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SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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COMPROMISE

Personal Compromise

What are we willing to compromise to be able to get that shiny new car, that good looking girl, that bonus, that job, that house, etc, etc, etc.

We the Church are to be sanctified (set apart) by Christ. As non-Christians look upon us, they should see Christ that lives within us. We are to live in this world, but not be a part of this world.

When we dress, talk, play music, watch movies, etc. as the world does, I am sure it grieves the Lord. In the last thirty years of my life I have heard of not only Christians, but pastors that have done ungodly things such as, stealing from the Church, committing adultery, lying, cheating, giving themselves over to corruption, becoming a fornicator, a drunk, a drug addict, and exposing themselves to the devil's will.

We need to check ourselves! All these people knew right from wrong, but they started compromising their beliefs and biblical laws. They allowed satan to trap them into believing that it would be "so good", it would not hurt anyone, and that no one would ever find out.

I have a good friend, Pastor Joe Hanshaw, that has a great little saying that is so true. Sin will take you further than you want to go, will keep you longer than you want, and cost you more than you want to pay.

Biblical Authority Compromise

We do not worship the Bible--that would be "bibliolatry." However, we do worship the One who accurately and authoritatively has given us His word, the Bible. Just as Jesus is faultless, the written word is faultless also, Psalms 119:128. There is therefore no difference between Jesus' authority and Biblical authority. They are one and the same. In fact, the Incarnate Word (Jesus) appealed to the written Word (scripture) as the authority, time and time again. (Matthew 4:4,7,10, 22:29-32,37,39,44 John 10:34-36)

The Bible is God's message to mankind spoken in words by God Himself. Let us not dishonor Jesus by doubting and disobeying His authoritative word. All Christians must be in submission to God's final authority--the inspired, therefore, inerrant Word of God.

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Political Compromise

There are some people that want an amoral society that accepts, even welcomes, foul language, flaunting social customs, abortion, sexual promiscuity, same-sex marriage, and an endless list of things designed to corrode and destroy our biblical truths in order to get the individual votes needed to become the next President, Governor, Mayor, etc.

Many people believe that we must compromise and accept change when it comes to our moral beliefs. The idea that there are no timeless, religious, or philosophical principles of morality flowing from the relationship between humans and God, the Creator of the universe, is like saying $2 + 2 = 4$ applies as a principle only when that answer serves the interests of the spectator.

Historically, when politicians abandoned the early Bible core beliefs and pursued the course of immoral relations they fell victim to pressure from Christians. Today that is not the case. Many politicians flip flop so much you can't tell what they stand for.

Christian Internet Ethics

The impact of the Internet is nothing less than earthshaking. Communications are instantaneous and information is abundant. Christians are coming to the internet by the thousands each week.

In some ways, the Internet is a world of its own. Things are not always what they appear. Because of this, there are some dangers that are not readily apparent, especially to the novice user. The Christian Internet Code of Ethics is an effort by some Christians to declare boundaries they set for themselves on the Internet. It is not a set of rules, but a statement of values. In it we find believers saying, "We have found some dangers that may be hidden at first glance and we want to point them out to those who join us on the Internet."

There are at least four possible applications of the Christian Internet Code of Ethics: As a Christian who is active on the internet, we need to hold ourselves to certain standards of conduct. They are:

Guard our online relationships.

Be careful, do not visit websites that compromise our life in Christ.

Take care that our written communications reflect Christ in our life.

Guard us to assure that our time online is kept in proper balance with the rest of our life.

Church is Compromising in so Many Areas

Abortion	Bondage	Deceit	Get-Rich-Quick
Abuse	Borrowing and Lending	Depression	Giving
Adultery	Brokenness	Disciplining Children	How to Be a Success
Alcoholism	Business Ethics	Divorce	Communications
Assuming God's Will	Christian Contentment	Drug Addiction	Keeping a Vow
Bankruptcy	Christian Fund-Raising	Fear	Keep Christ in Christmas
Benevolence	Creation	Financial Honesty	Personal Accountability
Bitterness	Dealing With Sin	Gambling	Love Your Enemies

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Lust	Setting Goals	Too Busy to Serve	Insecurity
Pornography	Sharing	Unequally Yoked	Spirits
Pride	The Issue of Inheritance	Verbal Abuse	Gluttony
Profanity	Tithing	Welfare	Relationship with God
Seek Kingdom of God	To Sue or Not to Sue	Witchcraft	Rebellion

Compromising Professors

Many students today come from homes and churches where they were taught to trust the Word of God, but after taking a Christian Scriptures course, at a Christian college, their faith was shattered. They had a science professor teaching evolution, that Jesus was a prophet, and there was no biblical flood.

