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repent of their sins and believe on Him. And He had the power to forgive their sins. On the cross, He bore the sins of all who would believe. He promised, after His death, He would send the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. He gave us the Bible as the guide to teach us truth. It is His inherent word. A real Christian realizes that Jesus will return again and that one day everyone will have to give an account of their lives. For believers they will receive eternal life with Christ. For the unbeliever, there is hell and eternal separation from Christ.

Unlike in today's courts, where the accused is always advised not to speak on their behalf, the Christian must be ready to give an account. The Christian must present the concrete evidence of being

a Christian. These are the beliefs necessary to convict a person for being a Christian. The Cornerstone is committed to bringing you the truth of God's word to equip and prepare you for the work of the Lord. We are dedicated to teaching the truth of God's word. We are here to help you see and avoid the deception. Thank you for allowing us to be here for all who have ears to hear in our community.




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Be Not Deceived by Bill Powell



I don't know about you but it seems to be getting harder and harder, when listening to the news, to discern who is telling the truth. I believe much of what is disseminated is

smoke and mirrors to divert us from the truth. A popular pastime for many today is zombies. Being attacked by zombies is the rave. Actually, I think we aren't going to be attacked by zombies; we are going to be attacked by straw men. It seems that many are fooled by diversions leading us away from the actual facts. Scapegoats and false accusations rule the day.

Years ago, I remember someone used to say, "As long as they are talking bad about you, they are leaving me alone." So through lies, deception and pointing the finger at others, many live in what they think is a hedge of protection. We should live by truth. The scripture tells us the truth will set you free.

Jesus said we are to be sanctified by truth; His word is truth. Let's not fall for the clever tricks the world throws at us with a lot of smoke and mirrors that mask or hide the truth. We should not be so quick to point our fingers. As the old saying goes, "When I point my finger at you, I have three pointing back at me." Search for truth in all that you do and be careful to not be deceived. I believe the masses are deceived. They have been tricked, bamboozled and hornswoggled. As Christians, we should not be surprised since the scriptures warn us that many will be deceived.

"...while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom

you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Tim. 3:13-17)

I have a question we should all ask ourselves. Am I a real Christian? Are there areas where I am being deceived? If you were arrested for being a Christian would they have enough evidence to convict you? You may say I go to church. I have been baptized. I listen to The Cornerstone and I am basically a good person. Well, that is just circumstantial evidence. I dare say, for too many, these things are just smoke and mirrors. You might say, "Look at my fruit," which we should! Maybe you even say "I have been a Sunday school teacher for 20 years and have belonged to this church for 30." This is more circumstantial evidence, admissible but not enough.

Many say, "I believe in Jesus," but which Jesus? For some, Jesus is just a straw man, not the Lord of their life. For some, He is a genie, and for too many, a cuss word.

Real Christians believe Jesus is God and that they are sinners in need of forgiveness. Without that forgiveness, there is no hope for eternal life with Him. Real Christians believe that He came to this earth as the God-man born of a virgin and lived a perfect life. He left us an example that we should follow in His steps. He died on the Cross by the hands of those who were deceived and thought they were the true followers of God. He said He would accept all that would come to Him and

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Dining Discounts and Soul Food by Edie Schmidt



I bought a Groupon last month. (That's one of those coupons for a big discount.) It was to a restaurant I had visited twenty years ago. I don't recall my first impression but it was apparently enough to keep me from a single visit in two decades. Numerous people I know say they regularly eat there and seem to love the place. The parking lot is always full. After all this time, I thought, since it's still in business, maybe I should give it another try. My adult son, Josh and my baby Erin accompanied me. Two feet inside the door, I began hating it. Everything looked old, faded and unattractive. There was a wait. I tried to let that reassure me. Finally, we were seated. The dining area was no better. Cigarette smoke kept drifting in from somewhere. I tried to tell myself they weren't actually smoking in the kitchen. They only offered one green vegetable and the server said it "didn't look good." Josh, who is adept at reading me, began to laugh. "Are you going to make it?" he chuckled. Determined to see this through, I ordered. While I waited I tried to determine if the place was actually dirty or if it just felt dirty because everything was so old, worn and mismatched. At last, the food arrived. It was

good. It wasn't amazing but for what I had paid, it was good. I asked Josh. His was also good. At the end of the meal, I said "I enjoyed our dinner." He said, "Me too." I said, "I'm never coming back." He replied, "Neither am I." And we both laughed at the oddity of those sentences together.

