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"When His Spirit Was Stirred Within"

by Mark Legendre

In Acts 17: 16-17 we read the following: "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him." Like Paul, our hearts should also be "stirred within" when we observe a world that is headed for destruction because of sin. If we as Christians do not speak up and teach the gospel to the world (friends, neighbors, and relatives, etc.), then who will? The fact that we have been loved by God to the extent that He would give his only Son Jesus to die for our sins should motivate us to love others also and try to reach them with the message of salvation. In Romans 1:16 Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

We as Christians have truly been blessed by God in so many different ways. We have both "spiritual and physical blessings" that come to us from God. Let us show our thanks to God for these blessings by doing our best to take His message of "forgiveness and salvation" to a lost and dying world. It is the best thing that we have to give to anyone that we know!

The Real "Alternate Lifestyle!"

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In our society today we hear about what is called the "alternate lifestyle" that is chosen by some people. This "alternate lifestyle" involves "homosexuality and lesbianism"; which lifestyles the Bible calls SIN! For example, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by God because of the sin of homosexuality and other sexual sins. Read Genesis 19, especially verses 1-7 along with such scriptures as 2 Peter 2:6-8 and Jude 7 and you will see that this is so. The Bible clearly condemns the sins of homosexuality and lesbianism in both the Old and New Testaments. (Lev. 18:22-25, Lev. 20:13-16, Rom. 1:26-27) People who practice such sins will not go to Heaven, not because they are not loved by God, but because of the sinful lifestyle they have chosen to live. (1 Cor. 6:9-11)

Now, let me tell you about the real "alternate lifestyle" that the Bible speaks of. It is called by the name "Christian." I say that this is the real "alternate lifestyle" because in order to live as a Christian, a person has to "live different" than the world. Romans 12:1-2 says that we as Christians are not to be "conformed to the world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." The sin of homosexuality has become so commonplace today, that more and more people

are beginning to think that it is normal. It is just another sin being practiced by people in the world. But as Christians we are to be "differnet from the world". Listen to paul's statements in Ephesians 5"3-5: "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or coveteousness, let it not be once named among you, AS BECOMETH SAINTS ...". It takes courage to live the real "alternate lifestyle" that a Christian must live. You will be spoken against, ridiculed, and looked down upon if you speak out against anything that the world wishes to participate in. But your life as a Christian will result in "glory being given to God" in this world, and then in the world to come you will enjoy "eternal life" in Heaven. And so, regardless of how the world chooses to live, you have the courage to live as God wants you to live. Not only in this lifestyle far different than the way in which the world acts, but it is also a better way to live which will bring much happiness.

"In The beginning God ..."
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I have heard some discouraging news coming from some of the colleges such as Abilene Christian University and Florida Collage. I have heard that some of these places are beginning to question some of the things that the Bible says about how God created the universe in six (6) literal days. I have heard that at ACU some brethren are teaching some evolution. Regardless of what is taking place the Bible still teaches that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and that he did it in six (6) 24 hour days and not six extended periods of time as some are now suggesting. (Gen. 1:1; Ex. 20:11) It is bad enough that the world tries to espouse its false doctrines on people without Christians contributing to the cause. If this information that I have spoken of is true, then I pray that brethren will speak up against this false teaching. If my information is incorrect, then I apologize for these accusations that I have spoken of.

However, let me state my beliefs about how God created the universe by saying that I believe the account of the Creation just as it is given in the Bible (Gen. 1-2). Evolutionists would have us believe that evolution is a proven fact, it is not even a good theory; it is utter foolishness. Furthermore, not all scientists are convinced of evolution; many scientists do believe in the Biblical account of Creation. For example, Dr. Arthur H. Compton, a Nobel Prize Winner in Physics made the following statement:

"For myself, faith begins with the realization that a supreme intelligence brought the universe into being and created man. It is not difficult for me to have this faith, for it is incontrovertible that where there is a plan there is intelligence -- an orderly, unfolding universe testifies to the truth of the most majestic statement ever uttered -- "In the beginning God!"

If people wish to believe in evolution, then that is their choice. But as for me I will continue to believe that God is the Creator of all things including man!