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THE DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION:

Corruption Eventually Assured Part III

> by Dr. Dayton Hobbs

As we have pointed out already, purity of heart and purity of ministry are maintained by Biblical separation: personal, ecclesiastical, and from disobedient brethren. Any ministry in which man is involved, which obviously includes all ministries here upon the earth, will always gravitate from a position of strength to a position of weakness over a period of time. Man himself carries within himself the seed of death, which will eventually corrupt every work he attempts for God. The stronger the position on separation held and practiced by the founder or founders of a ministry the longer the process of decay will take. The weaker the position of separation at the outset of a ministry, the sooner the corruption will enter. If the founding generation of a work of God is strong on Biblical separation and ardently teaches that position to the next generation, that ministry has a stronger possibility of continuing a sound and separated ministry for another generation. With time, the weaknesses displayed by future leaders will lead to a ministry's fall from a strong separated position. I do not mean to say that the compromised ministry will cease to exist; far from it, it may become a "giant" in the earth (Gen. 6:4) with great influence, but it will have lost its power with God.

Multiplied Separation Failures

It is my assertion that failures in the areas of separation are generally the cause of compromise and spiritual decay. If we take a good look at the Christian institutions of America's past, I believe we will find this to be so. Separation of the heart to God means we are loyal, dependable, faithful, and consistent servants of God. When man rises in importance in our minds and ministries, we

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"Fundamenticide" By Dr. H. T. Spence

A key word that describes our society and the heart of its character is violence. Violence also marked the days of Noah: And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth (Genesis 6:13).

Today, murder is often accompanied by an unusual mark of intense and cruel violence. The Charles Manson killings of the late 1960s would make headlines only for a day or two when one considers the multitude of bizarre killing sprees in society today.

Several English words are dedicated to describing the various forms of murder. Fratricide is the killing of a brother; this was the first death in history--Cain's killing of Abel. Homicide is the killing of one human being by another. Infanticide is the killing of an infant. Matricide is the killing of a mother. Patricide is the killing of a father. Parenticide is the killing of both parents. Regicide is the killing of a king. Sororicide is the killing of one's sister. Suicide is the killing of one's self. Vaticide is the killing of a prophet. Sainticide is the killing of a saint (e.g. the killing of Thomas 'a genocide is the systematic 3 And Becket). exterminating of a national, political, cultural, religious, or ethnic group.. Moreover, if these words are not enough, Altizer and Hamilton in the 1940s gave us writings concerning the killing of God. This killing was

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EDITOR'S DESK PRAISE NOW!

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright" (Psalm 33:1).

"I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation" (Psalm 40:10).

"Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?" and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies" (Psalm 139: 21-22).

"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).

". . .This is the time and this is the place in which to glorify Him, if we ever expect to put a diadem of glory on His precious brow. It will do no good to wait until that glorious day when He emerges from the skies, crowned with many crowns, seated on that high-stepping charger, spirit horses of fire draped in a vesture dipped in blood. He won't need our glory then. He does now in the scene of His rejection, still despised and rejected of men, ..." (Quote from the introduction to Dr. Frederick Dabold's excellent book, *The Preeminence of Christ*).

The time for a friend to stand up for his friend is when that friend is under the gun. Once the

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called Radical Theology, Theothanatology, or let us call it *deicide*.

Fundamenticide: The Killing of Fundamentalism

In recent years we have been witnessing what could be termed *Fundamenticide*, the exterminating of biblical Fundamentals, biblical separation, and the historical identification of the Fundamentalists movement. Certain growing trends and proclivities today are foreshadowing this approaching death. God raised up a remnant of voices, which warned that when certain changes would begin to take place, inevitably a slow killing of Fundamentalism would result. Nevertheless, these voices were often quelled by the powers of ecclesiasticism and religious politics. We have witnessed in the past thirty years the public death of true Christianity in America: we are now witnessing the public death of the state of the st historic Fundamentalism. Did we see it coming? Will it be part of the end-time apostasy?

What is Apostasy?

As it deepens in its position away from the Word of God, the contemporary church today is redefining the term *apostasy*. From its biblical perspective apostasy is the final resolve of the principle of sin; it is the final outpost of sin; it is the link between the natural world of man and the demonic world of Satan. Apostasy is the permanent uniting of these two worlds.

