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## BEWARE OF THE CANCERS OF SOCIALISM & COMMUNISM

**W**e who have grown up in the generation past know full well of the reality and dangers of both Socialism and Communism. So do the people that have escaped from these countries. But this new generation has been ‘dumbed down’ by the state sponsored education system, the sympathetic state controlled media, and the apostates that frequent so many pulpits and seminaries today.

Listen closely to these favorable yet revealing quotes:

*“Communism is based upon the granite foundation of materialism dedicated to . . . the liquidation of religion. Communism leaves no room for religion.”*

The Lexicon of Atheism, Moscow, 1959.

*“Marxism is materialism. As such it is without mercy for religion. Every religious idea, every idea of God, every flirting with the idea of God is utter vileness.”*

V. Lenin

*“Let us drive out the capitalists from earth and God from heaven.”*  
Former Soviet slogan

*“Our enemy is God, hatred of God is the beginning of wisdom.”*  
The Philosophy of Communism, Fordham, 1952

*“In this revolution we will have to awaken the devil in the people, to stir up the basest passions.”*  
Dzerijinski, 1936

*“We do not fight against believers and not even against clergymen. We fight God to snatch believers from Him.”*  
Moscow News, 1975

*“The soundest strategy in war is to postpone final military operations until the moral degeneration of the enemy renders the mortal blow both possible and easy.”*  
Karl Marx

If you paid attention to the above quotes you will come to the same conclusion as most others: God is the enemy and must be destroyed. That is why these people have infiltrated most every area of the Christian life, to

work from the inside to try to destroy true Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, and the Word of God, the Bible. The methodology of these people is like cancer, constantly working from the inside to destroy the body. We who profess to be saved better wake up ourselves and then attempt to awaken others to realizing what is happening in the deterioration of spiritual values, morals, and biblical convictions. This ungodly philosophy is charming our national and world leaders, religious leaders, and young people like the deadly Cobra snake before it strikes to a sudden and sure death. Our sixteenth president, Abraham Lincoln, once stated, *“To sin by silence when they should protest, makes cowards of men.”* How often do we who believe and live out the truth of the Word of God sit idly by, complain to each other, and yet allow the atheistic philosophies to try and destroy our Christian heritage, only to make slaves of all mankind.

We have the Gospel of Christ, the most powerful weapon on the face of the earth. Used in the power of the Holy Spirit, we could once again, turn the world upside down. But no, we see the world turning the gospel upside down, and we stay in churches like that, we give to ministries like that, and we praise leaders like that. There is no spark of good in them – merely pure evil – and we

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### THE COMING TRIBULATION ON THE EARTH

**T**aken from Matthew 24:21, "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

We find from the Scriptures that this Tribulation Period will be:

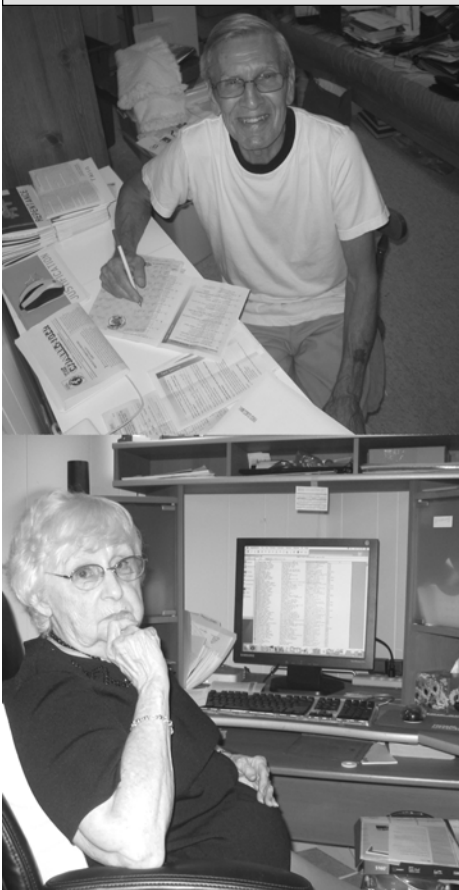
1. A time of **Confederation of Nations of the world** Rev.13:1
2. A time of **Coalition of Personalities** Rev.7:12-13
3. A time of **Consolidation of power** Rev.17:1-3, 15-16
4. A time of **Carnage** Rev.6:4-9
5. A time of **Consternation** Rev.6:13-17
6. A time of **Calamities** Rev.8:7-9
7. A time of **Conversion of a remnant of people** Rev.7:3-4

If there is one thing that is certain, it is that you do not want to go into this period of time, nor do you want anyone else to go into it as well. Be certain of your salvation today, and tell as many as you can how they too can be saved through Christ alone.

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must stand up for Christ and His truths as found in the Word of God. The alternative is typical of a slogan seen flying by senseless young protesters: "Better red than dead!" Well, not for this preacher, nor for many others who have tasted and lived under freedom, both in this country and in Christ. However it plays out, let us constantly keep our eyes on Christ and continue to live out His Word in us, and pray that it does not occur here as it has in many other places of the world. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

*from the Editor*



### The HGP Bible Correspondence Course Team

**F**or many years Gene and Joyce have been faithful workers for the Lord in this important part of the HGP Literature ministry. They receive all the completed course material and grade each and every lesson. If the individual completes the lesson satisfactorily, they then mail out the next lesson. If the individual completes all the lessons satisfactorily, a certificate of completion is then prepared and mailed to the individual.

