



What Day is Today?

First American President?



PRESIDENT JOHN HANSON



And Your Point Is????/?

- If you could be wrong about the identity of the first American President, when you were so ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE you were right
- What else could you be not exactly right about?
- Is it possible that for all of these years we might have missed the whole truth and true power of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus???????



Is It Time to Repent?

- Mark 1:15 – “Repent and BELIEVE THE GOSPEL!!!” – THE FULL AND COMPLETE GOSPEL
- Repent = Metanoia = a change of mind that produces a change of action, attitude, focus or direction
- In practical terms, it means to STOP BELIEVING something you have always believed and START BELIEVING something different/better instead, Like???



Colossians 1- Hidden Mystery

²⁵ Of *this church* I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might [aj]fully carry out the *preaching of the word of God*, ²⁶ *that is*, the **mystery which has been hidden from the *past* ages and *generations***, but has now been manifested to His [ak]saints, ²⁷ to whom God willed to make known what is the **riches of the glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles, **which is Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory.** (*NOT going to heaven when you die*)



Ephesians 3:14 Our Destiny

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through *faith*; and** that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the [*m*]saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.**



Which Leads To

²⁰ Now to *Him* who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the **power that works within us,** ²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the **church** and in Christ Jesus to all generations [n] forever and ever. Amen.



The FULL GOSPEL

- This is the **NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE!!!!**
- Not just go Heaven instead of Hell
- Not Do Better Try Harder, to make God happier with me and hope for the best
- Absolute and complete dependence
24/7/365 on the Love, the Power, the **LIFE**
of Spirit of Jesus **living in you** that brings
peace and joy and power and hope
because you finally put your full faith in
Him! Because you are already forgiven,
already accepted and **His Spirit is in YOU**



Humility

THE *BEAUTY*
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The life God bestows is imparted not once for all, **but each moment continuously, by the unceasing operation of his mighty power.**

Humility, the place of entire dependence on God, is from the very nature of things, the **first duty** and the highest virtue of the creature.



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And so pride,
or the loss
of this
humility, is
the root of
every sin and
evil!



Hebrews 3 – Close the GAP

¹² Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart [c] that falls away from the living God. ¹³ **But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.** ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end,



Pride (sin) vs Trust (humility)

16 For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? **17** And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? **18** And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? **19** ***So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.***



Review Some Key Words

- Evil – poneros – painful, destructive=BAD
- Unbelieving – from pistos – absolute trust, but in this case the **absence** of such trust
- Hardened – Dried out
- Deceitfulness – that which gives a false impression – seems true or reasonable, BUT IT IS NOT
- Romans 14:23 - Whatever is not of **faith** (absolute dependence) is SIN, and we get fooled by it every minute of everyday



Deceitfulness of Sin Revealed

~~Not a character flaw on your part that you can overcome on your own. Not something you can fix through do better/try harder.~~

- Not the petty, greedy, catty, snarky, selfish, lying, lustful, bitter, vengeful, angry, fearful heartless attitudes and actions – those are just symptoms
- Rather, the problem is our failure to absolutely depend on Him everyday for everything – because we are so easily deceived into reacting in the Flesh instead of resting/trusting in the Spirit



Never See Sin Coming

- Until its too late, because Sin will always be bigger, smarter, and badder than you
- It will track you down, suck you in, then suck you dry and spit you out, leaving you with nothing but desiccated, lifeless, powerless, impotent fake faith that will rob you of the destiny and glory you have In HIM and leave you with something tasteless and hollow and empty.
- His will versus your will – your best or His best? Whatever is not of faith is sin. Rm 14



The Antidote Is ... trUSt

- We CAN'T LIVE THIS LIFE ALONE. Sin will isolate us, deceive us, and destroy is in a week – a month at the most
- We have to encourage each other, counsel each other, lift each other up, protect each other, remind each other, and even confront each other EVERY DAY, and ask each other this one simple question:
- Are you Absolutely Depending on God and trusting Him today with _____?



Ministry of Encouragement

- Encourage one another every day – AS LONG AS IT IS CALLED TODAY – lest you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin
- Because our pattern is to react, take charge, rant or panic, instead of trusting
- What would it be like to have someone love you enough to regularly remind you to absolutely depend on Him by asking you: “Are you Absolutely Depending on God and trusting Him today with _____?”
- Not judging, but offering love and hope



Could We Create Trust Teams?

- Intentional and Relational
- Small groups or even pairs
- Driven by Daily Prayer for each other
- Focused on Trusting instead of fixing, inviting the Spirit of God to take charge of every challenge
- Because whatever is not of faith will end up being sin! And we don't want to be hardened by the deceitfulness or sin ever again



What Day is Today?

- It's the day we need to absolutely depend on God, no matter what it is we are dealing with
- It is the day we need to be reminded that we are trusting in Him first, above all else
- It is the day we can give and receive this encouragement with someone else
- Let me remind us right now that we are all at a fork in the road regarding something
- Are you trusting Him absolutely today?