

# **PREACHER HELPS by Evangelist Don Boys, Ph.D.**

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## **Economy: Changing the Churches for Good or Bad?**

Many forces influence our churches so it is no surprise that the present Depression has negatively affected the churches. I noticed it coming about five years ago as more and more churches cut back on protracted meetings. Many pastors told me they could not finance a meeting. Part of the reason is that there is so little commitment and enthusiasm they could not pull a crowd that would pay for meeting. Numerous other pastors told me that they never have any special speaker, even one of their missionaries! Not even on a Sunday!

Other churches have cut support for missionaries or have stopped taking on new missionaries and we had better really think that through. What impact will such action have on both the churches and the missionaries?

Still other churches have closed or scaled back their Christian school. Again, I hope they have considered the implications of this action. Before closing a school, I would first cut off all non-essentials such as Drivers' Ed, competitive sports, marching band, shop, even foreign languages, etc. Moreover, many schools are top heavy with administrators, counselors, office workers, etc.

One thing a church school can do is convert to an individualized curriculum such as ACE, Alpha and Omega, or Freedom Baptist Curriculum. In full disclosure, I was the founder and president of Freedom Baptist Curriculum now owned by Landmark Baptist Church in Haines City Florida. FBC can be used in a traditional or individualized setting at great savings. I have no financial interest in their church, college, or curriculum although I highly recommend them all.

Like many businesses, some schools have gone to a four-day week, thereby saving money on transportation, utility bills, etc.

Some pastors and associates have taken a large salary cut and are working at other jobs at least temporarily. I commend their willingness even as I question the wisdom of such action. Of course, they are better informed than I as to the wisdom of their actions.

Some churches eliminated their bus ministry especially after gas prices went to \$4.00 per gallon while still others stopped buying Sunday school material.

Still other churches have cut out services especially in locations where members drive many miles to the church. Three or four round trips each week cuts into the family budget. Other churches refuse to cut Sunday and Wednesday night from their schedule but some have changed their Sunday schedule to Sunday school, Morning Worship, and Pitch-in Lunch, followed by afternoon service then home for the day. Does God really care whether we meet at 1:30 or 6:30? This also provides the opportunity for members to get to know each other better with a lunch each week. Furthermore, some members who are really struggling will have an abundance of food once a week.

I would like to hear from pastors who have done some of the above cost cutting and others who have made other cuts. Please inform me as to problems you have experienced and any advantages. What mistakes have you made that others might be able to avoid? Did you wait too long to make the changes. Please contact me and I will read and evaluate each response. I'll pass on any good ideas and helpful information to thousands of other pastors.

## **Why Did Evangelicals Break Away From Fundamentalism?**

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Non-Catholic churches in America and Canada can be divided loosely into Modernists (who don't believe the Bible is the Word of God); Evangelicals (who claim to believe in the veracity of the Word but won't fight or even fuss about it); and Fundamentalists (who believe in the fundamentals of the Word of God and are accused of being mad at everyone else).

The title "fundamentalist" is taken from a series of 12 books published in 1910-1915 written by 65 leading Christian scholars; however, I believe that such Christians go back to the beginning of Christianity! All believers in the early churches were Fundamentalists until the Gnostics arrived! The early Christians simply believed in "the fundamentals," not only what is essential but what is important.

I gladly wear the badge of "Fundamentalist" because I have discovered in my life that these people are the finest, godliest, kindest, theologically sound, and most sincere people alive. Yes, we have had and will have a few scoundrels who have embarrassed Christianity but then that was true for Paul and the Corinthian church. The Bible commands us how to deal with public sinners; however, even many Fundamentalist churches usually refuse to follow that command. I'm still thrilled to be a Fundamentalist.

The Modernist-Fundamentalist battle raged back in the 40s and 50s when many mainline churches and seminaries, led by unbelieving pastors and professors, lost hundreds of churches to the Fundamentalist camp. Many of those Modernists confessed to be true Christians at their ordination and at the signing of doctrinal positions but were dishonest, only pretending to be Bible Christians. Some were so radical they climbed into bed with Communists!

The fat hit the fire in the late 40s when many dissatisfied Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, and a few others exposed the rabid unbelief and Communist influence in the churches, colleges, periodicals, seminaries, and mission boards. Error cannot survive with truth just as darkness cannot coexist with light. Over several years, courageous fundamentalist pastors left their church buildings, denominations, friends, pulpits, income, and retirement plans to begin anew in a hired hall or storefront church. It was a singular time in religious history to be compared, with a little hyperbole, to the Egyptian Exodus and the Protestant Reformation.

