Bear Creek Baptist Church

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The only possible explanation for the condition of our society is that we are living in the end times. How many times have you and I said, "I never thought I would see the day when…." The Scriptures teach that when the Lord returns for His Church the condition of society will be like the days of Noah and the days of Lot. They teach that iniquity would abound and the love of people would wax cold.

Let me share a few examples that prove we are living in the days of Lot:
*We are changing the sexes of children (and adults) and creating so many social, spiritual, emotional, and physical problems for them by doing so!
*We are forcing transgender acceptance upon school children, labours in the workforce, and others.
*As you have seen on the news recently, drag queens (an abomination according to the Word) are being allowed access to school students; especially awful when the Word of God has been censored in schools. And I could literally go on and on with examples that we are in the days of Lot!

The days of Noah were characterized by the unheeding of man to the warnings of God through Noah and of wickedness being lived out in the open with no shame. Genesis 6:5 says, "*And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*" For one hundred years Noah witnessed to those living around him that judgment was coming. With every board being placed and every nail or peg being driven, Noah witnessed that a flood of rain was coming that would destroy mankind. The only hope was for those who saw Noah building the Ark was to believe: to believe that Noah was acting as instructed by God and that the flood was indeed coming. Sadly, as we know, only a few were spared that judgment. Only Noah's three sons, their wives, and Noah and his wife escaped.

There are so few today who will hear the message the true Church is preaching. It seems as though some Churches are succeeding in evangelism. The majority of Churches are seeing little, if any, converts. The Word, if it is being shared, is falling on deaf ears. Another problem with people coming to Christ is that it is estimated that only two percent to five percent of believers are sharing their faith. Imagine, we have the greatest story ever told and ninety-five percent plus are not sharing it.

The need for parents to train their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is greater today than ever. The need for neighbors to pray for and work with neighbors to come to Christ is huge. Our evangelism field is wherever we go. We literally are in the presence of unbelievers wherever we go. Tell them about Jesus. Work Him into every conversation somehow.

As I write this article the weather is beautiful. As I share conversation today I can say to those with whom I speak, "Isn't this a great day? Hasn't the Lord blessed us with a beautiful day?" I could very easily launch that conversation into an evangelism presentation.

Won't you do that today? Tell others about Jesus. They need Him so desperately. And, the Word will be shared. Who knows? Maybe the Holy Spirit can move that heart into a state of accepting Jesus as Savior. And, you would be a part of seeing a soul come to know Christ.

Share Him Today! You will never regret having done so! Pray to ask God for mercy. We, as a nation, desperately need it!

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Poem

She is a Blessing

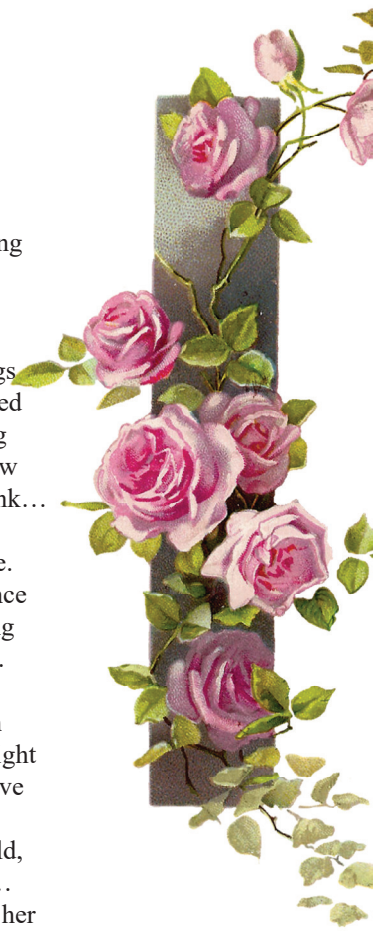
By Regina McIntosh

Like the spring, new
Every morning – the wonders are a delight,
Sun rising in the soft skies,
Breathing joy into the heart, the
Soul who knows that love
This amazing, this graceful and pure
Is a love inspired by the One
Who gave each of us the music,
Whispering in colors, inspirations
Vibrating promises of love so incredible
It silences the darkness, gives
Hope to the hopeless, stirs magnificent
Brings wonderful the kiss of light
Erasing the shadows with feelings that
Remember to laugh with her,
This brilliant promise, the one who
He gave us – to make a way through
The childhood, the brokenness, the growing
Into those people who remember to
Show her that her lessons were learnt…

With a faded dream of yesterday's feelings
We call out to her, the woman who revealed
To us – the beauty, the peace, the singing
Of souls who believe, those who just know
This word has meaning beyond what we think…

The meaning of Mom is bigger than huge.
It is an enormous word that means assurance
And hope – trembling with joy, energizing
Faith and grace, pulsing with gladness…

Mom means wisdom, welcome, warmth
Mom means giving, with grace that sings light
Into the heart who knows that, with her love
She stirs more courage into the spirit
Than we could ever expect to know or hold,
Courage so bold that it is destined to be…
Alive with the love that she pours out with her
Tenderness, her gentleness – the miracle
Found in the soul who is called Mom.. the same one
Who God encouraged to give to us a sample…..
Of the love that is His gift forevermore – This
Is His example of grace – kindness that desires
Only the best for us! – She is the blessing on us!



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