However, apostasy is also a defection from one side to the antithesis; it is a revolting or falling away. How does apostasy arise and what is its outcome?

The first recorded apostasy in the Bible is the fall of Lucifer from heaven. Adam's fall was not as deep and permanent as the fall of Lucifer. Although Redemption can bring recovery to man, fallen angels have no recovery provided for them. This is apostasy; God's only answer for apostasy is judgment. Isaiah 14:13,14 links Lucifer's fall with the power of the will against God; Ezekiel 28:16,17 links it with the power of pride against God. When these two ingredients come together, apostasy is born.

The Bible predicted in II Thessalonians 2:3 that a global apostasy would take place just before the Rapture. Although Paul speaks of the day of Christ as "at hand" (the Rapture, 2:2), he also clarifies that it would not come except there come a falling away first (2:3). In the Greek the expression "falling away" includes the definite article -- "the falling away." Before the Rapture, according to Scripture, global apostasy will be a pervading principle in all

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ON RELIGION



SUNDAY SCHOOL and the BIBLE

By Tod Brainard

The Sunday school historically has been a Bible training ground for boys and girls of all ages. During the nineteenth century the Sunday school was the chief instrument for religious education. By 1850, the Bible was regarded as the primary curriculum material replacing the catechism, though the latter was still considered important in many denominations. 1 The first Sunday school in the United States was started in 1785. There was much opposition in those early days from ministers and the established churches. However, within fifteen years, Sunday schools scattered along the eastern seaboard were enrolling tens of thousands of Most of these Sunday children.² schools had the purpose of teaching the reading of the Bible and inculcating in the minds of children the truth of Jesus Christ and the commands of Scripture.

Today, with the construction of thousands of Family Life Centers and church gymnasiums across the United States, the Sunday school has become Sunday Anything-But-School. A paradigm shift has taken place in many churches. centered teaching and methodology has given way to play time, wee worship, musical dramas, and flashy entertaining curriculums. Churches are now offering a smorgasbord of activity and experiences rather than the traditional, old-fashioned emphasis upon sitting still and quiet and hearing the Scriptures taught.

I recently conversed with a sixth grade student who informed me that they did not bring Bibles to their

Upon further Sunday school. converstation, I learned the student attended a Sunday school that was non-traditional and geared toward I asked the student if they studied the Bible at all in Sunday school. The reply was shocking. The student responded, "We do learn Bible verses once in a while, but most times we are too busy."

Fundamental Questions Concerning the Sunday School

What is the purpose of the Sunday school? Why do we take the time to bring the children apart from their families for an hour? Are we accomplishing anything other than babysitting for an hour? Does the Sunday school center on the Scriptures and follow a Biblical methodology of teaching? Do the children learn to sit still and listen to the teacher, who is giving instruction from the Bible or are they allowed to talk, run and play? Do the materials used in Sunday school enhance or detract from the Word of God? Does the curriculum adhere to the fundamentals of the faith, teach separation unto God from evil, and above all teach loyalty to Christ and His Word at all costs?

The Focus of the Sunday School

The primary purpose of the Sunday school is to reinforce the Christian home in the effort to teach children to hear the Word of God and to learn The FEAR of the LORD.

Deut. 17:19-- "...and he shall read therein all the days of his life that he may learn to fear the Lord his God."

Psalm 34:11 -- "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord."

There is something indicated in this passage that is often overlooked that is primary to the teaching of the fear of God. It is this -- "Hearken unto me." Hearing is primary. Deuteronomy 31:12-13 gives a more detailed methodology used when teaching adults and children. "Gather the people together, men and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And that their children, which have not known any thing may hear, and learn to fear the Lord your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it."