After the division, the issue was clear: we had unbelieving Modernists on one side and believing Fundamentalists on the other side. Then, in the late 40s and early 50s a formal schism happened when more liberal pastors pulled away from fundamentalism and became "New Evangelicals." The Fundamentalists preached strict adherence to Bible teaching that included a "coming out" principle. They taught that believers should "come out" from unbelieving organizations as many of them had done. Fundamentalists also taught that they must contend for the faith and exhort people to do the right thing at all times. They also preached what their critics thought was a little too much about Judgment and Hell to come.

Sometimes while preaching, Fundamentalists even took off their suit coat and rolled up their sleeves! Some even sweated profusely to the disgust of the sophisticated in their audience. It seems few want to be associated with the memory of an uncouth John the Baptist; after all, he lost his head. Most New Evangelicals don't have to worry about that. They do lose their senses, if not their composure, when they try to explain why they left their Fundamentalist roots.

Moreover, Fundamentalists preached that people who had been Born Again should live as if they had a new life. Christians were expected to tell the truth, be faithful to a spouse, obey the laws, pay their bills, live godly lives, and train their children to do the same. Some leaders went to extremes and made lists for members to follow. And yes, some things on the lists were silly with no scriptural support. Of course, that was exactly what the Jewish leaders did in Christ's day.

There was concern on the part of Evangelicals that Fundamentalists were not cognizant, concerned, or committed to social problems; however, Fundamentalists believed that their main message was Christ and His death and resurrection. They remembered the debacle in the 1920s when the social gospel was preached and Fundamentalists wanted to steer away from that deadly error.

A snooty Evangelical falsely charged that a Fundamentalist who "was prepared to even speak to a Roman Catholic was often considered liberal and fatally compromised." Intellectually speaking, that is poppycock and a generous portion of hogwash. In more than fifty years in Fundamentalist churches I have never been aware of that—nothing close to that. That's dishonesty.

Evangelicals were always embarrassed about Fundamentalists' "responsible militancy." Evangelicals only get militant opposing Fundamentalists! I have noticed that the leading Evangelicals are far more patient and kind to unbelievers than to Fundamentalists. Very strange, especially when Evangelicals speak and write so much about love and tolerance. But the love and tolerance do not go to Fundamentalists.

It's a fact: if a Christian is not militant, he is not a Bible-practicing person! Not mad, or malicious, or mean, but militant.

The accusation is made that Fundamentalists always insist on a literal interpretation of Scripture—even the metaphors and allegories. Nonsense, all Fundamentalists (even the dumbest among us) are aware that trees don't have hands to clap; however, we do believe that God is trying to tell us something with every Bible passage. Even non-seminarians know that the Bible contains poetry, parables, proverbs, and prophecies as well as history.

A true scholar asks, "What does God want me know about that passage?" Evangelicals may ask the same question, but after finding the truth of the Scripture, they refuse to obey it. With them, "love" is far more important than truth; however, truth without love is coldness and love without truth is corruption.

The fact is, we are to be Christians who love people, principle, and precepts.

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**We will be in Texas in October and need to book a meeting on the way there and on the way home to the Chattanooga area. So, if you are located in AL, MS, LA, or TX and want to use us, please contact me.**

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## **Biblical Christians Will Never Fit into Polite Society!**

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Evangelicals are usually very sensitive as to what people say and think about them whereas the driving force for Fundamentalists generally is not their perception by others, but their faithfulness to Scripture. Many years ago Evangelicals sold their souls for respectability. However, genuine Christians will **always** be persecuted and scorned as Paul wrote in I Cor. 4:13, "We are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." Evangelicals will polish all the liberal apples and "make a deal with the devil" to gain the favor and acceptance of polite society, seeking to fit in rather than follow the Scriptures.

In the late 40s, pastors who rejected strict Bible teaching associated with other pastors of the same opinion and began to disavow the term, "Fundamentalist." Some felt fundamentalism was a term of honor, but others decided it had become an embarrassment. These men, given the New Evangelical label, went their own way, started their own schools and journals, and moved to the top of Mount Olympus away from uncouth Fundamentalists. It started in 1947 with Carl F. Henry's book, *The Uneasy Conscience of Modern Fundamentalism* which strongly criticized Fundamentalist separation from unbelievers, so Evangelicals separated from Fundamentalists!

