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## John Newlin Ministries, Inc.

- realizing the power of a life in Christ-

#### TWO DECISIONS IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE

Many of you reading this newsletter have followed our ministry for some time. You know our overall objective is to tell and show people the fullness of who Jesus is and that he is coming soon. He is. Coming really soon. All of you who know scripture and who have studied Biblical prophecy know we are at the end of this current age in which we have been living, known as the church age. Nothing stands in the way of Jesus calling out his believers to come be with him, known by some as the rapture. Nothing. That could happen even while you're reading this newsletter.

In many newsletters, CD recordings, television programs, and meetings, we have gone over the prophecies fulfilled to date. We've talked about how we are right there. I don't know if we're speaking of days or weeks or years, but I do know it is not very long.

In the secular society today you can see events taking place that fit Jesus' warnings about these times – deception and apostasy, a falling away from God. It has been said by the elected leader of the United States that this is no longer a Christian nation. In that point he may be right. Certainly a large number of people in the country are not believers. They are made up of followers of all sorts of lost religions as well as just nonbelievers and sadly even some of those who do attend churches out of tradition but just do not really know Jesus and all he did.

This nation was founded by individuals who understood the Bible and who placed faith in God. A shockingly large number were preachers themselves. The American system of government with its historically strong value placed on human life and rights of the individual came out of that understanding. But now, if indeed as it appears a huge number of Americans do not share that belief and understanding, then what fundamentals are there underpinning our government and society today? Aha. This is where all the relativism and confused government is coming from.

One writer recently said that the only connection between America and God today is that there are a bunch of people living here who believe in God. I'm not sure I would have used the word bunch, but you get the point.

I try to resist getting caught up in secular politics, but it is clearly apparent the nation is in free fall. I'm not just talking about morality. In recent years the actions of the government, supported strongly by many from the entertainment world and even the news media, have signaled a downward path – in the economy, in human freedoms we have long held to be our rights, in respect for human life and individuality, in acceptance of fundamental concepts we

have called American. It is all part of the move to a one-world government which comes to the fore at the end of this church age.

Most amazing has been the acquiescence of the American people to the sudden change of America as they have known it. Most I suppose have not realized what is happening. But oh they will see in the coming months, barring some dramatic change.

So that leads to TWO KEY DECISIONS facing each of you.

#### **DECISION ONE**

I suspect many reading this have already handled this decision. This is the big one – recognizing who Jesus is and accepting him as your Lord. Basically, you deep in your heart just realize the truth of who He is and what He has done for you. Paul says if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved (Ro 10:9). The key is really and truly deep in your heart knowing this is true, not just saying a few words. Jesus is all about the heart. He knows when you mean what you say and when you don't. Often the word "believe" is used, as in John 3:16. This means absolute belief. I've used the example that you obviously believe there is enough oxygen to support your life in the room where you are reading this, or else you would be quickly leaving that room. Well, that's absolute belief. That's what we're talking about here.

It's good for people to say the short prayer you hear so much in accepting Christ – asking for forgiveness for sins, asking Jesus to be Lord of their lives. But the real key is what you believe deep down inside. Remember, Jesus knows your heart.

DECISION ONE is the key decision in your life. It changes your life forever and gets you on the road of following Jesus and growing in Christ. Physical death is not the end. One way or the other there will be eternal life for you – either with Jesus and His father in the kingdom of Heaven, or in absolute torment in the lake of fire with such others as the devil and the antichrist. The choice is yours.

You need to make this decision, and to the extent possible as guided by the Holy Spirit you need to encourage and guide others in your life to make the same decision.

#### **DECISION TWO**

What is to be your role in this secular society as it seems to be falling apart, at least in the US? What would the founding fathers have done? Well, we know what they did when they objected to restrictions on liberty and life. I don't think there is much doubt what they would be doing today. They would be boldly speaking out to change the direction of events and hopefully to influence others. They would be leading by personal example. And they wouldn't worry about the risks. They didn't then. And neither have countless other American heroes throughout the years. Neither do countless serious Christians throughout the world who live in real danger every day. Many still lose their lives each day because of their faith in Jesus Christ.

You have to make this second decision too. First and foremost always is presenting Jesus to all who do not know. Beyond that, what else should you be doing in the secular society? Certainly you have to uphold truth as you know it. Certainly you should hold elected representatives accountable for their actions. And don't reward entertainers and athletes and other highly famous people for living highly immoral lives or backing positions that are far from the truths of God. Don't buy their services. Most of all, always acknowledge Jesus in ways appropriate for whatever circumstances you find yourself in. Remember his own words: if you do not acknowledge me before people, I will not acknowledge you before God.

There is much more that could be written about decision two, but really you have to write that for yourself. This ministry presents the fullness of Jesus Christ – who he is, what he did, and his imminent return. It is up to you to grow in that and then to take that into the world as you are led.

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#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

## Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>

# "THE AMAZING JESUS AND HIS IMMINENT RETURN!"

9 AM - 4 PM

followed by a

### "MIRACLE HEALING SERVICE"

**7 PM** 

HOLIDAY INN BORDEAUX 1707 Owen Drive Fayetteville, NC

For More Information:

www.johnnewlinministries.org or call 910 395 1465 No admission fee. Lunch on your own.

Tell your friends and family!

Future full day programs of "THE AMAZING JESUS AND HIS IMMINENT RETURN" are now being planned for the Tidewater area of Virginia and other locations. Watch future newsletters and the web site for more information as it becomes available.

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May you live in the blessings of God always. And enjoy these times!!! I know that events are unsettling and troublesome and difficult. But these times also are exciting and amazing, if we keep our eyes on Jesus, if we know the Bible and what is to happen, and if we work steadily to stay in touch with the Lord.

#### **John**

PS For more information on issues in this newsletter, go to our web site and blog, watch the television program **DARE TO BELIEVE!** if possible, and get the ministry materials. Most important of all, read the Bible and keep your spiritual eyes open and focused always on Jesus.

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