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NEWSLETTER

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## SCARY



THESE ARE SCARY DAYS.

IT IS SCARY WHEN WE CELEBRATE DEMONS, DEVILS AND EVIL FORCES. IT IS SCARY WHEN SOME SEEK TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEAD. IT IS SCARY WHEN WE DEPICT THE DEAD COMING OUT OF THEIR GRAVES IN ORDER TO TERRORIZE MANKIND. IT IS SCARY WHEN WE CALL EVIL “INNOCENT FUN.” IT IS SCARY THAT MEN FACE ETERNAL CONDEMNATION BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS ARE EVIL, AND THEY LOVE THE DARKNESS RATHER THAN THE LIGHT. (SEE JOHN 3:19-20)

IT IS SCARY WHEN WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYONE WILL SOMEDAY END UP IN HEAVEN. IT IS SCARY WHEN WE DO NOT BELIEVE GOD’S WORD THAT TELLS US THAT “IT IS APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE, AND AFTER THIS COMES JUDGMENT” (HEBREWS 9:27). IT IS SCARY WHEN WE FAIL TO BELIEVE THERE IS A REAL HELL, WITH REAL FIRE AND REAL TORMENT (SEE LUKE 16:19-31). IT IS SCARY WHEN UNCONFESSED SIN LEAVES US LIKE DAVID WHO SAID HIS “BODY WASTED AWAY THROUGH MY GROANING ALL THE DAY LONG” AND THAT GOD’S HAND WAS HEAVY UPON HIM DRAINING HIS VITALITY (NOTE PSALM 32:3-4). IT IS SCARY TO BE LIKE ANANIAS WHO “FELL DOWN AND BREATHED HIS LAST” (ACTS 5:5) BECAUSE HE LIED TO GOD. IT IS SCARY TO THINK THAT SOME OF OUR WORKS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN WOOD, HAY AND STRAW THAT WILL COUNT FOR NOTHING AND BE BURNED UP. (READ 1 CORINTHIANS 3:13-15). IT IS SCARY WHEN CHRISTIANS ARE TOO TERRIFIED TO TELL AN UNSAVED FRIEND ABOUT SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST AND THEREBY “SNATCH THEM OUT OF THE FIRE” (JUDE 23).

INDEED, THESE ARE SCARY DAYS!

YET THINGS CAN CHANGE.

“WE CAN “DEPART FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.” (PSALM 34:14). “WE CAN BE ASSURED THAT “THE LORD WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS PEOPLE; THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.” (PSALM 29:11). THANKFULLY WE CAN BOTH LIE DOWN AND SLEEP BECAUSE THE LORD ALONE MAKES US DWELL IN SAFETY (SEE PSALM 4:8).

“FOR THE SAKE OF MY BROTHERS AND MY FRIENDS, I WILL NOW SAY, “MAY PEACE BE WITHIN YOU.” (PSALM 122:8).

LOOKING UP!

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