

1. Great day!!! Its burning in the Western US, flooding in the mid-West and a severe drought in South-East. May I suggest Divine Stirring. The USA has declined morally in past 20 years. Abortion on demand, homosexual unions, pornography, sexual predators etc., has increased exponentially. I watch and listen to people say why is God doing this to me? We don t deserve this? Instead they should see the Love and mercy God has shown by sparing their lives. God allows disaster to come in an attempt to wake people. America needs to repent of its sin and cry for mercy. These disasters affect all Americans either directly or indirectly. So great day it is because if you are reading this you are still being loved by God through the Death and Resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. 2Ch 7:13 "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain,(or too much rain) or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. All the Devil wants is for Believers in Jesus Christ to say nothing and do nothing. Just a Great day thought!

2. Great Day! Why do our politicians seem to lie so much? Is it just me or do the politicians say anything to get elected and then do something different when in power? Let me define the word politics. In Greek the prefix **poli** means many and of course a **tick** is a blood sucking creature. It appears our politicians sure know how to suck the money and joy right out of the American people. The Bible says Ps 118:8,9 It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes. Freedom and joy come from our Creator not from government. So with this in mind it would be wise to vote for politicians who know this truth. Study the Bible daily for wisdom, study our constitution to know the system of government and most importantly trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for He is not a Politician but the Savior. You will have many Great Days when you apply this to your life.

3. Great Day! What an Awesome Creator!! I was fishing this morning and was thinking how the fish were created to sense the change in weather. God created the fish to go deep in the water when the barometric pressure is low, and come to the top of the water when the pressure is high. We had low pressure so we did not catch any fish. But not catching fish gave me time to think of how fearfully and wonderfully we and everything is created. Did you know that there are approximately 6 Billion people on the planet and not one person, even identical twins, have the same DNA or fingerprints? There are over a trillion cells in a human body. Forget the Lie of Darwinism. I have an Awesome Creator who holds

everything in His hands and gave me a Great Day even though I did not catch any fish!

4. Great Day! Is there an end to the rising cost of gas and food? I would like to vent some frustration about this. My frustration is not in our shared burden of making ends meet but at the complaining. I find myself complaining and then God shows me how much He has Blessed me with. I am ashamed of my lack of humility. I have so much to be thankful. I have a good relationship with my parents, I have two sisters that just adore me (ha ha), I have a roof over my head, a pillow to lay my head on at night, I have not went hungry my entire life, I have a boat, car, truck, and most importantly I have an intimate relationship with Jesus my Savior. With all this how can I complain? I bet most if not all of you reading this has at least most or more than I have listed . So lets be thankful for what God has Blessed us with and quite complaining. If we humble ourselves before the Lord in due time He will lift us up in His arms of blessings. This is all the reason to have a Great Day!

5. Great Day! Can anyone tell me why females wear so much makeup? I understand if the barn needs painted, well paint it! I was driving through the Great Smokey Mountains on Thursday with my sister and mother looking at the awesome beauty of God s creation, with the different colors of greens, blues and yellows. The conversation was; what is God s favorite color? I said green or maybe blue, but my sister said God doesn t have a favorite color. Her reasoning was as follows: If God s favorite color was green then people with blue or brown eyes would be His second favorite. Think about that for a moment. God created every color equally beautiful, just stop your busy life and take a look around. By the way God created females to beautify man. If you are a female reading this you are beautiful to me and God. You need no paint on your face! I know it is my opnion but I think all females are beautiful especially compared to men. If you are a man reading this, just ask yourself this question; why do I spend the whole day looking at the beauty of God created females? God created Adam and then said it is not good for man to be alone and then created Eve from Adam and the two become one flesh. Father if all of us reading this would see the beauty of your creation as you see it we would all have Great Days every day. Grant it to us for the sake of your Son Jesus. Amen

6. Great Day! does anyone care about what happens when they die? It is shocking to reflect that a change in the weather has more effect on some men's lives than the dread altemative of heaven or hell. Maybe it is worth some time to ask the most

important question of all. If I die right now and stand before a Holy God and He would ask you why should I let you into Heaven, what would you say? If your answer is; I am a good person, I have been baptized, I give to the poor, I pray sometimes, I have never killed anyone, or God is love and He would not send anyone to Hell so I don't need to worry. If any of these answers fit what you think, you are lost and are heading to Hell. Sounds bad doesn't it? Well it is worse. God sent His son Jesus to the Cross to pay your sin so you don't have to go to Hell. Now that's Good News. The only answer a Holy God wants to hear is, Jesus have mercy on me a sinner, I deserve Hell but I repent of my sin and am trusting in what you did for me on the Cross; to pay my sin debt, Thank you for giving me Eternal Life. If any of us rejects this offer of Love, God has no choice but to give you what you choose. I pray you choose heaven through Jesus and not Hell through anything else. Trust me when I say you will not have a Great Day! if you choose wrongly!

7. Great Day! Does anyone think about the truth of America's founding? Did you know that the Declaration of Independence was actually signed on July 2, 1776? Did you know that the continental Congress had a 3 hour prayer meeting before signing the Declaration? Did you know that George Washington was a Christian who would not lead his troops into battle until a prayer was offered asking for the Benevolence and Mercy of the Almighty God through Jesus Christ? Did you know that Washington told his troops if they did not want to pray, they could excuse themselves? Did you know that our first President had a vision and prophecy concerning the future of America? Did you know that in the vision he saw 3 major events? 1. America would prevail against England. 2. America would soon be divided and killing one another 3. A future event that caused millions of Americans to cry out. This Vision took place before engaging the British. Two of his prophecies came to pass, only 1 remains. Our founding fathers were inspired men. God's hand print is all over this country's founding. This 4<sup>th</sup> of July maybe we could spend some time studying the truth about America. Maybe we could call on our Creator. 2Ch 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 83% of Americans profess to be Christian. We need a revival in America. We need Truth in America. We need repentance in America. Without this we may not have too many more Great Days!