Some students have become burdened to get this religion professor saved while showing him that we can believe the Bible. They have started praying, emailing, and sending him books dealing with spiritual compromise. Church leaders and Bible/seminary professors (who train pastors and others) are being influenced by ‘postmodernism’—an increasingly pervasive thought pattern of not believing in absolutes. A study has been made and found that only 9% of teens from churches believe in absolute truth—reflecting what is being taught at many Christian colleges, churches, and seminaries.

On the basis of scripture Revelation 3:15-16, I believe students would be better off being prepared with the right foundation in God’s Word and attend a “pagan” university, than go to a compromising (‘lukewarm’) ‘Christian’ school, where every student takes a course that undermines biblical authority and leads them away from the Christian faith. Sadly, there are only a few really great Christian colleges that stand uncompromisingly on the absolute authority of the Word of God, as they should.

Christians are tearing down the foundation of Christianity in this nation by rejecting Biblical truths, which are the foundation of the gospel. Christian morality and the entire Christian worldview has become entangled to the point that you cannot see any difference between the two. Christmas and Easter are two of our most religious holidays yet we have turned them into money making celebrations. We, the Church, must rebuild this foundation. We need to raise up students and adults who know they can believe God’s Word.

Mark 8:36-37

36. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
37. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
38. 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.

Pray, read God’s Word, (the Bible) and remember, obedience is better than sacrifice.

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Thank You

The Right Hand of God

By Nancy M. Barta
September 1, 2007

It was my lunch break; just 30 minutes. Where I work, it is demanding; and those 30 minutes are greatly needed to recoup. So, daily I need to get out of the office for that time, and I go to my car for some peace and thoughts of God as I munch on my sandwich.

I usually recline my car seat to the lowest point to lay down and rest my back, which continues to heal from a sciatica injury. I often look into the blue sky while reclined, from my driver's side window, and talk to God the Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit. I ponder many things, pray for people, and ask God questions.

This one particular day, I gazed up to see many strange clouds. They were not cumulus, nor stratus. I don't know how you would categorize them. However, they were small and wispy, all going in the same direction. Larger clouds were above and below, and these strange clouds were in between.

I continued to munch my lunch, then looked up into the sky once more. Then, I saw an awesome sight. I couldn't believe I was seeing this. There was now a huge, masculine hand where all those strange clouds had been. This hand was perfectly shaped, just as if you took a photograph. Each finger was proportionate to a human's hand; you could see the sinews. The fingers were placed stretched out and together. I looked in great awe. Then I pondered which hand this might be. Then, I said out loud to myself..."It's a right hand. Oh my, it's the right hand of GOD!"

Sometimes we need a spiritual boost from the Father to let us know He is real and there for us. When we seek him with all of our hearts, He WILL give signs and wonders. I received my sign, and what a spiritual boost this was for me. That He would give me a picture in the sky to remind me that He is GOD. Thank you, Father. I pray that all of us who seek Him will do so with a true desire to know Him; then, you will surely hear from our living GOD.

"So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." (Mark 16:19 NKJV) (This was after Jesus' death, His meeting with his disciples after His resurrection, and this verse described His ascension to heaven, back to the Father to His right hand...place of great honor.)

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Heaven and Hell

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in.

In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water.

The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other. While the greedy think only of themselves."

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand, and touches your heart.

People say true friends must always hold hands, but true friends don't need to hold hands because they know the other hand will always be there....

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

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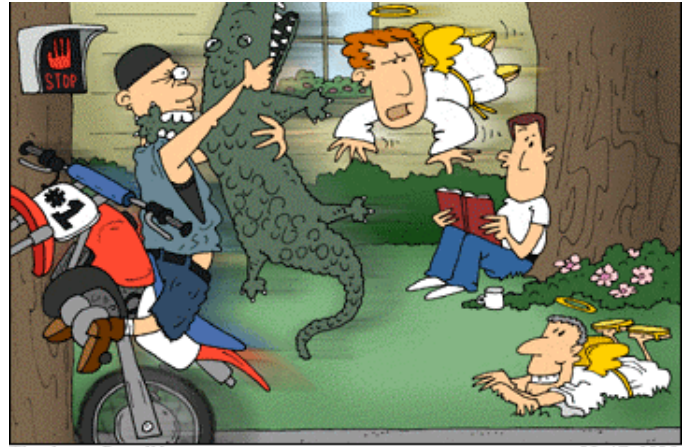
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JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES



