

## What Can I Do?

There is a disinterest in spiritual matters within our country. People do not attach an importance to morality like they did in the past. Our nation cannot be described as a "Christian" nation as people were in a habit of doing in days gone by. In view of these matters let me make five observations that the Christian would do well to keep in mind.

**First, God remains in control.** I know it often does not seem like it. Sometimes it seems more like Satan is the one who's running the universe. But the Creator and Sustainer of the universe still reigns from heaven. Ultimately, He will be honored and glorified whereas sinful mankind will be rendered their due. God will have the final say.

**Second, remember that one of the apostles said, "The whole world lies in wickedness"** (1 John 5:19). This statement was true some two thousand years ago and it remains an accurate assessment for the world today. The very reason Jesus died on the cross was to "deliver us from this present evil world" (Gal. 1:4). When I hear about all the ungodliness going on in society today I often say to myself, "Yep, it is just as God said it would be!"

**Third, God respects free, moral agency.** By this I mean that God created humans as free to make choices, both good and bad. God will allow people to reject Him and live wicked lives. God is not going to force anyone to serve and obey Him. This must be a voluntary decision on the part of the person. As a result, the masses often choose to do wrong. This is why evil exists within our society.

**Fourth, the wicked will be held accountable.** There will be a reckoning. All of the ungodliness that characterizes our society will be actions that God condemns on the Day of Judgment. God is holy. He is just. He cannot abide the sinful actions of those who ignore and reject Him. These folks will eventually become recipients of Divine wrath. The Bible says so (Col. 3:5-7).

**Fifth, the godly must remain faithful and true no matter what happens.** In the book of Revelation the term "overcome" is used seventeen times to relate that God and his people will ultimately be victorious over Satan and his evil influences. So what must the child of God do? Answer: "Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of Life" (Rev. 2:10).

- Stephen Wiggins, San Augustine, TX (*Bulletin Digest.com*) -

*The greatest trick the Devil pulls is convincing the world he doesn't exist.*

### News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Geoff Hill at the passing of his great grandmother, Odell Lehmann in Pflugerville, TX. God bless and comfort Geoff at this time.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are encouraged to participate in this labor of love to help make stuffed bears for kids.

**MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES:** Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited and urged to attend this class.

**STUDY ON REVELATION:** Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., except the last Wednesday of the month which will be song practice. For song practice this coming Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, review song number 10, *Abide With Me; 'Tis Eventide*.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS:** Each Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Brown's home.

**ANNUAL SPRING SING:** Sunday, March 5th, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Beaver Street Church of Christ, Lisbon, OH.

**PANTRY:** Oatmeal.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Tasha Hall Beatty (member at Southern Hills): 1034 Pyramus Rd., Chester, WV 26034. Imogene Aebi, 2660 Layman Rd., Vincent, OH 45784. Irvin & Barbara Gainer in Texas (Jenny Rhodes' parents).

**RELOCATED:** Sarah Miller has returned to **CROSSROADS**, 13280 Echo Dell Road, East Liverpool, OH 43920.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** **CITY HOSPITAL:** Joann Webb. **SALEM HOSPITAL:** Betty Henthorne. **VETERAN'S HOSPITAL, PITTSBURGH:** Leroy Burdine (Willard's brother). **AT HOME:** Bill Robinson, Lois Hissom, Eva Stefl, Shirley Beagle, Doris Dunham, Ruth Wright (Sharon Williams' sister). **CROSSROADS:** Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **WORTHINGTON NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER,** Margie Logston, Parkersburg, WV.

### HOW TO OBSERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is observed:

- "In spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).
- "Decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40).
- In remembrance of Christ's sacrifice (Luke 22: 19).
- In anticipation of Christ's return (1 Corinthians 11:26).
- On the first day of each week (Acts 20:7).
- Upon self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28).
- To proclaim Christ as the Savior of men (1 Corinthians 11:26).