8. Great Day! The Lord's return is close, are you ready? I was pondering how many people are truly ready for Jesus return. It appears, unless I am spiritually blind, most Christians say they are ready but the way they are living indicates they

are not. Let me explain. We who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ should be living Godly, Holy lives in the presence of the ungodly as a testimony against fleshly lives. We who profess Christ should not be ashamed if Jesus were to return this instant. If Jesus were to show up un-expectantly would you be ashamed at what you did the night before? Would you be ashamed if He caught you watching a questionable movie? A somewhat degrading immoral song? Would you be apt to tell Him; just a minute I have a few things to take care of before I am ready? My friends Jesus already knows what goes on when no one is watching. His return is so close I can hear the Angels preparing to blow the last Trumpet. Matthew 24:37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Are you truly ready? I hope and pray so, for when He does it will be too late for repentance. Great Day what a day it will be when we all see Jesus!!!

9. Great Day! Does anyone believe the Bible any more? I was talking with some people not long ago and the topic turned into a discussion of what happens when we die. One of the ladies said I don't care what the Bible says, God would not send good people to Hell. My answer to her statement was Hell is filling up with good people and Heaven is filling up with sinners. The Bible is clear that know one is good enough to escape Hell. Because know one is good. Romans 3:10-12 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." On the flip side sinners are going to Heaven. Let me explain. People who think they are good enough will never admit they are in need of Salvation. I am a good person. I have never killed anyone. I am a spiritual person. This is what a person who thinks they are good will tell themselves to their own Eternal destruction! But people who know they are sinful will admit they need a Savior. I know I have many sins, I have lied, stolen, coveted, lusted in my heart, said God's last name is damn, I have not but God first in my life etc. This is the open confession of someone who knows they are in need of Salvation and will cry out Mercy. What does Jesus teach? Luke 18:9-14 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men-- robbers, evildoers, adulterers-- or even like this tax collector.

I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." If you need Salvation and want to have a Great Day for Eternity, just ask Jesus to save you, He will you know.

10. Great Day! I am so humbled by the power of the Holy Spirit. Common sense is dead in Washington, political institutions, Democrat and Republican and any other. They must make us think that common sense is dead. That is how they control us. But wait a minute, Common sense cannot be dead for it has been believed since the beginning of time that everyone has a sense to then of Right and Wrong. You know what is right and what is wrong don t you? Sure you do. Is murder wrong? Is stealing wrong? Is lying wrong? Is Adultery wrong? There is always going to be politicians who will try and take Moral issues and make them political. Common sense comes from God therefore it cannot be dead. Every time we violate our conscience (common sense) we fill guilty and immediately we know it, don t we? Yes it is true. So why do we do things that are wrong anyway? The answer lies in the word conscience. Lets break it down. The prefix (con- means with) (science - means knowledge). So everything we do whether right or wrong we do it with knowledge. We all make decisions everyday. There is no grey, only right decisions and wrong decisions. When we make wrong decisions the Holy Spirit speaks to our conscience. Trust me, we will make much better decisions if we listen to our common since (conscience). Every decision we make has consequences to them, think about it. So if you want to have a Great Day tomorrow decide the right thing!! John 16:13-15 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. And John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

11. Great Day! Is it me or our these perilous times? 2Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of

God having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. WOW the Bible is right after all! There is no way any of us should deny the truth of this passage of Scripture, is there? This passage lays out that the conditions in the world would be like this just before the Return of Jesus Christ. By the way the Last days are here. I admit that these conditions have always been in the world, but Jesus said. Mt 24:8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. Birth pains of His coming again. Now what are birth pains? Everyone knows that a pregnant woman has birth pains up until she delivers the baby. The pains increase in number and intensity. I think you will agree that in your lifetime immorality (Sin) has increased exponentially and people will not repent, or turn away from sin, as they know they should. So if you want to have a Great Day and enjoy a relationship with Jesus do not find yourself in this list of birth pains.

12. Great Day am I going to get in trouble with someone with this article, and I am excited! I had an interesting week which was climaxed by a message the Lord laid on my heart. It would do each of us well to listen up. Starting last Monday and proceeding all week I have been seeing articles in news week magazine, the local State paper, USA today and News Max. Each of these were talking about homosexuality. You know men sleeping with men, woman sleeping with woman with no thoughts of shame or remorse. The news week offered a story about a gay man who says he worships the Lord Jesus and is proud of his sexuality. WHAT! That s right, proud he is homosexual. But the most revealing article was found on news max. A gay man is suing two Bible publishing house. Zondervan and Thomas Nelson. Zondervan and Nelson publishes the NIV (New International version) and the NASB ( New American Standard Bible)and the NKJV (New King James Version). All three versions say the same thing. 1Corinthians 6:9 and 10 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. What part is so offensive? It is obvious, the part that you or this guy is actively participating. There are several more verses in the Old and New Testament that address these same SINS. If you think you can have a relationship with Christ and still live in sin you are a liar, and must turn from your sin. Listen 1John 3:6 No one who lives in him (Christ) keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him. If you or anyone is living like there is no Hell, you had better be right! Is sin so luscious that you will burn in hell for it? Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce !!! There is no sin for which it is worth your while to be damned. If this homosexual man wins this law suit, others will follow. These

publishing houses will be sewed out of business. The drunkards, thieves, slanderers will soon follow in law suits. If you Love Jesus and the Bible then preach the Truth even when it hurts, and pray for America. God save us in Christ Name! P.S. Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

13. Great Day! Listen to the Truth:

The teaching of Christ is more excellent than all the advice of the saints, and he who has His spirit will find in it a hidden manna. Now, there are many who hear the Gospel often but care little for it because they have not the spirit of Christ. Yet whoever wishes to understand fully the words of Christ must try to pattern his whole life on that of Christ.