It's a fact; the same type of restaurant, church and even radio station doesn't appeal to everyone equally. We all have different backgrounds, preferences and experiences that make a place feel comfortable or uncomfortable. At The Cornerstone, we realize this. That's one of the reasons we offer our listeners a selection. While our FM stations provide a mix of the latest and formerly chart worthy inspirational Christian music plus teaching programs, we also offer an AM station. WMFJ 1450 AM plays hymns, sacred music and inspirational instrumentals, plus lots and lots of teaching programs, including your favorites from days gone by. Both bring you local teachers so you can acquaint yourself with some of the local churches. Both bring you top nationally known speakers and both are part of The Cornerstone's listener-supported family of radio stations. Next time you're not feeling at home on one of our stations, we invite you to check out another. And we are confident you will find great food for your soul at any of our locations on the dial - no coupon needed.

Relevancy of the Word by Chris Johnson



Have you ever gone camping only to realize that you forgot your flashlight? Or worse, maybe you brought your light but while walking down a dark path the batteries went dead and there you stood in the middle of nowhere surrounded by the sounds of the night. Kind of unnerving, isn't it? Sadly, I'm convinced that more and more people today are forgetting their spiritual flashlight. The battle for the sufficiency of the Bible is in full force an onslaught of attacks as to its "relevancy" to our daily lives abound. This is no new battle mind you. This is just another attempt since the fall of man to downplay God's Word and draw our attention to more up-to-date methods of receiving direction. The problem with that is God has ordained His Word to be the source of our instruction for everything pertaining to life and godliness. He has spoken clearly to His people and we are blessed beyond measure to hold in our hands multiple copies of the Scriptures. Too often, however, these copies lay gathering dust while we read the latest "how to" book on life. Friends, we will be held accountable for what we do with the time we've been given on earth. We who belong to Christ are called to love His word and obey His word and we can do neither if we continue to find ourselves distracted by the myriad of diversions this world has to offer. Discipline is an essential character trait in every person's life, and that's never truer than with our study of Scripture. No wonder we are often caught up in whirlwinds of anxiety and confusion not knowing what to do or where to turn when we fail to sit at the feet of our Lord and learn His ways. If we are to be faithful followers, we must first be faithful hearers and doers of our Master. Never give in to any temptation to shelve the Word for something "greater." Resist the lazy call of our bodies to be sluggards in front of the world's entertainment at the expense of quality time invested for eternal good and lifetime value hearing and reading the Scripture. We will give account for our lives and how we spent each precious day in our journey. May our lives be marked by a love for our Lord and his Word!

Prayer Corner

Even though hurricane season officially begins June 1, August is when they traditionally start to really stir. Please pray for our area to be kept from the disaster a hurricane can bring. Pray for The Cornerstone's multiple towers and antennas that often serve as lightning rods. We have already lost some equipment and wiring, and we would ask for the Lord's protection.



The summer has again flown by and children return to school this month. Pray for safety at bus stops and along school routes, and for Christian teachers to be emboldened and enabled to bring Christ back into the classrooms.

The Handiwork of God by Donna Bramlett



I want to tell you about a friend of mine. I will call her Sarah because she wouldn't want me to use her real name, but she is a very precious person. She has a disability, though it doesn't seem to slow her down at all. She makes her way all over town, serving and blessing and praying for people, and she can't even drive. Well, Sarah recently entered a contest that was offering big money to the winner, but Sarah wasn't looking to become rich, or buy a big TV, or go on a shopping spree. Sarah just

needs to get to church. The person who had been giving her and her friend a ride to church events for a long time is unable to do it anymore, and these friends are having to share a cab. You can imagine how this bites into her fixed income, but that doesn't deter Sarah. She is always ready to serve, and a taxi is the only way she has to do that.

But here is the best part. Sarah didn't win the contest. Instead, a pastor attending the event found out why Sarah wanted to win so badly. He had never met Sarah before, but in a very impromptu gesture, this pastor rallied everyone in the room, who also did not

know Sarah, and they came up with almost \$200 toward her transportation fund! This room full of Samaritans set down their lattes, dug in their pockets, and gave cheerfully to this need, and Sarah walked out a winner. In fact, everyone in the room walked out a winner, because of what they did for one of the least of these. Jesus used their hands to put His love into action.

I just wanted to share that little story with you because it blessed me so much. My heart smiles every time I think about it. God is so beautiful and kind and poetic, and I love the way He works!

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