Soft Fundamentalists, called "New Evangelicals," got as uncomfortable as a dog in hot ashes when preachers or authors demanded separation from the world and from religious unbelief. Fundamentalists taught, "Come on out" while the New Evangelicals taught, "Stay in and fight." Two problems with that: it is disobedience to the Word and they didn't do any fighting. They talked but refused to fight. Compromising Evangelicals seldom barked and never bit anyone. Most Evangelical leaders are not toothless but they are spineless.

Dr. Harold Ockenga started the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) in 1947 as dissatisfaction was simmering throughout fundamental churches. Desiring to be known as "intellectuals," New Evangelicals ended up with pseudo-intellectualism. They started Fuller Seminary taking the name and reputation of old time Fundamentalist Charles E. Fuller; however, the seminary was a poor imitation of historic Christianity. It is even more so today.

R.C. Sproul, Jr. (himself an Evangelical) said that an Evangelical is a Fundamentalist who wants the respect of Modernists, and sells his soul to get it. Some wags would say that Evangelicals are better at selling souls than saving souls. Sproul added, "We evangelicals are they who cut this deal with the Modernists, 'We will call you brother, if you will call us scholar.'" Ah, yes, "scholar." That is the driving desire of most Evangelicals—intellectual respectability.

Sometimes, the strict Fundamentalists were not very intellectual plus they sometimes wore shiny vinyl shoes and white socks with a blue suit and clip-on tie! Gasp! We were told that the alleged anti-intellectualism of Fundamentalists made it impossible to win Modernist preachers; however, the problem with the Modernist was not his self-professed intellectualism but his unspoken, unacknowledged, and unconfessed sin. This intellectualism argument is one of the main strings Evangelicals pluck *ad nauseam* and it smacks of arrogance and elitism.

Evangelical leader Billy Graham hit the big time in his Los Angeles Tent Crusade in 1949. In 1956, Graham, his father-in-law Nelson Bell, and Harold Ockenga started the magazine *Christianity Today*. Since that time, CT has been the obedient and reliable mouthpiece for loosey-goosey Evangelicalism.

Graham was the most successful promoter of "ecumenical evangelism" or "cooperative evangelism." Few Fundamentalists would object to cooperative evangelism but see compromise, compliance, and corruption in ecumenical evangelism. Billy Graham, in order to reach the masses, decided that he would cooperate with unbelieving religious leaders, contrary to his former assurances to Bob Jones, John R. Rice, William B. Riley and others. He decided that he would preach anywhere under any sponsorship as long as there were no strings attached. At first blush that may sound noble and desirable but it is the anteroom to compromise.

After 1949, in Graham's crusades the leading unbelieving pastors were in control, making decisions, leading in prayer, while the few Fundamentalists sat in the shadows. Often Billy sneered at Fundamentalists and refused to be called one, although it is a fact that Fundamentalists educated him and gave him his start in evangelism.

Thousands of times, Fundamentalist pastors in various cities served faithfully preaching the Word, and then Graham came to town insisting on cooperating with unbelieving religious leaders for his crusade. That compromise is the most visible difference in fundamentalism and evangelicalism. It is a fact that many Christians who defend Graham would never put up with their pastor calling lost pastors, even Catholic priests, their brothers and recommending their work.

One can discuss and debate whether ecumenical evangelism is scriptural or not but if II John 10-11 is right then such compromise is sinful. However, it is not debatable that Graham has colluded and compromised, but has never challenged unbelievers who supported his crusades. His cooperation with these pastors endorsed their false ministries. The fact that some people trusted Christ in the crusades is no justification for clear disobedience to Scripture.

I have often noticed the defensive, defiant, and distasteful attitude that many Evangelicals have toward Fundamentalists. Not sure, but I think they are guilt-ridden over their cowardice in facing the truth and making amends for a lifetime of compromise. I invite the guilt-stricken Evangelicals to "come home" to the roots of their fathers. All will be forgiven and I for one will personally kill, dress, and barbeque the

fatted calf, wash off the stink of the pigpen, put a ring on their finger, shoes on their feet and may even dance a jig (solo, of course) upon their return.

The split should not have happened in midcentury and the breach can be healed. The last sixty plus years were summed up by R. C. Sproul, Jr. in "Our Fundamentalist Betters." "The fundamentalists of the last century were laughed at and scorned. And for that they earned the praise of Jesus. May we find the courage not only to affirm the fundamentals, but may we be given a double portion of the spirit of the fundamentalists. They fought the good fight, while we collaborated. They kept the faith, while we merely kept our positions in our communities. May we learn to fear no man, and to fear God. For such is the beginning of wisdom."

That says it all. Are you fitting in or following on?