Notice God's Method of Teaching: Hear---Learn-Fear God---Observe (Obey) God's Word

The starting point is, "that they may hear". This is the Sunday school's mission - to teach the child or student to hear. This is the most important work of the teacher. It is not the material that is important to begin with, it is the preparation of the child to receive the material that is important. A child involved only in busy activity will not know how to hear God's Word. We must never assume that children are going to grow up in our Sunday school classrooms and naturally adopt Biblical values. There must be a structure within the Sunday school classroom that promotes hearing

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The Core of Apostasy

Just as the atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima had at its core Uranium 235, there is likewise a core to the power of the end-time apostasv. We have many religions today such as Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, the cults, paganism, and the occult. Some declare that these religions are the apostasy of which Christians must be aware. Although these will certainly feed the apostasy, these religions did not "fall away"; these religions were already far away from God.

The term apostasy deals with a position that is singularly religious presented in the Bible in affiliation with God's people. True apostasy must have something from which to fall. It is the identification more specifically with a "defection from truth" or a turning from truth.

The one necessary ingredient for the final world apostasy is the globalization of Christianity. How often we have thrilled under missionary messages emphasizing Matthew 24:14, And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

However, this passage does not mean that the world will believe the gospel or accept it. The gospel taken universally will simultaneously give opportunity apostasy to expand; apostasy results from rejecting or falling away from this gospel. There can be no false prophet without first

a true prophet. There can be no false Christ without places. first the true Christ. There can be no false gospel without first the true gospel. there can be no global apostasy without the gospel outwardly accepted and then turned away from.

Matthew 24:15 warns of the coming "abomination" Christ is what is happening in the falling away of Christianity in the churches, our present-day holy



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Today we are witnessing wholesale compromise; There can be no we are witnessing the power of carnality ruling in the apostasy without first a true Christian faith. Yes, hearts of professing Christian men and women; we are witnessing the falling of truth from the pulpits; we going to the ends of the earth to be rejected or are witnessing the music of the world taking over the churches. Spirituality and holiness are mocked and the leaders of denominations, ridiculed bv of desolation" that will take place in the Holy of fellowships, and movements. Oh, dear reader, what Holies of the temple made by the Antichrist during is happening in the holy places is that which moves the Tribulation Period. We see today the Jews us to deep grief and wailings. The nearer we are to coming back to their land; we see nations rising with the coming of Christ the greater this will be! In I John perplexities; we see violence filling the earth. But to 2:18-19 we read, Little children, it is the last time: and the Christian the greater insight to the coming of as ve have heard that antichrist shall come, even

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By Ludwig Opager

Prov. 11:8 -- The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead.

This proverb reminds us that both the righteous and the wicked have trouble. Trouble is not a stranger to either one, but when and why trouble comes and the result of the trouble differs between the righteous and the wicked.

The righteous have been told to expect adversity and trouble. Our Lord suffered greatly, and should we expect anything different if we are His followers? He spoke of this in John 15:20 --If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.

Asaph, in Psalm 73, enlightens us concerning the difference between trouble in the righteous and the wicked. Asaph envied the prosperity of the wicked! He compared his condition caused by envy to feet that no longer supported him, feet that were causing him to slip from his faith in God. Asaph's envious eyes magnified those things upon which they gazed, not remembering that everything envied is larger than life. He saw that the prosperous wicked had no heavy burdens that brought on death and that they were free from the troubles that other men would bear. They were compassed about with pride in their material goods as they spoke wickedly and loftily against the heavens.

Asaph wrestled with this question and asked why he should constrain himself to do right. But then he went into the sanctuary of God and learned that his problem of envy was based on timing. Asaph looked too closely to his own time frame and not to the end, when all was said and done.

We also sometimes have that problem, don't we? Envious eyes conflict with eyes of faith. But when God opened Asaph's eyes in His sanctuary, those same eyes that had envied looked at the end of the wicked and saw that their feet were set in slippery places. He saw that God had cast them down to destruction, and in a moment, they were utterly engulfed with terrors. He saw the prosperous wicked after they passed this vale of tears, after they left this life of ease and plenty. He saw the change that took place in a moment as they entered the place of the doomed. He realized that at the first the wicked have good things, but they have them for this life only. The remembrance of those good things in eternity will embitter their misery and heighten the torment of the fire to which they are committed. He saw the wicked never relieved, never coming out of trouble!

Our proverb makes the contrasts vivid. It says that the righteous is delivered, and the wicked takes his place to receive continual trouble. There is deliverance to the righteous but none for the wicked! It all has to do with timing! It all has to do with long range sight provided by faith in God and His working in the life of the righteous.

