

IN GOD WE TRUST?

TEXT: Prov. 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

INTRODUCTION: Ask everyone to look at a dollar.

A. The dollar is one of the most sought after commodities in the world!

1. People kill for it.
2. Lie for it.
3. Prostitute themselves for it!
4. Sell their soul for it.

B. Look at this dollar.

1. It is actually worth about 34.2 cents.
2. What else do you see as you look at that dollar bill?
3. Learn to look at thing with a view to spiritual things.

BODY:

I. E PLURIBUS UNUM - Eagle has a scroll in his mouth inscribed with this.

A. "One out of many, one composed of means, a national government formed by uniting many states."

B. Jesus gave the gospel to unite many nations under one rule. You are added to the Church.

1. Acts 2:47 7 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

2. Matt. 28:18-20.

3. It is a new covenant- Jeremiah 31:31-33 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people..

C. The church is many in one.

1. Eph. 4:4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;

2. Eph. 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

3. Col. 1:18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

D. Yes, that Dollar represents Unity!

1. 1 Cor. 1:10 Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

2. Jn. 17:20-21.

3. God hates division- Prov. 6:16-17 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood,

4. Rom. 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

II. IN GOD WE TRUST?/ OR IN DOLLAR WE TRUST?

A. Do we understand trust? Illustration : Man pushing wheel barrow over a wire across a canyon. Would you ride in it?

B. Sadly more of our dollars are in the Hands of people who do not trust in God or even believe in God, than are in the hands of those who do trust Him.

C. We live in a corrupt nation!

1. Prov. 14:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

2. Do you trust in God? Or, do you trust in that dollar you have in your hand?

III. THE PYRAMID WITH AN EYE (from A CHRISTIAN'S POINT OF VIEW).

A. Each point of the pyramid.

1. Father.

a. Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?.

b. Jn. 3:16.

2. Son- Jn. 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

3. Holy Spirit- Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

4. 2 Cor. 13:14 All three. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

B. Our commitment is to the three in the Godhead.

C. The eye, is the eye of God. (He knows every sparrow, every hair on your head.)

1. Francis Bacon said of God, "A never sleeping eye that reads the heart, and registers our thoughts."

2. "There's an all-seeing eye watching you."

3. God is still alive and ruling- Dan. 4:25 They shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.

4. Over the triangle are the words Anncit coeptis" He has favored our undertakings.

D. Pyramid is not finished.

1. Phil. 3:13. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

2. Luke 9:62 "No man having put his hand to the plow..."

CONCLUSION:

A. A preacher challenged a church of 125 members to take one dollar and invest it!

1. One lady bought thread and used her old material to make quilts, then sold them.

2. One person used his dollar for gas and used his own mower.

3. In six weeks the congregation gave \$5,000.00.

4. God expects us to use what he has given us wisely.

B. What are you going to do with your dollar tonight?

1. It can be used for good or harm.

2. You can feed the poor or buy drugs.

3. Look at that dollar very carefully, do you love it? Does it control you?