Their love for the Lord is manifest in their prompt handling of all the course material which is an important factor in keeping those participating in the course interested and encouraged in the word of God.

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come the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"

### THE PROMISED PRODUCTS

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new."

Colossians 3:1-2, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

I Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

*from the Editor*

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### THE DELIGHTS OF THE CHRISTIAN

1. The Christian Should Delight in God's Comforts (Psalm94:19)

*"In the multitudes of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul."*

2. The Christian Should Delight In God's Correctives (Job 5:17)

*"Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty."*

3. The Christian Should Delight In God's Commandments (Psalm 1:3)

*"But his delight is in the law of the LORD: and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*

4. The Christian Should Delight In The LORD(Psalm37:4)

*"Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."*

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# Personal Word from the Editor



Another year is before us. If you are able to read this, or have it read to you, 2010 is now a memory. Only the future is before each of us and we are to make the very best of it before the Lord our God. In terms of government involvement in our daily lives we are not as free as we used to be; but we are also freer than we are going to be should the government continue down and away from God in the most ungodly spiral in this nation's history. Let us also be reminded that the majority of pulpits have a hand in this decline, with their unbelief, apostasy, and compromise being fed to those who sit under them. One of the defining atti-

tudes of those who separated from the historic Christian faith in 1948 was their silence on Scriptural issues of the day. You may sit in a church today and hear the Word, but not the whole counsel of God. There are portions that they are opposed to and disagree with God about, and so they do not speak to those issues, EXCEPT with disdain toward those who continue to be faithful to the Word. And still, they are the ones who speak of their love for all, and maliciously criticize those who are faithful to the Word of God. Evil calling itself good! What a wonderful day the Lord has given each of us to be the light and salt. How we do stand out, don't we? Sadly, if all of our churches were promoting sound doctrine, we would just be one light among many, one grain of salt in a vast measure of it. Let's continue to be what the Lord has called us to be.

January is an anniversary month for my wife and me. Pastor Porter made mention of his wife, Marian, quite often. They had a close relationship. Our Brother in Christ was sorely devastated by her home going. I believe that he wanted to be the one to go first, but it wasn't to be. My wife Linda and I will have been married 43 years this month. I think that it is fitting to express just some of the appreciation and blessings of the Lord to be by her side all these years. I was a lost soul when I met her. An agnostic. I wore the badge proudly. I never realized until after I was saved that I was saying that I was without knowledge: stupid. She was the first person that cared for my soul enough to tell me about my lost condition. It was through her that I met Pastor Porter and became a child of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The debt I owe her for that is priceless. She has always been a worker: in the home, at church, and in the workplace. She even works in her sleep I believe! It is because of her selflessness that I have been able to get where I am today, and I believe it is a built in quality given to every born again wife and mother. If it is not present, it is because someone has come along and stripped it out of them. Her faith is unwavering and persistent: in the Lord and His Word, in her work for Him (whether at her job or in church), or with me. She adds to what I do with a quality that keeps me in perspective of who I really am, and not who I am given to think that I am at times. It is kind of like the story of the preacher who was talking to his wife at dinner after church, when he said, "You know, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ said that I was a model preacher."

Then he said it to her that afternoon before the evening service, and again after the service. And again before bed. "You know, Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ said that I was a model preacher." Having about as much as she could take, she went into the study, picked up a dictionary, brought it back to the bedroom, opened

it up to the word, model, and replied, "Model, a cheap imitation of the real thing." He never said anything again. That is the kind of woman to whom I am married to. She is very special. Heroic and bold. My kayak story would prove that to any doubters. Kind and sensitive to the Lord's dealings. She is more than a heart could wish for, wrapped up in one person. One last thing: in the Scriptures we have people who serve as types for New Testament teachings. They are types, not the actual things. They are not perfect people. Daniel and Joseph were types of Christ in certain things. My wife is like that – a type of Christ in certain areas. I thank the Lord for her and for the time that He has given us together with Him.

As the days of each week, month, and year move forward only, let us resolve that we will do the same for the Lord Jesus Christ. No backtracking. No neutral. Just forward and onward for His honor and glory. In the hymn, "Sound the Battle Cry," the chorus states:

**"Rouse then, soldiers, rally round the banner, Ready, steady, pass the word along; Onward, forward, shout a loud Hosanna! Christ is Captain of the mighty throng."** May it be so in each of us who name the name of Christ and genuinely have Him as our Savior.

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## THE PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

### A PROMISED JUDGMENT

Hebrews 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"

Acts 17:31, "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

Romans 2:5, "But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

### A PROMISED ESCAPE

Titus 1:2, "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

Romans 1:1-2, "...the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures)"

I John 2:25, "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life."

II Timothy 1:1, "...according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus."

### THE PROMISED SAVIOUR

Isaiah 53:5, "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Acts 13:23, "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus."

II Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

I Peter 1:19-20, "...with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

### RECEIVING THE PROMISE

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Romans 10:9,13, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; For **whosoever** shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to be-  
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