

The Next Generation - 4/7/19

TEXT – Mal 3:6 *For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.*

Heb 13:8 *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*

Psa 90:2 *Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.*

INTRO – *This is a generation that thinks only of itself. Someday our greatest regret will be we did not leave a great heritage! It is a mistake to think only of ourselves.*

Prov 30:11-14 *There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.*

The babies of today will never know the world we know!

- School children were not alive when the world trade center was destroyed on 9/11/01
- The first iPhone came out the summer of 2007
- Our church got its first computer in 1993
- 1973 abortion became legal
- In 1963 the Warren Court decision banned Bible reading and prayer as a requirement in the public school
- Political correctness did not exist
- Indoor plumbing, automobiles and TV all did not exist in most homes until the middle of the twentieth century
- Women's dress above the knee was considered immodest, men did not wear ear rings and rock music did not exist.

What kind of world will these children grow up in?

Good or bad can be passed on to even the fourth generation

Psa 127:3,4 *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth.*

What kind of church would I want my great-grand children to attend?

I. The clear truth of Salvation

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

He 2:3 *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;*

A. The fundamentals of faith

There is always at work the temptation to compromise because those that are not spiritual can feel spiritual if the standards are lowered. You can trace the liberal theology and the neo-evangelical theology over time and these teachings always end in death.

Harold Ockenga, who claimed to have coined the term “neo-evangelical,” defined the philosophy of this movement as follows: “Neo-evangelicalism was born in 1948 in connection with a convocation address which I gave in the Civic Auditorium in Pasadena. ... The ringing call for **A REPUDIATION OF SEPARATISM AND THE SUMMONS TO SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT** received a hearty response from many evangelicals. Neo-evangelicalism is **DIFFERENT FROM FUNDAMENTALISM IN ITS REPUDIATION OF SEPARATISM AND ITS DETERMINATION TO ENGAGE ITSELF IN THE THEOLOGICAL DIALOGUE OF THE DAY**”

B. You must know you are saved

1 Jn 5:13 *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

C. You must experience a change

1 John 3:9 *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

II. A Love for God

Mat 22:36-39 *Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** 38 **This is the first and great commandment.** 39 **And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

A. Not love the world

1 Jn 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

B. Love for God

1 Pe 1:8 *Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*

C. Love for man

1 Jn 3:17 *But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

In his book Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis wrote, "Do not waste your time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor act as if you did. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less."

1 Jn 3:18 *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.*

D. The reward for love

1 Co 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

III. A Love for Family

Tit 2:1-5 *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.*

A. Character born in home

B. Worship together

C. Virtues taught

Prov 12:4 *A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones. Prov 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.*

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

Andrew Murray- of South Africa, raised eleven children to adult life.

Five of the sons became ministers and four of the daughters became ministers wives. The next generation saw ten grandsons become preachers and thirteen became missionaries. The secret to this ministry was the Christian home.

CONCL - What America needs- A leader like Moses who refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. An army general like Joshua. A food administrator like Joseph. Preachers like Peter. Mothers like Hannah. Children like Samuel. Physicians like Luke.