These are the words of THOMAS E. KEMPIS. What good does it do to speak learnedly about the Trinity if, lacking humility, you displease the Trinity? Indeed it is not learning that makes a man holy and just, but a virtuous life makes him pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and the principles of all the philosophers if we live without grace and the love of God? Vanity of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone. We are all born physically alive but spiritually dead. Know one can understand the deep things of God unless a person is born again from above. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but Spirit gives birth to spirit. You want to have a deeply fulfilling life? Money can't buy it, things can't provide it, relationships with other people cannot replace it, and intellect cannot understand it. What am I talking about? KNOW Christ and be fulfilled. KNOW ABOUT Christ and continue to be empty. You want to be blessed or happy? Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

If this is your desire, have a Great Day. If not, Why?

14. Great Day! What a men's fellowship meeting tonight. A man who is not a speaker or preacher gave a personal testimony of how Jesus changed his life from a porno addict to a Christian. His verse was from 2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if

anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Wow what a testimony. This got me to thinking about the word fellowship. What does true fellowship mean? In the New Testament the word fellowship appears 18 times. The Greek word for fellowship is koinonia which means literally, participation and can also mean communication. So I would like to offer a hand of fellowship to any who would participate in sharing a testimony of how Jesus has changed your life. I can personally testify for hours of how Jesus has touched my life, but what about you? Has He touched your life? Will you share? No one will criticize because it is your personal testimony. I will be a Great Day for me and you if you share.

#### 15. Great Day! We all need to **AVOID FALSE HOPE AND PRIDE**

VAIN is the man who puts his trust in men, in created things. Thomas E. Kempis

Do not be ashamed to serve others for the love of Jesus Christ and to seem poor in this world. Do not be self-sufficient but place your trust in God. Do what lies in your power and God will aid your good will. Put no trust in your own learning nor in the cunning of any man, but rather in the grace of God Who helps the humble and humbles the proud.

If you have wealth, do not glory in it, nor in friends because they are powerful, but in God Who gives all things and Who desires above all to give Himself. Do not boast of personal stature or of physical beauty, qualities which are marred and destroyed by a little sickness. Do not take pride in your talent or ability, lest you displease God to Whom belongs all the natural gifts that you have.

Do not think yourself better than others lest, perhaps, you be accounted worse before God Who knows what is in man. Do not take pride in your good deeds, for God's judgments differ from those of men and what pleases them often displeases Him. If there is good in you, see more good in others, so that you may remain humble. It does no harm to esteem yourself less than anyone else, but it is very harmful to think yourself better than even one. The humble live in continuous peace, while in the hearts of the proud are envy and frequent anger. Jesus said Luke 14:11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." And again Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. If we simply humble ourselves, God will lift us up and give us many Great Days!

16. Great Day is God angry! Romans 1:18-32 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-- his eternal power and divine nature-- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-- who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.

In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-- even Jesus. This is the Truth! If you are living as if there is no God or Hell you had better be right! If you do not believe this, it does not change the fact the it is true. Turn to Jesus and have a Great Day or wait to find out there is a Hell.

17. IT IS a very great thing to obey, to live under a superior and not to be one's own master, for it is much safer to be subject than it is to command. Many live in obedience more from necessity than from love. Such become

discontented and dejected on the slightest pretext; they will never gain peace of mind unless they subject themselves wholeheartedly for the love of God. Go where you may, you will find no rest except in humble obedience to the rule of authority. Dreams of happiness expected from change and different places have deceived many. Everyone, it is true, wishes to do as he pleases and is attracted to those who agree with him. But if God be among us, we must at times give up our opinions for the blessings of peace. Furthermore, who is so wise that he can have full knowledge of everything? Do not trust too much in your own opinions, but be willing to listen to those of others. If, though your own be good, you accept another's opinion for love of God, you will gain much more merit; for I have often heard that it is safer to listen to advice and take it than to give it. It may happen, too, that while one's own opinion may be good, refusal to agree with others when reason and occasion demand it, is a sign of pride and obstinacy. Therefore listen to others even critics, you may find a nugget of truth even though you did not find it pleasing. In doing so you may find the voice of God.. Have a Great Day!!

**18. GREAT DAY! RESISTING TEMPTATION IS HARD.** SO LONG as we live in this world we cannot escape suffering and temptation. Whence it is written in Job: "The life of man upon earth is a warfare." Everyone, therefore, must guard against temptation and must watch in prayer lest the devil, who never sleeps but goes about seeking whom he may devour, find occasion to deceive him. No one is so perfect or so holy but he is sometimes tempted; man cannot be altogether free from temptation. Yet temptations, though troublesome and severe, are often useful to a man, for in them he is humbled, purified, and instructed. The saints all passed through many temptations and trials to profit by them, while those who could not resist became reprobate and fell away. There is no state so holy, no place so secret that temptations and trials will not come. Man is never safe from them as long as he lives, for they come from within us -- in sin we were born. When one temptation or trial passes, another comes; we shall always have something to suffer because we have lost the state of original blessedness. Many people try to escape temptations, only to fall more deeply. We cannot conquer simply by fleeing, but by patience and true humility we become stronger than all our enemies. The man who only shuns temptations outwardly and does not uproot them will make little progress; indeed they will quickly return, more violent than before. Little by little, in patience and long-suffering you will overcome them, by the help of God rather than by severity and your own rash ways. Often take counsel when tempted; and do

not be harsh with others who are tempted, but console them as you yourself would wish to be consoled. The beginning of all temptation lies in a wavering mind and little trust in God, for as a rudderless ship is driven hither and yon by waves, so a careless and irresolute man is tempted in many ways. Fire tempers iron and temptation steels the just. Often we do not know what we can stand, but temptation shows us what we are. Above all, we must be especially alert against the beginnings of temptation, for the enemy is more easily conquered if he is refused admittance to the mind and is met beyond the threshold when he knocks. Be sure to never blame God. James 1:12-15 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Trust God to give you the victory over your temptations and sins through His Son Jesus Christ!

