Bultmann, Soren Kierkegaard or the High Priest of the cult of higher criticism, Julius Wellhausen; a preacher’s worth is manifest in the way he holds to the things written (1 Cor. 4:6) and the “professors” at whose feet he sits are inspired men like, Peter, Paul, John, James and Jude. As Paul said, *“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation...”* (Romans 1:16).

Colleges and universities among us, like Abilene and David Lipscomb that in time past trained faithful men (2 Tim. 2:2) to preach the word (I spent 3.5 years in the latter, ‘55-’59), *and* to do the work of evangelists (2 Tim. 4:1-5); now train men in the mind set of the above “theologians” and how to become seminarians and “pulpit preachers.”

One of the greatest tragedies in the last fifty years among the churches of Christ is that many young men who grew up in sound Christian homes, attended a Christian college, then went to a theological seminary like the ones at Vanderbilt, Emory, Fuller, Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Hebrew Union, etc.; are now questioning the integrity of the word itself and/or the urgency of its application in our generation to lost and dying sinners. If you need evidence of this spirit of compromise just take a look at the commentary known as *The Transforming Word*, Mark Hamilton, General Editor, ACU Press, 1648 Campus Court, Abilene, TX 79601, 2009.

The power unto salvation is not humanism, existentialism, neo-orthodoxy, modernism, liberalism, protestant fundamentalism or so-called, post-modern (that’s an oxi-moron, if ever there was one) theology, but it is the simple gospel of Jesus. Remember beloved brethren that Paul said, I *“came not with excellency of speech or wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified”* (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

And again by the Spirit he proclaimed the urgency of holding to the simplicity of the gospel: *“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ”* (2 Cor. 11:3). When I was a boy it was often prayed that the preacher would hide himself behind the cross and preach Jesus and Him crucified; yea verily.

When John sent from prison a question about Jesus’ messianic mission the Savior sent word back to him that His miracles proved He was the Christ; and for further evidence He added, *“the poor have the gospel preached to them”* (Matthew 11:5). Worldly people stand up for things like snail darters, but many in the body, far too many, cannot get off the seat of do nothing, when it comes to zeal *“concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ”* (Acts 8:12).

The ship of destiny with the poverty-stricken multitudes of Africa, Asia and Latin America are streaming into eternity while many sleep in the hold of the ship and the ship’s captain is saying, *“What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish”* (Jonah 1:6).

Not only overseas, but here in America there are multitudes beaten down because of broken homes, broken lives, gambling, booze, drugs, illicit sex like adultery, prostitution, homosexuality and such like; who need to be snatched from the fire (Jude 23). Paul says of the church in Corinth. *“such were some of you”* (1 Cor. 6:9-11). We must remember that we were sinners when the gospel came to us and rescued us from the fire of a devil’s hell (Matt. 25:41). As God’s children, we must fight Satan for the minds and hearts of men and women. We must act like Jesus, who came *“to seek and to save that which is lost”* (Luke 19:10).