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Why do you think that almost two thousand years ago Christians willingly went to their deaths rather than renounce Jesus and accept Caesar as Lord?

Because they knew Jesus really was who he said he was, that he was their Savior, that he was God. He was real. And they knew where they were going if they stayed focused on him. They knew the big picture, the long term picture.

How did they know he was real? Did they just go weekly to hear someone tell stories about him? No, they knew him. They had been born of water and the Spirit as Jesus had said was needed. They truly were guided by the Holy Spirit. They knew the gifts of the Spirit. They knew the presence of God.

Once a person is born again and filled with and baptized with the Holy Spirit, there is no doubting in them at all of the reality of Christ and what he said and what is coming. None. The Holy Spirit is tangibly real in a way only people who truly are filled with and baptized with that Spirit know. Paul made it clear: The Holy Spirit is our guarantee of salvation. His presence with us assures us of that.

How many people who call themselves Christians today have that faith and boldness?

How many know the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit such as prophecy, speaking in tongues, healings, discerning of spirits, word of knowledge, and more? How many?

The answer sadly I think is not many. So many of our churches have become little more than social gathering places or places where people go to hear stories about Jesus or the Bible without ever making that personal connection.

Why?

Because so many of our churches are just lost themselves. Somewhere along the line, even though several main stream denominations were founded by major spirit-filled pastors of the past, these denominations and thus many churches just went astray. They stay away from the Holy Spirit and the gifts and in many cases even the need to be born again, which Jesus himself made a requirement in his discussion with Nicodemus. And frighteningly today, so many of

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these churches stay away from teaching and warning about the times we are living in, the times of the imminent return of Jesus.

If you are in a church that has no “life,” no “spark,” and does not teach the things we are talking about here, get out! Just leave. Try to find a church or small group that is Spirit-filled, that truly believes scripture. The important thing of faith is your relationship with Jesus, your personal relationship, that you know him and he knows you, and the follow-up to that is being filled with the Holy Spirit and being baptized in power with the Spirit (what happened to the disciples at Pentecost and then to all believers afterwards as Peter and other disciples ministered.). If you read Acts you will note that Peter and Paul and others were careful to make sure the new believers received the Holy Spirit and all that entails.

Remember when Jesus said to persons regarding healing that great was their faith, or that their faith had made them well, or even be it done to you according to your faith? I mention healing as an illustration, but the bigger point is hopefully clear: faith is crucial to receiving from God! And I might add, to being bold and to standing your spiritual ground in dangerous circumstances.

Remember the words about faith in Hebrews 11:6:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

True, sincere, deep down faith is a fundamental characteristic of anyone who seeks to live the life the Lord has planned for him. And this is the faith challenge of persons who say they are Christians but do not really have that deep inside faith and knowledge that comes with the filling and baptism of the Holy Spirit and serious study of the scriptures under the Spirit’s guidance. How many today who say they are Christians have the faith and thus boldness to take the stand that early Christians did when faced with death, with going into the arena and being slaughtered by lions or other terrible creatures, knowing deep inside what their future is? How many?

I raise this now because I want everyone to have the faith level of those early Christians who made the ultimate decision for the Lord and gave themselves up to be killed. I raise this because the time we are living in now may lead to really serious decisions on your part sooner than you think. The number of deluded, deceived nonbelievers operating in positions of power as well as in lesser roles in our society today is large indeed and growing. Lawlessness, deception, delusion, and falling away from God are all on the increase.

Remember, it is the Holy Spirit who guides you into all truth and who tells you of things yet to come, who reminds you of things Jesus has said to you. It is his gift of discernment that enables believers to discern the truth in situations and people and speeches that the mass of the population just miss. At this time certainly you need to use the protection gifts God has provided and I have written about in the past, and also the wonderful gifts of the Spirit such as discernment and healing to stay healthy and go forward in the role God has for you.

Where is your faith today?

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WORDS TO REFLECT ON: TAKE A MOMENT NOW IN THIS INTENSE AND UNSETTLED TIME IN THE COUNTRY AND WORLD TO LOOK AT SOME WORDS OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF AMERICA

John Adams: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

George Washington: “Virtue or morality is a necessary spring of popular government.”... “Human rights can only be assured among a virtuous people.”

Benjamin Franklin: “Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.”

James Madison: “To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people, is a chimerical [imaginary] idea.”

Samuel Adams: “Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.”

Patrick Henry: “A vitiated [impure] state of morals, a corrupted public conscience, is incompatible with freedom.”

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP OTHERS BECOME AWARE OF THE IMMINENCE OF THE LORD’S RETURN OR COME TO KNOW JESUS? SERIOUSLY!

Even many, many pastors are not aware of the imminence of Jesus’ return or the times in which we live and are not preaching this in their churches! So no doubt when the Lord returns to collect his sheep many in those churches, perhaps even all, will be left sitting there.

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***Always, always in this very difficult time on earth
keep your eyes on Jesus!***

May you live in the blessings of God always.

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