19. VERY soon your life here will end; consider, then, what may be in store for you elsewhere. Today we live; tomorrow we die and are quickly forgotten. Oh, the dullness and hardness of a heart which looks only to the present instead of preparing for that which is to come! Therefore, in every deed and every thought, act as though you were to die this very day. If you had a good conscience you would not fear death very much. It is better to avoid sin than to fear death. If you are not prepared today, how will you be prepared tomorrow? Tomorrow is an uncertain day; how do you know you will have a tomorrow? What good is it to live a long life when we amend that life so little? Indeed, a long life does not always benefit us, but on the contrary, frequently adds to our guilt. Would that in this world we had lived well throughout one single day. Many count up the years they have spent in religion but find their lives made little holier. If it is so terrifying to die, it is nevertheless possible that to live longer is more dangerous. Blessed is he who keeps the moment of death ever before his eyes and prepares for it every day. If you have ever seen a man die, remember that you, too, must go the same way. In the morning consider that you may not live till evening, and when evening comes do not dare to promise yourself the dawn. Be always ready, therefore, and so live that death will never take you unprepared. Many die suddenly and unexpectedly, for in the unexpected hour the Son of God will come. When that last moment arrives you will begin to have a quite different opinion of the life that is now entirely past

and you will regret very much that you were so careless and remiss. How happy and prudent is he who tries now in life to be what he wants to be found in death. Perfect contempt of the world, a lively desire to advance in virtue, a love for discipline, the works of penance, readiness to obey, self-denial, and the endurance of every hardship for the love of Christ, these will give a man great expectations of a happy death. Great Day it will be when I die in Christ Jesus!!

20. Great Day! WHEREVER you are, wherever you go, you are miserable unless you turn to God. So why be dismayed when things do not happen as you wish and desire? Is there anyone who has everything as he wishes? No - - neither I, nor you, nor any man on earth. There is no one in the world, be he Pope or king, who does not suffer trial and anguish. Who is the better off then? Surely, it is the man who will suffer something for God. Many unstable and weak-minded people say: "See how well that man lives, how rich, how great he is, how powerful and mighty." But you must lift up your eyes to the riches of heaven and realize that the material goods of which they speak are nothing. These things are uncertain and very burdensome because they are never possessed without anxiety and fear. Man's happiness does not consist in the possession of abundant goods; a very little is enough. How great is the frailty of human nature which is ever prone to evil! Today you confess your sins and tomorrow you again commit the sins which you confessed. One moment you resolve to be careful, and yet after an hour you act as though you had made no resolution. We have cause, therefore, because of our frailty and feebleness, to humble ourselves and never think anything great of ourselves. Through neglect we may quickly lose that which by God's grace we have acquired only through long, hard labor. What, eventually, will become of us who so quickly grow lukewarm? Woe to us if we presume to rest in peace and security when actually there is no true holiness in our lives. It would be beneficial for us, like good novices, to be instructed once more in the principles of a good life, to see if there be hope of amendment and greater spiritual progress in the future. But woe to those who know not their own misery, and greater woe to those who love this miserable and corruptible life. Some, indeed, can scarcely procure its necessities either by work or by begging; yet they love it so much that, if they could live here always, they would care nothing for the kingdom of God. How are you? Happy in misery? Joyful of leaving this life or happy to stay in misery? Great Day turn to God in Christ and find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.

21. Great Day! Why such hatred for Holiness? If your life to this moment had been full of honors and pleasures, what good would it do if at this instant you should die? All is vanity, therefore, except to love God and to serve Him alone. He who loves God with all his heart does not fear death or punishment or judgment or hell, because perfect love assures access to God. It is no wonder that he who still delights in sin fears death and judgment. It is good, however, that even if love does not as yet restrain you from evil, at least the fear of hell does. Or does it? The man who casts aside the fear of God cannot continue long in goodness but will quickly fall into the snares of the devil. Job 38:4 "Where were you when I(God) laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Proverbs 30:4 Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered up the wind in the hollow of his hands? Who has wrapped up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and the name of his son? Tell me if you know! Jesus!! John 3:12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven-- the Son of Man. There is no such thing as an Atheist, only fools and God-haters. If God does not exist then why do people hate Him? Men and women who love sin will never understand the things of God. They are monsters of iniquity!! Who are we as mere sinners to counsel the Almighty, Holy, Just and loving God? God's love is for those who Trust in His Son Jesus Christ. John 3:18-21 Whoever believes in him (Jesus Christ) is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." 1John 4:10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. So continue in your sins and find out the Justice of God (Hell) or Repent and find the Love of God!!!

