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Welcome to our December newsletter! Our Scripture text reads: "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5).

Tragically, barbarity and spiritual strongholds over America are only worsening. I read just the other day of a father who murdered his four children; one each month for four consecutive months, and in the end he also murdered his wife. Only demonpossessed people who have lost their natural feelings could commit such barbarism! I do not mean to be morbid, but hell has unleashed its fury throughout the entirety of this present world.

The word "wickedness" in our Scripture text speaks of lewdness, moral depravity, and becoming worthless and good for nothing. America has systematically been removing God from His rightful place; thus, we have lost our awareness and what I deem God-consciousness.

Just the other day, we received a phone call from a dear sister who wanted us to pray for her and her daughter because her daughter had attempted suicide by placing a 9 mm pistol under her chin, however, in her attempted suicide, she failed, but for the rest of her life she will be grossly disfigured. Demonic powers are roaming the earth and sifting its victims one by one.

I cannot overly emphasize the necessity for prayer and Bible study at this time. I hear innuendo and rumors of revival, but there will be no revival in America until there is national repentance.

DEMONIC WARFARE AND DEMONS – PART 7

Today's Gospel says you can have salvation without a cross, redemption without the blood of the Lamb, and don't worry about your sins because God understands.

I am very disturbed by the profuse leniency and gross indulgence that has overtaken the modern church. We are told the "old" rugged cross no longer works for this generation. The "new" cross allows the old Adam to live without divine interference.

The modern Christian still lives for pleasure, only now taking delight in singing choruses and watching religious movies, instead of singing indecent songs and drinking hard liquor. The emphasis remains on enjoyment, though the fun is now higher morally, if not intellectually.

The new cross encourages a new and entirely different evangelistic approach. Today's evangelist no longer demands the abandonment of the old lifestyle before the new life can be received. Today's message does not exhort surrender and the need to forsake this present world.

Most people are in denial today, thus allowing sin to have a place of residence within the modern church. Sadly, sinfulness prevails on an unimaginable scale. Most Christians today no longer discern the hour because they no longer have a fervent prayer life that demands righteousness. As this age ends, there will be more deception and a greater acceptance of sin and unrighteousness.

The old cross made no compro mise, the old cross modified nothing, spared nothing; it slew the whole man, completely and for good. The cross of Christ does not try to remain

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on good terms with its victim. The old cross struck cruel and hard, and when it had finished its work, it slew the man. Today there is a plethora of flesh parading in pride and arrogance.

I know I am a man who was "born out of due time". Many today decree the way of righteousness is no longer straight and narrow, however, most of us know better! God does not change, and neither should we when it comes to His sacred Word.

For quite some time, the Holy Ghost has been dealing with me about deception. Jesus warned us deception would be Satan's greatest tool here in the time of the end: "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matthew 24:4-5).

"Deceive" (#4105, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance) means: to roam from safety, truth, or virtue; to go astray, to err, to be seduced, to wander, or to be out of the way.

Deception has exploded and swept through the modern church like a prairie fire. Men somehow believe they are superior to Elohim and His holy demands. This is the embodiment of unmitigated deceit: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:22). No one is superior to Jehovah.

We have now embraced deception wherein Christianity thinks they can have it both ways and work both sides of the street. That is not possible in Christianity, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18).

The phrase "who hold the truth in

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unrighteousness", is very pointed. First, there are those in ministry who suppress or withhold the truth by concealing God's will for the hearers, deceiving them into falsehood and fallacy. Second, many "hold the truth in unrighteousness" by holding fast to their own sins yet decreeing they are proclaiming a righteous message.

In my lifetime, I have never witnessed so many sullied and soiled ministers as I am today. As a nation, we are no longer a sagacious, cautious, chaste, or discreet people. For the most part, all godliness and moral restraint have been cast aside.

This generation has chosen lies over truth. Man has transferred his worship from a holy God (who is the truth) to the devil (who is a liar).

Today, young people are legally allowed to change their assigned sex. When I was a kid growing up, no one thought of such absurdities and wickedness. I am wholly convinced by my understanding of the Scriptures there will be no Holy Ghost revival until the great tribulation begins.

Prosperity has destroyed many a good man and their convictions. When considering the word "vanities", please listen closely: "Feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain" (Proverbs 30:8-9).

Most Christians don't fully understand what it means to "take the name of my God in vain", in a worthless manner. Taking God's name in vain does not mean to use His name to damn something, rather, it means to take His name, but refuse to live by His tenets, dogma, and doctrines.

For the most part, in holy matrimony the woman takes the husband's last name and, in so doing, they become one flesh. However, if she commits an act of infidelity, she takes her husband's name in vain. Sadly, many professing Christians commit acts of infidelity by prostituting their hallowed and sacred relationship in

Christ by taking His name in vain.

The prophet Jeremiah rebuked Israel for its infidelity: "Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed (unable to blush)" (Jeremiah 3:3).

Today, the modern church has a face of stone and many refuse to repent and forsake their sins. Just as there is no shamefacedness in the streetwalker, there is very little in the modern church. Just like Israel, when refusing to obey God, the modern church has become unwilling and refuses to repent and receive divine correction relative to godliness.

We are now in the days wherein the modern preacher will no longer receive correction or endure sound doctrine. Jeremiah stated, "O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return" (Jeremiah 5:3).

Even the forefathers of our faith received correction. For example, the apostle Paul corrected Peter in Galatia concerning circumcision. Today, the modern church despises and loathes reproof, warning, and instruction relative to godliness and righteousness.

The spirit of harlotry has engulfed the end-time church, and the Bible clearly defines her by what is written on her forehead: "And upon her forehead (stone faced) was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS (fornicators) AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5).

I find it alarming that many decree, "You never see the church mentioned again after Revelation Chapter 4". The truth is, we do see the end-time church, but it has become nothing more than a harlot!

Today's church has fornicated with false doctrine and teachings not seen before in my lifetime.

Paul sought to present the Corinthians to Christ as a chaste virgin. He is not speaking about physical fornication, but rather spiritual fornication relative to false doctrine: "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused (betrothed) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin (pure without fallacy or falsehood) to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty (craftiness), so your minds should be corrupted (defrom the simplicity praved) (sincerity) that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:2-3).

Just as the serpent beguiled Eve through his "subtilty", people's minds are being corrupted away from the virtue and simplicity that is in Christ the Lamb of God. Jesus said the way is straight and narrow, meaning tightness, filled with tribulation, persecution, and adversity. Many of us will be harshly persecuted here in the time of the end as you cast your lot with Jesus, the Lord's Christ! No saint of God alive then will be exempt from that end time.

Each month we acknowledge our gratefulness and thankfulness for your love and support. Please know we truly and deeply value your faithfulness. The truth is, we are humbled by your love and generosity toward this ministry.

We pray especially for those of you on a fixed income, that Jehovah will stretch your finances more than ever before.

I anticipate 2026 to be a year of great testing concerning the faith of the saints.

Serving with you,

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