God allows us glimpses of this truth in Bible stories of the righteous and the wicked. How quickly the wicked Haman fell from favor when God's people were delivered from the decree of death he had devised. See Haman's countenance fall as Esther says, "The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman." Imagine his thoughts as he heard the king's decree that he and his ten sons be hanged on the gallows which he had prepared for the righteous Mordecai.

Daniel, what have you to say about your night with the lions? Was the pillow of their soft manes comfortable? Were you delivered and your tormentors condemned in your stead? My Bible says that Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him because he believed in his God. But Daniel, those lions were hungry! Their roars were urgent!

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions ... (Daniel 6:24a).

Why were those lions so selective? Was Daniel not to their liking? No, Daniel believed his God commanded the lions. If God chose to feed the lions with Daniel that would be all right with Daniel, but if He chose to use the lions as a pillow for Daniel, that would be acceptable, too! Either way, Daniel would be delivered.

Think of the pitiful beggar, Lazarus, which was laid at the gate of the rich man, but when he died he was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. The rich man was brought to desolation and, in a moment, was utterly besieged with terrors. In hell, he lift up his tormented eyes and begged Abraham for a cooling drop of water.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented (Luke 16:24).

What a word is the word "remember" to those is hell! Remember the good things that you took as yours, not acknowledging that God had given them to your care. Remember the opportunity you were given to worship God and to serve Him in truth. What punishment it will be to the lost to remember throughout eternity the squandered opportunities of life! But Lazarus, the righteous, will rejoice to remember from what he was delivered. He will also remember the marvelous grace of his loving Lord as he rests in His arms throughout eternity!



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issue has been resolved and the friend has been & determined to be right, supporters will be plentiful. It's when your enemies are circling your wagon that an extra gun is appreciated. Many are the victor's allies; it is the faithful warrior still in the battle who rejoices to see a supportive comrade in arms.

This is the time of Christ's rejection. "He is 🖁 despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not" (Isaiah 53:3). This prophecy speaks primarily of the Jews rejecting Christ as "He came unto His own and His own received Him not" (John 1:11); however, today is our & opportunity as members of His body to openly confess Him.

One day, and it may be very soon, we will be so very glad that we had the opportunity to suffer & His reproach.

The time to stand for the Lord Jesus Christ is 2 now: the time to praise Him before His enemies is 🛣 the present; the time to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Him is today. In these dark days of apostasy, we must lift up the banner of § the Cross.

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Teaching Tips Teaching Tips

TEACHING PATRIOTISM

Since the September 11th attacks made on America last fall, there has been a swelling of national patriotism. As Christians, we are commanded to pray for our leaders and country. Christian school teachers can promote and build their students' knowledge by teaching them to love our country and our flag. Young children do not know how to be patriotic. As in many other important subjects of life, they must be taught to appreciate our rich Godly heritage. They will pick up feelings of loyalty, bravery, and courage from their family, friends, and teachers. Here are a few suggestions for teaching old-fashioned patriotism.

- 1) Use a world map to teach how America was discovered and occupied. Most explorers came for wealth and glory, but the Pilgrims came to worship God. Help your students learn their Godly heritage, that History is "His story."
- 2) Teach your students about our American government, its foundation, and development. The many documents we hold dear need to be taught: *The Preamble to the Constitution*, the beginning lines of *The Declaration of Independence*, and *The American's Creed* are a few documents we should teach. These are important, and too many children do not know their content or meaning, or the price paid by those who laid the foundation of our government.
- 3) Study, find out about our forefathers. Students need to know of and appreciate the sacrifice of many of our patriots in the early days of our country. Find out what happened to the men who signed our *Declaration of Independence*. Read stories of how early settlers celebrated the Fourth of July. Choose one of the early patriots as a "class hero" and have students bring in as much information as possible on their "hero."
- 4) Teach patriotic songs and music. Be sure your students know the words of our National Anthem. Memorize at least the first and last stanzas. Sing it often! Teach other patriotic songs that showcase America, such as *The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Tenting Tonight, Over There, When Johnny Comes Marching Home, God Bless America*, and the official songs or hymns of each branch of our military: Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force. When sung with spirit, such songs give students an opportunity to "burst" with pride in our country.

