

# Bless Those Who Curse You?

An award should go to the United Airlines gate agent in New York for being smart and funny, while making her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo. For all of you out there who have had to deal with an irate customer, this one is for you: A crowded United Airlines flight was cancelled. A single agent was re-booking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly, an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry, sir, I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first; and then I'm sure we'll be able to work something out." The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?" Without hesitating, the agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone...."May I have your attention, please," she began, her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him with his identity, please come to Gate 14."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the United Airlines agent, gritted his teeth, and said, "F\*\*\* You!" Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, Sir, you'll have to get in line for that, as well." "Blessed are you when men cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely....Bless those who curse you...pray for those who mistreat you."

(Matthew 5:11, Luke 6:28)

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# April 2018- Volume 23, Issue 4 By Barbara Carmack

The Power that raised JESUS from the dead dwells in YOU! GOD had that in mind from the very beginning - that man He had created in His image and likeness would rule and have authority on the earth. GOD gave man power to rule and dominate the earth in Genesis 1:28 "Be fruitful and multiply...and <u>subdue the earth and rule over</u>...every living thing that moves on the earth." The word "subdue" means "to dominate" or "to have dominion over." The human race messed up and because of pride and lust, found themselves serving the devil rather than GOD....But GOD had a plan...a divinely appointed plan to rescue man from the death trap they found themselves. That plan involved humbling Himself, being born as man on this earth...and giving Himself as a perfect sacrifice. He took man's place in bringing righteousness back to a fallen world.

Here came JESUS - the perfect Lamb, Who not only preached of GOD's Love, and forgiveness from sins, but gave those who would join with Him Authority on this earth: "Behold I have given you Authority to tread on serpents, on scorpions, and over ALL the power of the enemy...and nothing shall injure you!" (Luke 10:19) He gave...and gives the bornagain Believer Authority that GOD gave Him! This Authority belongs to people who are renewed in their minds, know who they are in Christ JESUS, and their identity is in JESUS! Are you the Believer who not only trusts in the LORD, but whose trust is the LORD? (Jeremiah 17:7)

JESUS not only gave His disciples Authority, but He has given you that same Authority: And having summoned His twelve disciples, He gave them Authority over unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness! (Luke 9:1)

In Matthew 28:18-19, JESUS said, "All Authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (He then gives His Authority to His followers): "GO therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit!"

Because you are the righteousness of GOD in Christ JESUS (II Cor. 5:21) His mantle of righteousness is over you, and His anointing and His Power are in you! When you pray in the Name of JESUS, you're praying GOD's Power and Authority on this earth: "Truly, truly I say to you...if you shall ASK the Father for ANYTHING, He will give it to you, IN MY **NAME!"** (John 16:23) JESUS spoke over and over again to use His Name. GOD's Power will be demonstrated on this earth when you pray in the Name of JESUS!

JESUS spoke of that Power in Mark 11:22 & 24: "Have the GOD-kind of Faith...Therefore I say to you, ALL THINGS FOR WHICH YOU PRAY AND ASK, BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE GRANTED!" You have the Authority to say to the mountains in your life - "Be Gone!" It's time that you take up that Authority and live it day in and day out because... "That same Spirit Who raised JESUS from the dead dwells in you and He will quicken and make ALIVE your mortal - physical - body!" (Romans 8:11)

The Power of GOD is behind the Authority He's given you...to be strong in this life and to complete the work He has begun in you (Phil. 1:6). "In Him you live and move and have your being!"

60 in His Power And Authority

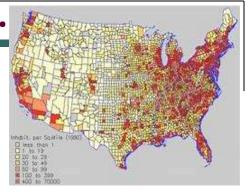


# The Bible In The News...

# xplaining the Hectoral College-

In their infinite wisdom, the United States' founders created the Electoral College to ensure the STATES were fairly represented. Why should one or two

densely populated areas speak for the whole of the nation? The following list of statistics has been making the rounds on the Internet; it should finally put an end to the argument as to why the Electoral College makes sense. This needs to be widely known and understood.



There are 3,141 counties in the United States; Trump won 3,084 of them...Clinton won 57. There are 62 counties in New York State; Trump won 46 of them...Clinton won 16. Clinton won the popular vote by approx. 1.5 million votes. In the 5 counties that encompass NYC, (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond & Queens), Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. (Clinton only won 4 of these counties; Trump won Richmond) Therefore these 5 counties alone, more than accounted for Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country. These 5 counties comprise 319 square miles. The United States is comprised of 3,797,000 square miles.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those who inhabit a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election. Large, densely populated Democrat cities - NYC, Chicago, LA, etc. DO NOT and SHOULD NOT speak for the rest of our country! But that 319 square miles are where the majority of our nation's problems foment.

And that's why the Electoral College must stay as a part of the election procedure.

Submitted by Jon Sheppard

# **GRACE - GOD's Riches At Christ's Expense!**

"His Love has no limit...His Grace has no measure...His Power has no boundary known unto men; for out of His infinite riches in JESUS...He Giveth...and Giveth again and again!"