22. JESUS has always many who love His heavenly kingdom, but few who bear His cross. He has many who desire consolation, but few who care for trial. He finds many to share His table, but few to take part in His fasting. All desire to be happy with Him; few wish to suffer anything for Him. Many follow Him to the breaking of bread, but few to the drinking of the chalice of His passion. Many revere His miracles; few approach the shame of the

Cross. Many love Him as long as they encounter no hardship; many praise and bless Him as long as they receive some comfort from Him. But if Jesus hides Himself and leaves them for a while, they fall either into complaints or into deep dejection. Those, on the contrary, who love Him for His own sake and not for any comfort of their own, bless Him in all trial and anguish of heart as well as in the bliss of consolation. Even if He should never give them consolation, yet they would continue to praise Him and wish always to give Him thanks. What power there is in pure love for Jesus -- love that is free from all self-interest and self-love! Do not those who always seek consolation deserve to be called mercenaries? Do not those who always think of their own profit and gain prove that they love themselves rather than Christ? Where can a man be found who desires to serve God for nothing? Rarely indeed is a man so spiritual as to strip himself of all things. And who shall find a man so truly poor in spirit as to be free from every creature? His value is like that of things brought from the most distant lands. If a man give all his wealth, it is nothing; if he do great penance, it is little; if he gain all knowledge, he is still far afield; if he have great virtue and much ardent devotion, he still lacks a great deal, and especially, the one thing that is most necessary to him. What is this one thing? That leaving all, he forsake himself, completely renounce himself, and give up all private affections. Then, when he has done all that he knows ought to be done, let him consider it as nothing, let him make little of what may be considered great; let him in all honesty call himself an unprofitable servant. For truth itself has said: "When you shall have done all these things that are commanded you, say: 'we are unprofitable servants.'" Then he will be truly poor and stripped in spirit, and with the prophet may say: "I am alone and poor." No one, however, is more wealthy than such a man; no one is more powerful, no one freer than he who knows how to leave all things and think of himself as the least of all. How about you? Do you love the cross of Christ? If not Why? Great Day He is Worthy!!

23. Great Day what a prayer!! O MOST kind, most loving Lord, Whom I now desire to receive with devotion, You know the weakness and the necessity which I suffer, in what great evils and vices I am involved, how often I am depressed, tempted, defiled, and troubled. To You I come for help, to You I pray for comfort and relief. I speak to Him Who knows all things, to Whom my whole inner life is manifest, and Who alone can perfectly comfort and help me. You know what good things I am most in need of and how poor I am in virtue. Behold I stand before You, poor and naked, asking Your grace and imploring Your mercy. Feed Your hungry beggar. Inflammé my coldness

with the fire of Your love. Enlighten my blindness with the brightness of Your presence. Turn all earthly things to bitterness for me, all grievance and adversity to patience, all lowly creation to contempt and oblivion. Raise my heart to You in heaven and suffer me not to wander on earth. From this moment to all eternity do You alone grow sweet to me, for You alone are my food and drink, my love and my joy, my sweetness and my total good. Let Your presence wholly inflame me, consume and transform me into Yourself, that I may become one spirit with You by the grace of inward union and by the melting power of Your ardent love. Suffer me not to go from You fasting and thirsty, but deal with me mercifully as You have so often and so wonderfully dealt with Your saints. What wonder if I were completely inflamed by You to die to myself, since You are the fire ever burning and never dying, a love purifying the heart and enlightening the understanding. Have your way most Comforting God in Jesus Name.

24. UNTIL God ordains otherwise, a man ought to bear patiently whatever he cannot correct in himself and in others. Consider it better thus -- perhaps to try your patience and to test you, for without such patience and trial your merits are of little account. Nevertheless, under such difficulties you should pray that God will consent to help you bear them calmly. If, after being admonished once or twice, a person does not amend, do not argue with him but commit the whole matter to God that His will and honor may be furthered in all His servants, for God knows well how to turn evil to good. Try to bear patiently with the defects and infirmities of others, whatever they may be, because you also have many a fault which others must endure. If you cannot make yourself what you would wish to be, how can you bend others to your will? We want them to be perfect, yet we do not correct our own faults. We wish them to be severely corrected, yet we will not correct ourselves. Their great liberty displeases us, yet we would not be denied what we ask. We would have them bound by laws, yet we will allow ourselves to be restrained in nothing. Hence, it is clear how seldom we think of others as we do of ourselves. If all were perfect, what should we have to suffer from others for God's sake? But God has so ordained, that we may learn to bear with one another's burdens, for there is no man without fault, no man without burden, no man sufficient to himself nor wise enough. Hence we must support one another, console one another, mutually help, counsel, and advise, for the measure of every man's virtue is best revealed in time of adversity -- adversity that does not weaken a man but rather shows what he is. May we all listen and obey Jesus. Matthew 7:1-5 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged,

and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. In context we should gain victory over our faults then we can help our fellow man with their faults without being self righteous. Have a Great Day!

25. BLESSED is he who appreciates what it is to love Jesus and who despises himself for the sake of Jesus. Give up all other love for His, since He wishes to be loved alone above all things. Affection for creatures is deceitful and inconstant, but the love of Jesus is true and enduring. He who clings to a creature will fall with its frailty, but he who gives himself to Jesus will ever be strengthened. Love Him, then; keep Him as a friend. He will not leave you as others do, or let you suffer lasting death. Sometime, whether you will or not, you will have to part with everything. Cling, therefore, to Jesus in life and death; trust yourself to the glory of Him who alone can help you when all others fail. Your Beloved is such that He will not accept what belongs to another -- He wants your heart for Himself alone, to be enthroned therein as King in His own right. If you but knew how to free yourself entirely from all creatures, Jesus would gladly dwell within you. You will find, apart from Him, that nearly all the trust you place in men is a total loss. Therefore, neither confide in nor depend upon a wind-shaken reed, for "all flesh is grass" and all its glory, like the flower of grass, will fade away. You will quickly be deceived if you look only to the outward appearance of men, and you will often be disappointed if you seek comfort and gain in them. If, however, you seek Jesus in all things, you will surely find Him. Likewise, if you seek yourself, you will find yourself -- to your own ruin. For the man who does not seek Jesus does himself much greater harm than the whole world and all his enemies could ever do. So do you love Jesus? If not why? Consider Him who died for us the best of friends. After all he invested His Love and Blood for us without cost on our part. If He has invested so much for us, why would He ever turn His back on us? Think about Loving Jesus!