According to grade level, be sure children have understanding of what they are singing. Many an important message in a song has been lost to children either because they misunderstood or mispronounced the words or because they did not understand the meaning of the words. For instance, in *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, instead of singing "where the grapes of wrath are stored", one little girl was singing "where the *crates of rats* are stored"! One four-year-old was extremely puzzled singing about her "forefathers"; she had only *one* father! Don't take for granted that your students understand!

- 5) Memorize poetry about America. Poetry is good for students, not only form and structure, but also rhythm, rhyme, and content. They should memorize several poems each school year, and at least one of these should be patriotic in theme. Some choices would be, *America For Me, Recessional, The Flag Goes By, In Flanders Field, O Captain! My Captain!*, Song of the Settlers, The Landing of the Pilgrims, etc. Learned well in youth, these poetic treasures will affect students' entire lives and hopefully will be passed along to the next generation.
- 6) Make a time-line relative to the grade level. Construct it visually graphic and forceful. This will help students fix important dates in order and in memory.

Celebrating America is important; being loyal and defending America is more important! We understand that nations are ordained of God and that we are blessed to enjoy certain rights as Americans. When we teach patriotism as the duty and privilege of every American citizen, we will help our students learn to accept the responsibility of protecting the rights and liberties secured for us at so great a price. Ω





LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



May the Lord continue to bless you, for your efforts and faithfulness in ministering to so many of us.

It is always helpful and encouraging to receive the Projector. Sometimes there is a pressure to let up or back-off from the <u>very fundamental</u> position. But then a regular friend and encourager comes in the mail and says to keep-on keeping-on.

Thank you in every way, your brother in the Lord.

AZ

Your publication contains many excellent articles. They certainly reflect the Bible as it is meant to be. All of the articles are good, but I do get much out of Proverb Practicals. Since I am involved in ministry I have shared several of these proverbs with Bible study lessons at church and in the nursing homes.

God's best to you and your staff.

P

Thank you so much for the thought provoking and beneficial articles which are

regularly in <u>The Projector</u>. I appreciate so much the quality of thought that is invested in the significant articles that "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." We live in a day of retreat by most Fundamentalists, and I appreciate your stalwart position.

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During the past several years
I have been blessed by the
articles in The Projector, both the
present writers, but also by those great
men of God who stood firm for God in days
past.

I trust God to bless your continuing efforts in the years ahead. VT

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now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. [Emphasis added]

Who is this group, identified as *they*, among God's people? They are antichrists. Yes, this is part of the true "falling away"; it is to be found within the camp of God. The antichrists found within and among true Christianity will become the core of the globalization of apostasy.

We are told by Christ in Luke 17 and in the Olivet Discourse that the end time will be as the days of Noah. One of the marked characteristics of those days was the coming together of seeds: the ungodly seed of the Cainite line mixing with the godly seed of the Sethite line. Such a mixture of spirituality and sin brought about aggressive powers. This was a merging of true religion with sin. It produced a power greater than plain old sin. This same product of mixed seed will become the core power to produce the Antichrist. The Judas among God's people will be the power for the great end-time betraval.

Last fall we witnessed among various prayer meetings across our country a classic service at Yankee Stadium in New York City. That which brought all these religions together was the cry of hurt and bereaved people. Many grieving people * will turn to anything for consolation and sympathy in \$ time of a crisis. It is one thing for Hinduists, Buddhists, Muslims, and all other religions to come together; this is the godless religious seed. However, putting Christianity's Billy Graham and gospel music into this melting pot produces a power that is far different from ordinary sin and false This powerful mixture produces a religion. deception that is greater than any deception that has ever come to man.

Consequently, giants of men and women appear because of this power; men of renown are the offspring of such mixings. We view with wonder such examples as Rod Parsley, Benny Hinn, Marilyn Hickey, Kenneth Copeland, and John Hagee. These are powerful people with coffers full of money and auditoriums filled with followers. Such individuals would have never come into existence without the converging of spirituality and carnality, without a large popular turning away from the truth, and without wholesale falling away within Christianity. And God has sealed this merger with

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will begin to lose that "first love" of faithfulness to our Lord and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Separation to God is not an "add on," it is the main agenda for the child of God.