# It's Resurrection...



not Easter!

Because the New Testament Church celebrates Resurrection Sunday on April 1st this year, may you be reminded of what JESUS did for you on the cross, and may you confirm what He did by saying, "Happy Resurrection!" It's important that you establish a precedent in your household where you celebrate Resurrection and not Easter. Easter is a heathen holiday that had its beginnings hundreds of years before JESUS was born. It is a tangled web of folk lore and human sacrifices that are symbolic of everything that is against GOD and the Bible. The truth is that Easter has nothing whatsoever to do with the Resurrection of our LORD JESUS Christ. And some have wondered why the word "Easter" is in the King James Bible. Acts 12:4 tells us that the evil King Herod was planning to take Peter before the people after Easter (in other translations it's Passover): "And when he had seized [John the Baptist] he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after Easter to bring him out before the people." Easter has no spiritual significance in that verse.

In reading this unbelievably macabre legend of Easter, you will realize that paganism has infiltrated the contemporary Christian churches. As the days of our LORD JESUS' crucifixion draws ever closer, please be mindful of the glorious Resurrection of our Savior and Redeemer, and work on removing Easter from your holiday celebrations. Babylonian legend records that the great warrior, Nimrod (Genesis 10:9), married his mother, Ishtar, who changed her name to Queen Easter. Because Queen Easter's son, Tammuz loved rabbits, legend has it that when he was killed by a wild pig, Queen Easter created egg-laying rabbits as a memorial to her son. The babies that were born from the unions of the temple priests and young virgins, were sacrificed on the altar and eggs were dyed red from the blood of the babies and given as offerings to Queen Easter.

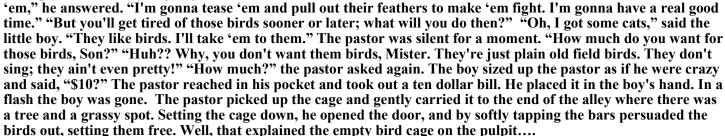
It is in this graphic setting that this legend became mixed with the story of the Resurrection...and after many decades, <u>JESUS' Resurrection became synonymous with Easter!</u> How blasphemous to mix this horrible legend with something so pure and good. But that's what satan does to get Christians to commit idolatry and engage in defilement...ignorant of the consequences. In reading this ungodly legend of Easter, you will realize that paganism has infiltrated the contemporary Christian churches. You can change these traditions....Yes, you can!

May "Happy Resurrection" be on your lips this Resurrection Sunday!

# GOD's Grace...

There once was a man named George Thomas, pastor in a small New England town. One Resurrection Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit. Eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak.... "I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging

"I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright. I stopped the lad and asked, "What do you have there, Son?" "Just some old birds," came the reply. "What are you going to do with them?" I asked. "Take 'em home and have fun with



And then the pastor began to tell this story: "One day satan and JESUS were having a conversation. Just coming from the Garden of Eden, he was gloating and boasting. 'Yes sir, I just caught a world full of people down there... set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist; got 'em all!' 'What are you going to do with them?' JESUS asked. satan replied, 'Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!' 'And what will you do when you are done with them,' JESUS asked. 'Oh, I'll kill 'em,' satan glared proudly. 'How much do you want for them?' JESUS asked. 'Oh, you don't want those people; they ain't no good. Why, You'll take them and they'll just hate You. They'll spit on You, curse You and kill You. You don't want those people!!' 'How much?' He asked again. Sneering, he looked at JESUS and said, 'All Your Blood, tears and Your Life!' JESUS said, 'DONE!' Then He paid the price. It was GOD's Love for you before you were even born, that put JESUS on the cross." The pastor picked up the cage and walked from the pulpit.



Members of the new congregation



**Tony pouring concrete into footings** 

# Home Of Refuge Saving the Lost...Loving the Unlovable



We are working very hard in the Andes Mountains of Peru, clearing land in Cardonpata to begin construction on the new chapel. We are making disciples as we teach the Word of GOD and raise up leaders in a brand-new house church, caring for an indigenous people and paving the way for the younger/future generations to have a better way of life - a life full of hope and the Gospel of JESUS Christ. And you, my Friend? You are working hard. Life is busy and you're spending your energy, your money, your time, and your LIFE on something - pursuits and goals that you have deemed worthy of your commitment and sacrifice. And you may ask yourself, "What is the point of all this that I'm doing?" If you are giving that "cup of cold water" and meeting the needs of someone around you...you will find fulfillment in what your are doing.

I will be staying in Peru for longer periods of time this year to oversee the construction of the chapel. The pictures of the ground breaking are a blessing to Rosa and me...and I hope that you realize that you are a valuable part of what is being done in Peru. At the end of life, you will not be judged by how many accolades you have received, how much money you have made or how many great things you have done; you will be judged by - "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat. I was naked and you clothed me; I was homeless, and you took me in."



Tony & Rosa at Ground Breaking Ceremony