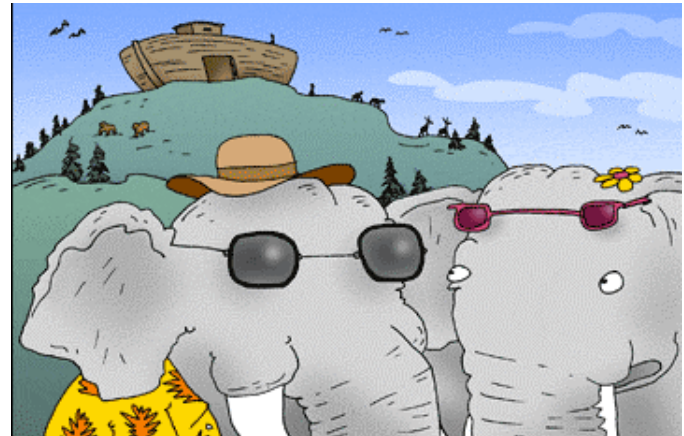
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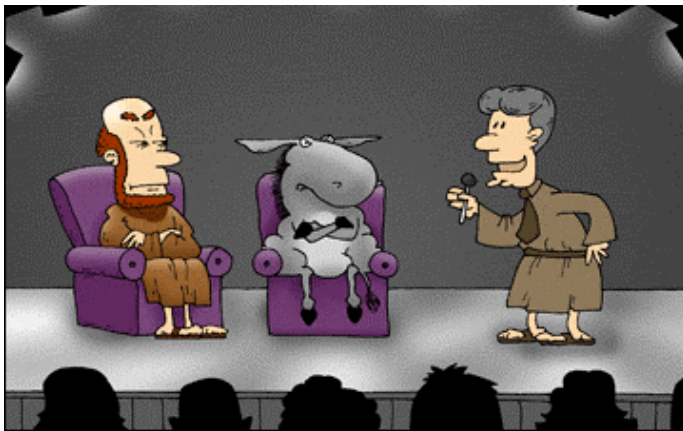
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SHE FINALLY FOUND A HOT GUY WHO WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN HER SOUL, BUT YET SHE STILL FELT UNEASY



Thanks to Pam Winn (See Genesis 6-8) 05-07-2007

YES DEAR, IT WAS A FINE CRUISE, BUT I'M NOT KEEN ON DOING IT AGAIN



(See Numbers 22:22-34) 11-14-2006

WELL BALAAM, WE'VE HEARD WHAT YOUR DONKEY HAS TO SAY ... NOW LET'S HEAR YOUR SIDE



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YOU'RE PLANNING ON BEING HERE A WHILE, AREN'T YOU?

Do You Have A Spirit of Jealousy, Depression, Whoredom, Infirmity, Divination, Lying, Fear, Deaf and Dumb, or Works of the Flesh? Read: Num 5:14, Isa 61:3, Hos 4:12, Luke 13:11, Acts 16:16, II Chron 18:20-22, II Tim 1:7, Mark 9:17-29 and Gal 5:19-21



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Dear Friends,

I have always had problems trying to understand people. Why are some people the way they are and others the complete opposite. For instance, I know a man (we will call him Joe) that has never really worked much at all. He works two days a week, three hours a day making almost nothing an hour, but he has a great apartment in a good part of town, a very nice car, money to spend on pizza, beer, food, gas, and even vacations. He has money enough to have a dog, cable TV, and nice furniture.

The government helps pay his rent, gives him food stamps, pays his doctor and drug bills all because he is so called disabled. He has never spent a day defending our country. He is lazy and calls me all the time, drunk. He had a doctor many years ago tell him that he is not able to work, because of a back injury. He is able to run, play golf, work on his car, cook, and keep his place clean, but he is disabled. He smokes two packs of cigarettes a day and owes everyone I know including me, money. He can never remember who he owes the money to.

The opposite can be said for another man, (we will call him Tom). He works ten hours a day in a hot metal building welding, grinding, and cutting heavy steel. He works five days a week getting nine bucks an hour, but with overtime he makes a good living. The big difference between Tom and Joe is that Tom had a major accident when he was much younger that almost took his life. He was laid up in the hospital for six months, having ten operations.

He was left with a very hard to understand voice, a small throat where it is hard for him to eat and drink. The accident did not pay him one dime. He has never collected any money from the government or the insurance company other than his medical bills right after the accident, even though he could have very easily. He never has felt bad about how the accident happened, or that he should have gotten an attorney to help collect some money out of the situation. He knows that it is only because of God's grace that he is living today.

Even when a storm tore off some of his roof, he did not ask the insurance company to put on a new one, for he thought it was old enough that it needed a new one anyway. He has always paid his bills on time and never borrows money! As far as I can remember, he has never gotten drunk. I always feel great when Tom calls me because he has such a great attitude. Nothing seems to get him down. But I really hate to pick up the phone when Joe calls, for I know he is going to be drunk, needing money, and in trouble with something. The bad thing about these two men is that even though they have opposite attitudes about life, neither one knows the Lord as their Savior.

I pray that one day I will have the words to say that they both need to hear that will touch their hearts where they will be willing to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!