Loss of Purity

If the Lord tarries long enough, this ministry, as well as all others, will eventually lose its purity and cease to be a testimony for Christ here upon the earth. The Lord warned Moses of Israel's eventual apostasy before they ever entered the Promised

Deut. 31:16-18: And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.

It certainly occurred as the Lord warned Moses, and it is in the nature of things in this sin cursed earth that all man's castles eventually crumble to dust. Separation unto God and obedience to His Word is the only way a ministry can be maintained that is effective and useful to God. Let your attention be devoted to what God thinks and let man with his ideas be hanged!

Apostasy

A failure in separation is always the cause of apostasy. One degree of deviation from truth, with time, will put you a long way off course. "Eternal vigilance," some one said, "Is the price of liberty." The battle is always for TRUTH and PURITY. Very few men have a stomach for either, because the fighters for truth and purity are not appreciated and you must be willing to be alone in the battle.

Tact or Attack

Tact is nice, but it will not do when there should be an attack. The problem is not being too hard on sin and sinners, but being too soft. This is always the case regardless of how badly you may feel when you have made a tough decision. Friendships or family ties are often the place of our weakness. Jesus' half-brother, James, seems to be a part of the weakness of the Jerusalem church.

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Experience shows that the best way to hear and to learn is to have a quiet and peaceful environment. Noise and bodily movement detract from hearing. Children must be taught to sit still and to quiet themselves. This must come first before learning the fear of the Lord.

In my opinion, the Sunday school classroom of the average church has become a child-entered zone. In that kind of environment, emotional feeling, experiencing the E moment, and child-creativity is the concentration of the student and teacher. A teaching methodology that seeks communicate on this emotional level never accomplishes spiritual work in the heart of the child, because it is not God's way (Deut. 17:19, 31:12-13). Conversely, in the Christ-centered environment, the quieting # students' teacher concentrates on the themselves for the purpose of hearing and learning on a reason/volitional level from God's Word with the ultimate 🖁 purpose of teaching the fear of God. This does not mean that limited activities are not welcome. Singing, coloring, and making things that enhance the Bible lesson do play a role in the Sunday school classroom of young children; however, structure and order must be maintained at all times, and listening to the teacher a prerequisite.

What About Evangelism in the Sunday School Classroom?

The subject of child conversion prompts debate and discussion. It is the responsibility of the teacher to pray(Continued on page 12)

We Are Becoming What We Love by A. W. Tozer

The love we have for God is not the love of feeling, but the love of willing. Love is within our power of choice, otherwise we would not be commanded to love God nor be held accountable for not loving Him.

The taking over of the romantic love ideal into our relation to God has been extremely injurious to our 🛡 Christian lives. The idea that we should "fall in love" with God is ignoble, unscriptural, unworthy of us and certainly does no honor to the Most High God. We do not come to love God by a sudden emotional Love for God results from repentance, amendment of life and a fixed determination to love Him. As God moves more perfectly into the focus of our hearts, our love for Him may indeed rise and swell within us till like a flood it sweeps everything before it.

But we should not wait for this intensity of feeling. We are not responsible to feel but we are responsible to love, and true spiritual love begins in the will. We should set our hearts to love God supremely, however cold or hard they may seem to be, and go on to confirm our love by careful and happy obedience to His Word. Enjoyable emotions are sure to follow.

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delusion (II Thessalonians 2:11,12). This is where the core of the world end-time apostasy will be found.

Will Fundamentalism Be a Part of This Core?

Will the Such a question is staggering! movement that God raised up in the latter part of the 1800s against the powers of Liberalism and Modernism be part of this core? Will the very movement God used against the false ecumenical movements, against the Charismatic movement, and against the Neo-Evangelical movement be sucked into the vortex of this core? Fundamentalist movement has truly been honored by God to be the sword used against the foes within Christianity. It has been as a standard raised when the enemy came in like a flood. It has been the bastion and Masada for the remnant, for the puritans, for the pilgrims, and for the separatists. Yes, it has been most honored by God!

