

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Birthday Reflections

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Now that I am officially in my 70's, I cannot be held responsible for anything.

Now, I must say that I love being old. People do not expect much from you. You have a real excuse for just about anything. Sometimes, you get some perks that others do not.

But there are some disappointments as well. Aches and pains are usual. Forgetfulness is real. You constantly hear that someone you know has died.

But put listen as I pass along one more disappointment to you.

At my age, I really do look back and remember "the good old days". Not only do I remember those days, but I truly mourn what our culture has become. I am grieved that my grandchildren do not know what it is to feel safe. I am disappointed that my children no longer even feel free to

discipline their children without the threat of losing them.

However, I am most brokenhearted that I have seen our society reject God and set themselves up as god. I am not making it up or romanticizing the past. I have lived it. I have seen it with my own eyes. I deal with the brokenness of people whose lives are the fruit of it. I see Christ and Christianity blasphemed and mocked to the point that no longer is Christianity just considered socially inappropriate, but it is becoming illegal. And, as a result, I have seen the church become weaker and weaker. My heart is breaking from the worldliness, half-heartedness, and the ignorance that is posing as Christianity today. I am struggling not to keep going on and on about this.

So, please give me a chance to wrap it up before you quit reading.

Ever since the Civil War, there has been a dedicated effort to remember those soldiers who gave their all in their service.

Today, let us also remember that we are the soldiers in the Lord's Army. Our commander is Christ. Nothing short of total sacrifice is expected of us. We have no weapon but the sword of the Spirit. THEREFORE, be different. DO NOT be like the people of this world, BUT, "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 13:14a)

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