

In God We Trust - It's Right On The Money!

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In the days of the New Testament, "In God We Trust" was not printed on their currency. If anything it might have said, "In Caesar We Trust." Ultimately it doesn't matter what our money says. It matters where our heart is. In Acts 4 Peter and John find themselves standing before the Jewish Supreme Court. The apostles must have remembered that his was the same court which had condemned Jesus. The court had a problem because everyone in town knew of this certain man who had been crippled for all of his forty years. Now the apostles had healed him in the name of Jesus.

The authorities asked, "By what power do you do this?"(v.7). At the end of the scene the place where they were meeting was shaken. Now there is power! In the midst of the heathen high court Peter and John rather God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ passed the test. True power is in the Lord. It is not ourselves we preach, but Jesus Christ and HIM crucified!

Reading this scripture, I am reminded of Jesus' words from Matthew 10:17-19.

"Be on guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

Peter and John entrusted not just the afterlife, but because of that their very day to day existence they entrusted to Jesus the Christ...

In God We Trust – It's Right On The Money... Are we counting on Wall Street to get us down the road to eternity? How about Easy Street? Peter and John had helped a crippled man in the name of Jesus. And no matter what anyone said, they were going to keep traveling down heaven's road... God's highway! If it is truly in God that we trust, we must live it.

The Ox Was In The Ditch

by Jason E. Stringer Park Heights Church of Christ Hamilton, Texas

My friend Oscar Saffle died a few years back. Oscar was a good friend and a faithful Christian at the time of his death. Often times for a little perspective on things I could talk to Oscar and with his simple logic the whole mess would just become as clear as day. I always appreciated that about him.

For many years I made my living working in retail business as a manager for various stores such as Toys "R" Us, Duckwall/ALCO and Books A Million. The nature of retail is that one generally has to work a few Sundays every now and then. Oscar had spent his younger years running a service station on Highway 77 in Waco during the day when that highway was the main route from Austin up to Dallas. One of Oscar's biggest regrets, it always seemed in talking to him, was that he spent a lot of years working and not being faithful in his attendance at the services of the church, but when he would talk about it, he would always say, "But the ox was in the ditch," referring to the exception to God's Sabbath Law for Israel.

One day when he said this he added something on the end, though, that I will never forget. We had just had a sermon about why we ought to attend the services of the Lord's Church, and Oscar and I were talking about his life as a business owner and how he missed a lot of services during that time, when he said, "The ox was in the ditch **but I wonder if I didn't push him in.**"

Oscar had paid a heavy price for pushing that old ox into the ditch. For many years he had been weak in his faith, he had not been aware of how digressive the congregation he previously belonged to had become and neither of his children were faithful to the Lord's church after they left home. It was often when he thought about his girls that he would mention about that old ox.

Brethren, God has given us a reason to assemble (Heb. 10:24) and a command to do so (Heb. 10:25), and there are certainly times that the ox falls in the ditch, but like Oscar, we must ask ourselves if we pushed him in.

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM

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Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Sept. 05 Ladies Day Classes resume, 10AM at the building.

Thank you, Father, for picking us up when we fall and carrying us when we are too weary to go anymore.

Cora Parson