Dr. David Beale gave a classic observation concerning Fundamentalism in his book In Pursuit of Purity. He declared:

Historic Fundamentalism has changed. The historian of the movement must not, therefore, be found guilty of presentism, that is, projecting the values, goals, and \$ methods of the present on the past. One must interpret any such movement in the light of its own religious and cultural context--not in the prejudices of what he would like for it to Historically, Fundamentalists have striven have been. progressively for what they regard as biblical purity. This \$ does not imply a belief in perfectionism, but it means their : goal has been a position as consistent as possible with the Such a doctrinal distinctive has doctrine of holiness. consistently positioned historic Fundamentalism away from the center of organized religion. The present study reveals \$\infty\$ that pre-1930 Fundamentalism was nonconformist, while post-1930 Fundamentalism has been separatist. Like the English Puritans, most early American Fundamentalists attempted to purify or purge the denominations from within. Like the English Separatists, the succeeding generations came out and started afresh. The separatist position itself, however, did not completely solidify as a distinct, militant movement until the 1950s.

Could the death of public Fundamentalism; become the final, necessary element for the core of 3 the end-time, global apostasy? Will the last bastion: of truth on the planet "fall away" and go the way of all flesh? Will it become what it so tenaciously condemned? Will the very movement that stood? against all of the onslaught of hell throughout most of the twentieth century become the final triumph of the Devil to destroy publicly the only voice remaining with any global influence? Will the very Christian universities and colleges that led us with biblical armaments and discernment now become the leaders to take us into Neo-Evangelicalism. Charismatism, and eventually back to Rome? These are most sobering questions to face!

Fundamenticide: A Slow Killing

Fundamentalism has changed." "Historic Although not all changes are wrong, some changes For certain changes redefine and are costly! redirect the heart, the soul, and the spirit of a movement, an institution, or the legacy of a college or church. Such changes early in the history tend to be subtle. But once the momentum is evident, the changes become more aggressive, bolder, more intimidating to the remnant. Once the spirit of change takes over a leader or a people, the pace of the changes quickens. Such a spirit will even convince those forwarding costly changes that such changes are of God, that they will be most the world's accommodate productive to commendations.

The changes quietly begin with a few leaders, privately meeting behind closed doors, in a

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Stars of the Morning

CHOPPER CHAMPS

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_{By} "Aunt Carolyn"



The story thus far: Mark and Barney rafted up the river collecting specimen for their Scouting nature project. Things were going great, but the fun was suddenly cut short when a torrent of flood water surged down upon them, splintered their raft, and threw the boys into the raging river. They fought for their lives! Finally, they were swept up into some treetops. Cries for help were of no avail!

They were too scared to cry. They prayed, they were quiet, then they prayed again. They dared not fall asleep; they dared not turn loose the trees!

As morning dawned, the sight around them was beyond belief. Debris was everywhere. A car turned upside down was lunging by, and somebody's rooftop was bashing through the flood. This was a disaster! Dad, a rescue unit, nobody could get to them out here. There was no chance to be saved! They would never see Mother or Dad again. They would never see Mr. Wilmer again. He would never see the stuff they found for their project. There was no hope!

Mark and Barney blinked back hot tears. Neither wanted the other to know how hungry and scared he was. Then above the roar of the flood they heard a new sound, a loud sound, a powerful sound. Over the treetops flew a helicopter! Mark and Barney's hearts leaped. They waved frantically and shouted, "Here we are! Here we are! Oh, please see us!"

The helicopter hovered a minute and turned as if leaving. The boys' hearts sank! "No! No! Don't leave

us! You've got to spot us!" the boys shouted. "Oh, Lord, please help them see us!" they cried.

Suddenly the chopper turned from its path and returned over the river. Again the boys waved frantically! Oh, maybe the chopper did see them! Maybe...!

Soon the big chopper was hovering above the trees and raging flood. The big side door slid open and a man was lowered down.

"Hi, big guys! I'm surely glad we found you. Just hang tight. Stay calm. We'll bring you in! I promise!"