26. The Truth about Christianity is a Right relationship with Our Creator! Without this relationship we gain nothing and that for Eternity. O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, how great is the happiness of the devout soul that feasts upon You at Your banquet, where there is set before her to be eaten no other

food but Yourself alone, her only Lover, most desired of all that her heart can desire! To me it would be happiness, indeed, to shed tears in Your presence from the innermost depths of love, and like the pious Magdalen to wash Your feet with them. But where now is this devotion, this copious shedding of holy tears? Certainly in Your sight, before Your holy angels, my whole heart ought to be inflamed and weep for joy. For, hidden though You are beneath another form, I have You truly present in the Sacrament. My eyes could not bear to behold You in Your own divine brightness, nor could the whole world stand in the splendor of the glory of Your majesty. In veiling Yourself in the Sacrament, therefore, You have regard for my weakness. In truth, I possess and adore Him Whom the angels adore in heaven -- I as yet by faith, they face to face unveiled. I must be content with the light of the true faith and walk in it until the day of eternal brightness dawns and the shadow of figures passes away. When, moreover, that which is perfect shall have come, the need of sacraments shall cease, for the blessed in heavenly glory need no healing sacrament. Rejoicing endlessly in the presence of God, beholding His glory face to face, transformed from their own brightness to the brightness of the ineffable Deity, they taste the Word of God made flesh, as He was in the beginning and will remain in eternity. Though mindful of these wonderful things, every spiritual solace becomes wearisome to me because so long as I do not plainly see the Lord in His glory, I consider everything I hear and see on earth of little account. You are my witness, O God, that nothing can comfort me, no creature give me rest but You, my God, Whom I desire to contemplate forever. But this is not possible while I remain in mortal life, and, therefore, I must be very patient and submit myself to You in every desire. Even Your saints, O Lord, who now rejoice with You in the kingdom of heaven, awaited the coming of Your glory with faith and great patience while they lived. What they believed, I believe. What they hoped for, I hope for, and whither they arrived, I trust I shall come by Your grace. Meanwhile I will walk in faith, strengthened by the example of the saints. I shall have, besides, for comfort and for the guidance of my life, the holy Books, and above all these, Your most holy Body for my special haven and refuge. I feel there are especially necessary for me in this life two things without which its miseries would be unbearable. Confined here in this prison of the body I confess I need these two, food and light. Therefore, You have given me in my weakness Your sacred Flesh to refresh my soul and body, and You have set Your word as the guiding light for my feet. Without them I could not live aright, for the word of God is the light of my soul and Your Sacrament is the Bread of Life. These also may be called the two tables, one here, one there, in the treasure house

of holy Church. One is the table of the holy altar, having the holy Bread that is the precious Body of Christ. The other is the table of divine law, containing holy doctrine that teaches all the true faith and firmly leads them within the veil, the Holy of holies. Thanks to You, Lord Jesus, Light of eternal light, for the table of Your holy teaching which You have prepared for us by Your servants, the prophets and Apostles and other learned men. Thanks to You, Creator and Redeemer of men, Who, to declare Your love to all the world, have prepared a great supper in which You have placed before us as food not the lamb, the type of Yourself, but Your own most precious Body and Blood, making all the faithful glad in Your sacred banquet, intoxicating them with the chalice of salvation in which are all the delights of paradise; and the holy angels feast with us but with more happiness and sweetness. Oh, how great and honorable is the office of the priest, to whom is given the consecration of the Lord of majesty in sacred words, whose lips bless Him, whose hands hold Him, whose tongue receives Him, and whose ministry it is to bring Him to others! Oh, how clean those hands should be, how pure the lips, how sanctified the body, how immaculate the heart of the priest to whom the Author of all purity so often comes. No word but what is holy, none but what is good and profitable ought to come from the lips of the priest who so often receives the Sacrament of Christ. Single and modest should be the eyes accustomed to looking upon the Body of Christ. Pure and lifted up to heaven the hands accustomed to handle the Creator of heaven and earth. To priests above all it is written in the law: "Be ye holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." Let Your grace, almighty God, assist us, that we who have undertaken the office of the priesthood may serve You worthily and devoutly in all purity and with a good conscience. And if we cannot live as innocently as we ought, grant us at least to lament duly the wrongs we have committed and in the spirit of humility and the purpose of a good will to serve You more fervently in the future.

27. Great Day there are going to be some very surprised people when Christ soon returns! Especially people who are living double lives. Those who say they are Christians and are still living in sin needs to be warned. Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. Is the Bible lying? Proverb 30:5-6 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

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appraisive? I think not! Just Repent of your sins. Turn your back upon them. Go and sin no more!!! Jesus have mercy on me a sinner is a good place to start. By the way if this did not bother you, than either you are truly without hope or you have already repented and are Trusting in Jesus.

