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It's time for people who claim to be saved to straighten up and fly right!

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INTRODUCTION

In the opinion of this pastor, the church in America today is a disgrace to the very Name of Christ. There are some exceptions, but church members as a whole, are sleeping in the pews while the Devil has taken over our country.

Church members live such sinful lives the world has no respect for the church.

Church members to the same clubs and bars, drink the same booze, listen to the same music, and use the same foul language.

Parents, including pastors, deacons and Sunday School teachers lead such hypocritical lives that many of their children will leave church after graduation and never come back. They will reject their parents, their parent's values, and their parent's religion.

I believe it is time for God's people to get their hearts right with God.

TWO QUESTIONS

I want to ask you two questions and please don't raise your hands!

1. How many of you claim to be saved?
2. How many of you are really living like you ought to live?

I am going to preach today as if it was the last sermon I would ever preach to you. I want you to listen as you would if this was the last sermon you heard before you die and stand before God.

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What do the numbers 6/8/15 stand for? They stand for things God holds you responsible for knowing. They are found in Ephesians 4 and 5.

1) The six stands for six things that are true of every lost person.

2) The eight stands for eight things God said you'd better not do if you are saved.

3) The thirteen stands for thirteen things God has told you to do and He's getting impatient. God is tired of waiting. God wants me to call you to repentance.

EPHESIANS 4

Our Scriptures come from Ephesians, chapters four and five and my sermon today will be 95% Scripture and 5% personal comments.

This is serious business and I want you to listen.

I AM SPEAKING WITH GOD'S AUTHORITY

4:17 With the Lord's authority let me say this: Live no longer as the ungodly.

If you are saved it's time to start living like it.

It's high time people in the church started living like they are saved or get out of the church and go ahead and live like the heathen.

SIX FACTS ABOUT EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO IS NOT SAVED

- 1) for they are hopelessly confused.
- 2) 18 Their closed minds are full of darkness;
- 3) they are far away from the life of God because they have shut their minds and hardened their hearts against him.
- 4) 19 They don't care anymore about right and wrong,

5) and they have given themselves over to immoral ways.

6) Their lives are filled with all kinds of impurity and greed.

TAKE AN INVENTORY

- Are you confused?
- is your mind still full of darkness?
- Have you shut your mind to the things of God?
- Do you really care about right/wrong?
- Are you living together w/o being married? Are you having sex? Are you watching porn?

If so, stop fooling yourself. You are not saved. Wake up. If you die before you have a change of life you are going to spend eternity in hell.

8 THINGS GOD EXPECTS OF EVERYONE WHO CLAIMS TO BE SAVED TO STOP DOING

20 But that isn't what you were taught when you learned about Christ. 21 Since you have heard all about him and have learned the truth that is in Jesus,

1. Change your behavior

22 throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception.

2. Get your heart right.

23 Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. 24 You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness – righteous, holy, and true.

3. Stop Lying

25 So put away all falsehood and "tell your neighbor the truth" because we belong to each other.

4. Control Your Temper

26 And "don't sin by letting anger gain control over you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a mighty foothold to the Devil.

5. Stop Stealing

28 If you are a thief, stop stealing. Begin using your hands for honest work, and then give generously to others in need.

6. Clean up your Mouth

29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

7. Stop Grieving the Spirit

30 And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.

8. Stop being harsh and abusive

8) 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior.

13 THINGS GOD EXPECTS EVERY SAVED PERSON TO START DOING

1. Forgive Everyone who has hurt you.

32 Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

EPHESIANS 5

2. Live like Jesus Lived

1 Follow God's example in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to him.

3. Stop all Sex sin

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people.

4. Stop telling Dirty Jokes

4 Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes – these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

5. Stop worshiping money

5 You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is really an idolater who worships the things of this world.

6. Stop deceiving yourself.

6 Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the terrible anger of God comes upon all those who disobey him.

7. Stop hanging out with the wrong crowd.

7 Don't participate in the things these people do. 8 For though your hearts were once full of darkness, now you are full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it! 9 For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

8. Stay out of the clubs and bars

11 Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, rebuke and expose them. 12 It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. 13 But when the light shines on them, it becomes clear how evil these things are. 14 And where your light shines, it will expose their evil deeds. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

9. Get smart! Find God's Will for your life.

15 So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. 17 Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to

understand what the Lord wants you to do.

10. Never get drunk again. If you want a "high," be filled with the Spirit.

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.

11. It's time you learned how to raise your hands, open your mouths, and praised God.

19 Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts.

20 And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. Respect the authority God has placed over you.

21 And further, you will submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 You wives will submit to your husbands as you do to the Lord. 23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of his body, the church; he gave his life to be her Savior.

24 As the church submits to Christ, so you wives must submit to your husbands in everything.

13. Husbands! Love your wives. Quit faking it.

25 And you husbands must love your wives with the same love Christ showed the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.

28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man is actually loving himself when he loves his wife. 29 No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body, which is the church.

THIS IS A CALL TO REPENTANCE