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## **Little Known Fact of History!**

### **Blacks Fought Well in War for Independence !**

George Washington was reluctant to use Blacks in his army but following reports of their performance at Bunker Hill, he changed his mind. By 1779, as many as one in seven Americans in Washington's army was black! The all-black First Rhode Island Regiment -- composed of 33 freedmen and 92 slaves who were promised freedom if they served until the end of the war -- distinguished itself in the Battle of Newport. Later, they were all but wiped out in a British attack.

## **Illustration**

### **Things Aren't Always as they Appear!**

A woman was flying from Seattle to San Francisco however, unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way.

The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady that was BLIND. A passenger had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?"

The blind lady replied, No. thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

## **Funny Story**

### **A Helpful Blonde!**

As a trucker stops for a red light, a blonde catches up. She jumps out of her car, runs up to his truck, and knocks on the door.

The trucker lowers the window, and she says "Hi, my name is Heather and you are losing some of your load."

The trucker ignores her and proceeds down the street.

When the truck stops for another red light, the girl catches up again. She jumps out of her car, runs up and knocks on the door.

Again, the trucker lowers the window. As if they've never spoken, the blonde says brightly, "Hi my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

Shaking his head, the trucker ignores her again and continues down the street.

At the third red light, the same thing happens again.

All out of breath, the blonde gets out of her car, runs up, knocks on the truck door. The trucker rolls down the window. Again she says "Hi, my name is Heather, and you are losing some of your load!"

When the light turns green the trucker revs up and races to the next light.

When he stops this time, he hurriedly gets out of the truck, and runs back to the blonde.

He knocks on her window, and after she lowers it, he says, "Hi, my name is Mark, it's winter in Ohio and I'm driving the SALT TRUCK!"

## **Incredible Quotes You Can Use**

“How horrible, fantastic, incredible it is that we should be digging trenches and trying on gas-masks here because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing!” Neville Chamberlain

“Neville Chamberlain looked at foreign affairs through the wrong end of a municipal drainpipe.” Winston Churchill

“It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.” Upton Sinclair

## **Pithy Sayings**

I started with nothing. I still have most of it.

When did my wild oats turn to prunes and all bran?

I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don't remember being absent minded.

## **Did You Know....**

...that about three-quarters of married pet owners admit they greet their pets before their spouses when they arrive home?

...that about 70% of Americans permit their pets to sleep with them?

...that Maryland was not the epitome of religious freedom as touted by many historians since there were fines, imprisonments and public whippings for religious beliefs contrary to Rome?

...that in Maryland, you could be fined 25 pounds for denying the Virgin Mary and be banishment for the third offense?

...that the penalty for “reproachful speeches, words or language” concerning the Holy Trinity, was death?

...that while I believe in the Trinity, I do not believe in mind control by the government or anyone else?

...that the American principle is religious liberty, not religious toleration?

...that Marquis d'Arlandes and Pilatre de Rozier on Nov. 21, 1783 were the first humans to fly airborne in a hot-air balloon for 20 minutes, in Paris?

...that Kiyoko Matsumoto, a 19-year-old student, in 1933 jumped into a volcano on the island of Oshima, Japan followed in the ensuing months by three hundred children?

...that a Hindu temple dedicated to the rat goddess Karni Mata in Deshnoke, India, houses more than 20,000 rats?

...that there are 700 areas in France and Sweden where Muslims have formed states within states?

...that such areas are government-designated “Sensitive Urban Zones” where French authorities have no control?

...that that is where U.S. cities are headed but no one wants to talk about it?

...that no U.S. major media are willing to reveal the full extent of Muslim control?

...that a newborn kangaroo is about 1 inch in length?

...that Jesus Christ is still the hope of this world?

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Most of my ministry I have been involved in Christian Apologetics starting with my election to the Indiana House of Representatives where I introduced and supported reinstatement of sodomy laws, teaching creation along with evolution in public schools, the death penalty, removal of state authority in Christian schools, and many other controversial measures. Naturally, I was required to defend my position to the media.

When I wrote my first book, *Liberalism: A Rope of Sand*, I started defending Christian and conservative principles on radio and television talk shows. Those talk shows multiplied with the publication of *AIDS: Silent Killer!* and *Evolution: Fact, Fraud, or Faith?* Later, *ISLAM: America's Trojan Horse!* was published followed by *The God Haters*. All these books are ideal for discussion and debate.

During talk shows, seminars, or church/school services, I am able to discuss specific issues and defend the Christian faith at the same time.

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