28. If you were to open your spiritual eyes for a moment I would like to share some Prophecy. This past week was very interesting. We saw economic turmoil in our country that compares if not exceeds that of the Great Depression. The politicians in Washington have literally put our country up for sale. The Globalization of our economy and safety is almost totally complete. We are now dependant on other nations for stability. Our politicians have sold our country to Nations who despise us and would rather see us pass away, never to be heard of again! In my short lifetime I have seen the very foundation of our Constitutional Republic crumble. If a Nation rejects God and the Morals sent by Him, namely the Ten Commandments, then He will reject that Nation. We live in a society that thinks we get our freedom from Government and not God. Look at who is in power in our Government. Politicians are elected by the people. People always vote for politicians who closely represents their own beliefs. I know from personal experience that sometimes we have to choose the lesser of two evils. We live in a society that is ok with religion as long as it is not Christianity. You utter the name of Jesus and immediately you will have opposition. Anyone can pray to any Deity except for Jesus. We live in a society that thinks it is ok to murder unborn babies(48 million since 1973). A society that thinks homosexuality is an alternative life style. We should know from Scripture, if we have no foundation, we will fall. The Constitution is clear as to where our freedom come from. Human rights comes from our Creator. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are the foundation. Without God there is no freedom or a foundation. We see America fading from power. If you do not believe this than let me ask you, can a Nation without finances have any power to police the World? Does America have any credit in the World? America is not only Morally bankrupt but is broke. America has 52 Trillion dollars in debt. America is not found in Scripture as being a World power before the Return of Christ. America is now controlled by men and women who want us to be one with the World. They want one global economy, one global religion and one global leader. Sound familiar? The Bible says, Revelation 13:14-18 Because of the signs he was given power to do on behalf of the first beast, he deceived the inhabitants of the earth. He ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. He was

given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that it could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man's number. His number is 666. This week the United Nations said that there needs to be one global currency and one global leader. China came out this week and said there definitely needs to be a global currency. We are seeing this prophecy coming more in focus. The anti-christ does not gain power through military might but through economics. The Bible is before its time. It tells us what is going to happen before hand. Yesterdays prophecies, today s headlines. Wow what a time to be alive and living for Jesus. Are you ready for the Return of Jesus? If not get ready. Ask Him to forgive you and save you. Repent of your sins and Trust in His Death on the Cross and His Resurrection from the dead. Revelation 22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

28. These are two articles I saw in USA Today. I just have a question for you and myself. What do you stand for? I know what the Bible says concerning the Godless, wicked and desperately evil world (people, politics, culture etc.). I also know that Jesus warned His followers that before He returns there would be an increase of wickedness. Matthew 24:10-13 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. I am going to share my heart with you if you will give me a moment. I know that many if not all who read this will probably say Amen, but it is always good to test the waters. Great Day there are going to be some very surprised people when Christ soon returns! Especially people who are living double lives. Those who say they are Christians and are still living in sin needs to be warned. Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. Is the Bible lying? Proverb 30:5-6 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar. Will you change the

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New Bible has a 'green' theme

By Cathy Lynn Grossman, USA TODAY

A new edition of the Bible sets out to show that the seeds of environmentalism were first sown in the Garden of Eden.

Just as "red letter" Bibles highlight the words of Jesus in red ink, The Green Bible, in stores this week, uses green ink to spotlight more than 1,000 passages extolling the goodness of creation and God's charge to mankind to care for it. The first chapter of Genesis is grass green, as are big chunks of Psalms and threads through every book including the Gospels, where Jesus considers the lilies of the field and keeps his eye on the sparrow. Publisher HarperOne uses the New Revised Standard Translation of the Bible to present the earth-loving book printed with soy ink on recycled paper and bound in eco-friendly linen.

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Where other Bibles have theological analysis, The Green Bible has essays by conservationists and theologians who link its calls to compassion, love and brotherhood to eco-concerns. It concludes with a reading guide tracking environmental themes throughout the Bible.

The Humane Society of the United States is distributing copies at upcoming events for its All Creatures Great and Small campaign to promote moral awareness of the treatment of animals on the farm or in the family home as pets. A national survey by Baylor University in Waco, Texas, released in September, found most religious people of all denominations agreed that "dramatic" changes were needed to prevent further damage to the earth, air and living creatures. However, those who said they had no religion were 12 to 15 percentage points stronger in their view that mankind must step up on stewardship. Also, evangelical Protestants were consistently less likely to

agree on any of the environmental issues than other Christian groups. "We need a Bible like this," says Rev. Richard Cizik, vice president of the National Association of Evangelicals, who has led the group into environmental activism. "I've traveled the country for two years now speaking at college chapel services. I ask, 'Has anyone here ever heard a sermon at their home church on the stewardship of creation?' Rarely does even one hand go up." Environmentalism faces hurdles among evangelicals, Cizik says, citing suspicions that it is "liberal-leftist" or "witchy-pagan," or that it leans to government regulation. Another hurdle: "Dominionism — the idea that God gave this to us and we can do what we darn well please. "When people tell me, Jesus never talked about the environment, I say, God says, 'Love your neighbor,' not drown him in melting sea ice," Cizik says.

However, this newest Green Bible is not the first. A 1993 book also called *The Green Bible*, co-authored by religious studies expert Stephen Scharper and anthropologist Hilary Cunningham, has no green ink but has the same intentions. It intertwines ecology and ecumenism by drawing quotes from a wide range of sacred texts, saints, poets and scientists, says Scharper, who teaches on social movements in the University of Toronto's Centre for Environment. "We wanted to address the tension between Biblically based Christians and environmentally based Christians and to show the corresponding views of other faith and humanist traditions with quotes from the Dalai Lama, Gandhi and others," says Scharper.

### Liberty to allow gay group to visit campus

By Ashley Gipson, Religion News Service

WASHINGTON — The Soulforce 2008 Equality Ride, a nationwide bus tour that promotes acceptance for gays and lesbians on Christian college campuses, will start this year's tour with a Wednesday visit to Liberty University — the first time the group will be allowed on campus.