First, he fastened Barney into a big harness, and the crew above lifted the shivering boy slowly into the chopper. Then it was Mark's turn to be lifted to safety. When the harness man was back safely aboard, the pilot swung the chopper around and headed for home. First aid, warm blankets, and hot drinks revived Barney and Mark. They were going to live after all! Oh, Joy! Those chopper men almost seemed like angels! For sure, they were champions – Chopper Champions!

At the rescue station, anxious parents and friends were waiting. A loud shout went up when two exhausted, bedraggled boys were helped out of the plane. Fear turned to joy and prayer to praise. Barney and Mark were safe!

It took some time for the boys to recover from their ordeal. They missed out on the fifty dollar prize for the top project honors, but somehow their experience was worth much more than money. They had

seen the unlimited forces of nature unleashed, but they had also seen the God and Creator of nature send someone to rescue them when they were helpless.

They often told the story of their ordeal and how the Chopper Champs rescued them. They often added that it was much like the Lord Jesus Christ came to rescue us from sin. We are all sinners—lost, dead spiritually, with no hope of eternal life. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans) 3:23). Yet when there was nothing we could do to escape sin and its penalty, the sinless Son of God came from Heaven and died on the cross of Calvary to pay for sin. "Christ died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3). Now any boy or girl who believes that Christ's payment is sufficient and receives Him as their only Savior can be forgiven and saved from sin and Hell. What wonderful news! Just as Mark and Barney took hold of the rescue harness and trusted the chopper crew to save them from the flood, you must "take hold of' Christ by faith. Trust Him to forgive you, to lift you out of your sin, and take you safely to Heaven. He can do it! He promised! "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his "Whosoever name" (John 1:12). believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15).



This story setting is based upon the devastating flash floods of 1990 in Belmont, Jefferson, and Franklin Counties, Ohio. Ω



(Continued from page 10-"Fundamenticide") restaurant over a steak dinner, or whether it is in a car driving to a meeting. With denomination true communion with God lost a independent churches. long time ago, the powers of professionalism ministries. place of prayer, personality takes the place of the apart. Spirit's anointing. Certain trends happens overnight. become vogue implemented in their various the movement. quarters of influence. the laity volitionally either get in judgment. harmony with the changes or are forced into the new

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and who has been intimidated for not administration take control of being like the leaders, awakes to Scholasticism takes find the legacy of his forefathers and mocked, dismantled, and torn and proven that if any biblical fashionable in belief and practice. I movement dies, it is the result of a Once the changes are talked two-fold reality: the progressive among the elite, they are then falling away of the people within Once eventually giving the movement enough leaders have joined the up due to that falling away. What rising tide, the changes then was once a place of His glory sweep over the laity. At this point, could become the place of His

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Christ? Absolutely not! Pressuring society that is continually developing covetousness." children to make decisions for Christ innovatiive ways to bypass doing Roy G. Irving & Roy B. Zuck, editors, Youth and the Church, when they are not ready or do not things God's way. Sadly this has also undertand is foolish and may cause been the case in the Sunday school. It always be presented to children as the families similar to those found in Bird song and blossoms do not are sinners, that Jesus Christ loves talking against thee by the walls and in

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(Continued from page 9-SUNDAY SCHOOL) pray--pray for the work of the Holy tree, be buried and rise again bodily Come, I pray you, and hear what is the Spirit in the hearts of his or her the third day for their redemption. As word that cometh from the LORD. And students to bring abut genuine with adults, there must be a conscious they come unto thee as the people cometh, sinner no matter what age he may be. Christ in the life of the child (Acts 9:35, they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew them: for with their mouth they shew Can children be saved? YES! Should 11:34-35; 26:20). children be pushed into a decision for them to trust in a decision rather than is my belief that this has produced a (Continued from page 9-Becoming What We in Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ should generation of children from "Christian" Love) Saviour of sinners. Children should be Ezekiel 33:30-31. "Also, thou son of make the spring, but when the taught from the Word of God that they man, the children of thy people still are spring comes they come with it. sinners and came to this earth to shed the doors of the houses, and speak one to

His precious blood and die on Calvary's another, every one to his brother, saying, Only God can save a turning from sin and a turning toward and they sit before thee as my people, and We are living in a degenerating much love, but their heart goeth after their

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