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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.

Worship.....10:20 a.m.

Worship.....5:00 p.m.

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Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

What a joy it is to be a member at the Getwell church of Christ! Things are going very well, and we are thankful for each one who is here. Through the last couple of months, I have seen such a deep love among our members that it is amazing. Yes, we know that as Christians we are to love one another. We equally know that this is one of the favorite commands that some can conveniently "forget" when times get tough. It is always sad when individuals forget that they are Christians and turn and hate their brothers and sisters in Christ. I will never understand what drives some "Christians" to live this way. The name "Christians" was put in quotation marks in the last sentence because it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to be a Christian and hate your brethren.

Consider the following passage:

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4:20-21).

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to hate your brother and still be a Christian. We believe things like this when they are written, but far too often people take the attitude of, "Well, things don't work like that now." Are we seriously going to say that God does not know what He is talking about? If you will make that statement, consider your ways and repent.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

The Last Christian Song

Some years ago, a country music singer-songwriter named Ed Bruce wrote a song entitled, "The Last Cowboy Song." In this song, Mr. Bruce discusses how that cowboys were becoming less and less prominent and were about to fade away for good. The chorus of the song goes as follows:

This is the last cowboy song,
The end of a hundred-year waltz.
Voices sound sad as they're singing along,
Another piece of America's lost.

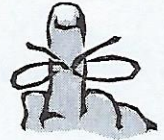
Certainly, this would be sad to anyone who loved the cowboy way of life which is now a relic of the past. This is not, however, an article about country music, as you are likely familiar.

Far too often, members of the Lord's church are ready to sing "The Last Christian Song." They look at the way that things are going in the world today and they picture New Testament Christianity as a lost cause. How would the Lord react to those who are singing "The Last Christian Song"?

Instead of having a pity party and thinking about the way things were fifty or sixty years ago, the Lord REQUIRES us to work (Mat. 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, etc.). Do we genuinely want to sing "The Last Christian Song"? The attitudes of some would indicate that we do! If we are so focused on "belly-aching", we lose sight of the fact that there is a generation of people in our country and our world that do not know the Lord (Jud. 2:10). How will they come to know Him if we are busy complaining and thinking about the good old days?

If the world remains (2 Pet. 3:10), 100 years from now, will someone be singing "The Last Christian Song"? While we firmly believe that there will always be those who want to do the Lord's will, how will they, except someone should guide them (Acts 8:31)? We live in a world of religious confusion. As Christians, let us point the way to the only One who is in the soul-saving business, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ (John 1:29, John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 2:37ff, 1 Cor. 3:11, Gal. 3:27, Heb. 5:8-9, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1 John 2:1, Rev. 1:5-6).

RON'S REMINDERS



What If?

The weekend had finally come and we were ready to go out and enjoy the day with our family. Back-to-school shopping, have a little fun dinner, and maybe even a little surprise for the kids. We started off by going to get some basic school supplies. As we entered the building, we had our temperatures taken and a mask handed to us.

Next, we decided we would go eat an early dinner. Upon arrival, we were greeted in the parking lot by an employee. We were not allowed to go into the building until our name was called. Once again, we were instructed to wear a mask and to not stand close to anyone who wasn't in our party.

Then, after dinner, we thought it would be a great idea to go watch a movie. Well, unfortunately, none of the movie theatres had opened yet due to the pandemic that has swept the world.

Finally, we went home. We had to accept the fact that the world has changed. Businesses have changed their rules to accommodate the unknown. We question all of these rule changes with many others and the basic answer that we get is: "This is the new normal."

The new normal? What does that even mean?

Right now, we are in a time of daily uncertainty. From one day to the next, we do not know what will change. We do not know what rules will change or how we are expected to live our life. It is hard to believe that something as little a virus can change the world.

During the past few months, I have thought a lot about my relationship with Christ as well as other peoples. A lot of "what ifs" come to my mind as I have sat numerous days on my front porch while the world frantically tries to make sense out of the events that taking place.

What if ... people were as worried about their eternal destination as much as they are worried about the possibility of getting sick?

What if . . . the government decided to change the laws that benefits our Father in heaven and restore all Biblical values?

What if . . . Businesses required you to attend a biblical sound congregation on Sundays before you could enter the store?

What if...?

Social media has helped trigger extreme negative attitudes of many Christians as well as non-Christians. What if . . . we all took a break from, not only social media, but all media? Do not turn on the news but instead open our Bibles.

During these unknown times here on earth, there is one thing that has never changed and that is that our Savior will be coming back to save us. No government mandate, no social media post, or any news outlet can change the fact that we are all children of God and He will be sending His Son back down to earth to save us.

We need to trust in God (Proverbs 3:5-6). Stay strong during these times and remember that God is always with us (Joshua 1:9).

There is not a "new normal." God is still in control. Are you going to spend more time preparing yourself for a virus or will you spend more time preparing yourself for your eternal destination with Christ? One is promised and one is not. Don't let the world distract you from the reason you are here on earth. Love, serve, and glorify God.

GOD IS GOOD...

Brandon Brooks, Think Magazine August 2020