In 2006, more than 20 Equality Ride activists were arrested for attempting to enter Liberty's campus to donate gay-affirming Christian books to the library. This year's visit will mark the group's first visit to Liberty since Jerry Falwell Jr. assumed leadership after the death of his father. Riders say they hope the campus' zeal for politics will allow open conversation about "faith and fairness," they said. "We are in contact with Liberty students who have been

waiting for the Equality Ride to return," said Katie Higgins, Equality Ride's co-director. Liberty officials have indicated that they will not plan opportunities for dialogue, but they will not ban the Equality Riders from speaking with students and donating materials to the university, according to a statement released by Soulforce. "If the administration would rather not talk about safety and quality of life for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, the students themselves are another story," Soulforce said. This year's tour will target more seminaries than earlier campaigns. The Equality Riders will host forums, participate in panel discussions, and engage in community service opportunities to reach out to the students. "We bring hope to students who fear expulsion or other sanctions just for being themselves," said Higgins. "We tell them God loves them just as they are, and we speak up for a community where everyone can learn without fear." Johnnie Moore, Liberty's spiritual programs director, declined to comment about the Equality Riders coming to campus.

29. I WILL bring witness against myself to my injustice, and to You, O Lord, I will confess my weakness. 1John 1:8-10 "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. Often it is a small thing that makes me downcast and sad. I propose to act bravely, but when even a small temptation comes I find myself in great straits. Sometimes it is the merest trifle which gives rise to grievous temptations. When I think myself somewhat safe and when I am not expecting it, I frequently find myself almost overcome by a slight wind. Look, therefore, Lord, at my lowliness and frailty which You know so well. Have mercy on me and snatch me out of the mire that I may not be caught in it and may not remain forever utterly despondent. That I am so prone to fall and so weak in resisting my passions oppresses me frequently and confounds me in Your sight. While I do not fully consent to them, still their assault is very troublesome and grievous to me, and it wearies me exceedingly thus to live in daily strife. Yet from the fact that abominable fancies rush in upon me much more easily than they leave, my weakness becomes clear to me. Oh that You, most mighty God of Israel, zealous Lover of faithful souls, would consider the labor and sorrow of Your servant, and assist him in all his undertakings! Strengthen me with heavenly courage lest the outer man, the miserable flesh, against which I shall be obliged to fight so long as I draw a breath in this wretched life and

which is not yet subjected to the spirit, prevail and dominate me. Alas! What sort of life is this, from which troubles and miseries are never absent, where all things are full of snares and enemies? For when one trouble or temptation leaves, another comes. Indeed, even while the first conflict is still raging, many others begin unexpectedly. How is it possible to love a life that has such great bitterness, that is subject to so many calamities and miseries? Indeed, how can it even be called life when it begets so many deaths and plagues? And yet, it is loved, and many seek their delight in it. Many persons often blame the world for being false and vain, yet do not readily give it up because the desires of the flesh have such great power. Some things draw them to love the world, others make them despise it. The lust of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life lead to love, while the pains and miseries, which are the just consequences of those things, beget hatred and weariness of the world. Vicious pleasure overcomes the soul that is given to the world. She thinks that there are delights beneath these thorns, because she has never seen or tasted the sweetness of God or the internal delight of virtue. They, on the other hand, who entirely despise the world and seek to live for God under the rule of holy discipline, are not ignorant of the divine sweetness promised to those who truly renounce the world. They see clearly how gravely the world errs, and in how many ways it deceives.

30. Now for opinion! Are you voting for Obama? Are you voting for McCain? I preached a message last Sunday about Spiritual Warfare. I have never seen such Demonic deceit in my 41 years. This political season has brought attention to the fact that America is lost! America is putting its faith in Politicians who quite frankly can not seem to find their way to the Alter of humility. Jesus Christ is Savior not Obama. Obama did not pay for your sins on the Cross, neither did McCain. But yet America has forgotten its reliance upon Almighty God. God gives us Freedom not Obama. God gives us Morality, not Government. God gives us the right to Life (not choice of abortion, Obama) Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. Read the Constitution for yourself, then read the Bible! Obama has said if elected to office one of his first bills he would sign is the FOCA bill. Freedom of choice act. Which will be the most barbaric abortion bill since Roe V. Wade in 1973. Obama will also be passing Hate crimes legislation as well. Hate crimes will give the Government the right to prosecute people who speak out against Immoral lifestyles choices such as Homosexuality, abortion, drug abuse etc. Obama will be coming after your guns as well as the Churches who still Preach the Full Council of God's Word. Obama's

administration will be trying to shut the mouths of any opposing position. My choice in the election is simply pick the lesser of two evils. McCain has always been Pro life, Obama as always been Pro Choice. McCain believes Life begins at conception and babies have and should have all the protection and rights provided as any other human being Created in the Image of God. Obama does not. McCain believes Marriage should be between one man and one woman. Homosexual rights or redefining marriage has been the theme of Obama. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ and are still thinking about voting for Obama, let me ask a question. Where in God s Word will you find Homosexuality as an equally acceptable lifestyle than marriage between one man and one woman? Where in the Words of Jesus will you find that people have a choice to decide wether or not a baby is a human, or simply a piece of flesh that can be conveniently disregarded? My friends you will not find either of these Moral not political issues in the Bible that are freedoms for man to decide. Obama sounds like a Godly man but knows not Jesus of the Bible. The Bible says a tree(person)is known by its fruit . The fruit of Obama is evil, sinful and ungodly. My words are not judging Obama, but God s Word is judging Obama. I am only a fruit inspector. Read Romans 1:18- 32 and you will find what Obama and most Liberals believe, which is contrary to God s Word . Also read Ephesians 5. McCain is not the Savior. He is the lesser of two evils. Just an opinion. I hope you will inspect the fruit of the two politicians and make the right Moral choice.