



OF WAR AND PEACE



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SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS

Are you a soldier of the Cross,
Marching to our Lord's command?
Do you even know there is a war
Raging throughout the land?
The inroads of the Enemy
Are causing widespread destruction;
Many of us are lulled to sleep,
Since his strategy is seduction.

The loss of life and casualties
Stagger the imagination—
Multiplied millions of babies killed,
With the approval of our nation.
Millions of others have been seduced
By cults, New Age, and gay pride;
Many of these have never heard—
There is freedom in the Crucified. (John 8:32,36)

The good news of the gospel
Has been taught without its power; (2 Tim 3:5)
Absent the victory of the Cross,
Soldiers tend to retreat and cower.
We meet in enclaves to worship
And depart to do our thing;
And Enemy forces unite to fight
While we our choruses sing!

Political candidates garner votes,
Sanctioning abortion and perversion—
The faith of our fathers undermined
By ill-disguised forms of subversion.
Mandates of God's Word forsaken
In favor of gay rights and pro-choice;
Opponents of the right are exalted—
The truth all but denied a voice.

All that's required for evil to win
Is for believers to do nothing;
The Cross of Christ, the power of God, (1 Cor. 1:18)
Replaced by lies in New Age clothing.

Churches go about business as usual,
Answering questions people aren't asking;
The Enemy's plan pushes full-bore ahead,
With believers, in salvation basking.

Soldiers in God's tattered army
Are ill-fed, ill-trained, and defeated;
Unless we awake and don our armor, (Eph 6:10,11)
Sodom and Gomorrah will be repeated.
God is looking for righteous men
Who are willing to stand in the gap; (Ezek 22:30)
Suffering and sacrifice are the watchwords—
Victory will not just fall in our lap!

Self-serving—not self-sacrifice—
Has been the order of the day;
A generation has been spawned
That has rarely heard The Way.
“Peace, peace, when there is no peace,” (Jer 6:14)
Is the Enemy's battle cry;
Those accustomed to the 'good life'
Are conditioned to believe the lie.

Our freedoms are rapidly eroding;
We have taken our blessings for granted.
Will God grant us a reprieve;
While His Word and Life are implanted?
It is no longer a matter of choice;
It will soon be a fight for survival.
Human effort will no longer avail;
Our only hope is Holy Spirit revival.

Are you ready for revival to come
And to have it begin in you?
Are you ready your life to lose,
That yours He might live through?
The Cross is no longer optional;
And, really, it never has been.
Our life to save we must lose, (Matt 16:25)
If we are a new life to begin.

Preaching the Cross, the power of God, (1 Cor 1:18)
Is the message believers need;
But the pleasure-mad throng drives onward—
Blinded by self, and refusing to heed.

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It is not easy ourselves to deny (Luke 9:23,24)
And to find our meaning in Him; (Col. 3:4)
But without revival in the church,
The future of our nation is dim.

His challenge to us is simple:
Allow the Spirit our hearts to search; (Ps 139:23,24)
Only as we're transformed, one by one, (Rom 12:2)
Will there be life in His Body, the Church.
The world has chosen darkness; (John 3:19)
Humanism and sin are a blight.
We must die in order to live;
If to the world we're to be the light. (Matt 5:14,16)

I am dead with Christ yet I live, (Gal 2:20)
And as the branch in the vine, I abide; (John 15:5)
The world is crucified unto me;
Unto the world I am crucified. (Gal 6:14)
All is not lost, if we're willing to lose
Our lives as the Scripture saith; (John 12:25)
Thanks be to God for triumph in Christ (2 Cor. 2:14)
As we overcome the world by faith. (1 John 5:4)

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THE WONDERFUL COUNTRY THAT WAS

'Tis twilight in our nation;
The Light of the world is shunned (John 8:12)
If our country is to survive,
There is much work to be done.
We're past the point of no return;
Man's effort is of no avail.
Unless we heed God's warning,
We're bound to utterly fail.

Humbling ourselves seems un-American—
Our forte has been our pride;
But going our own willful way
Is the reason Jesus died.
Attacks from without and decay within
Couple to expose our weakness;
The futility of carnal weapons
Is underscored with bleakness.

With war clouds on the horizon,
We survey the ominous scene;
The situation that surrounds us
Holds little that is serene.
As the turbulence mounts its fury (John 16:33)
And the world longs for peace,
Only those who walk with God
Will have a Refuge for release.

The toys we have around us (Luke 12:15)
Will suddenly lose their meaning,
When our nice world falls apart
And for necessities we are gleaning.
Will we find extended hands
As the conflict we do weather?
Or, will we suffer in isolation
Not having learned to pull together?

Jesus beckons His yoke to take (Matt 11:28,29)
And come unto Him and find rest;
Many of us ignore His pleading,
Only responding when sore distressed.

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World conditions are fertile soil
To get mankind's attention;
Many will rail that God is unfair
Though the problem's man's invention.

When man's resources are exhausted
And he has been brought to his knees,
The Savior, His arms extended still,
Says, "Those who will, come unto me". (Matt 11:28)
He is waiting to cleanse your sin — (1 Jn 1:7,9)
To quell the storm it causes;
There is yet a little time, while
By His grace and love, He pauses.

Soon will come the trumpet sound (1 Thess 4:16)
And the shout from the Eastern sky;
Come to Him without delay
For your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)
He offers pardon for your sins —
His life in exchange for yours;
You lose your life to save it (Matt 16:25)
As peace and purpose He ensures.

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A war is being fought
Against the Prince of Peace;
Are His Soldiers at the ready,
Or are they fast asleep?
The enemy's being trained
To do His soldiers harm;
Who will sound the trumpet
To serve as the alarm?

Soldiers go into battle
With weapons that are blunt;
The battle that is decisive
Is on another front.
A Holy War was declared
With the 9/11 attack;
Our response was decisive,
Despite a spiritual lack.

The Church must take the lead
If the war is to be won;
God's banner must be raised
Since the Target is His Son.
We have a standing army
Which is sitting in the pew;
Until it's trained and fielded,
It remains a motley crew!

Basic training is essential
If the trumpet we'll obey;
Carnal weapons will not suffice,
Facing a Holy War today.
Strongholds will come down
If spiritual weapons are used;
Absent the Sword of the Spirit,
Our birthright has been abused.

Flesh opposing flesh is futile,
Exposing moral corruption;
Unless we know His filling,
Lives will know disruption.

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The battle is the Lord's,
If we abdicate the throne;
He can move in mighty power
When He has filled His own.

Revival is the urgent need
His church to mobilize;
Only as He's enthroned
Will our living stabilize.
Will you enlist for service
In the Army of the King?
Then, Onward Christian Soldiers,
Let Freedom's anthem ring!!!

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THE TASK OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Society's ills are many and deep
With suffering a common plight.
Many are angry; and others weep,
While wise men seek for light.
Our currency says, "In God we trust,"
But our actions the maxim deny;
God's Word is met with disgust,
And truth is replaced with lies.

Fortunes are made from TV's fare
Of sex, violence, drugs and booze;
Where viewers are warped by their wares,
The purveyors we dare not accuse.
Freedom of speech is the hue and cry—
First Amendment rights are demanded;
Their actions their motives belie—
It's hypocrisy to be quite candid.

When violence erupts and many are killed,
It's easy to blame the smoking gun;
Lives are lost, and lips are stilled
While the smut shops continue to run.
Labor we must to end the crime
With each of us doing his part,
But much effort is a waste of time
Unless God does change man's heart.

Billions of dollars are spent each year
On the results of sin and pleasure;
Increasing numbers will live in fear
As drives are indulged without measure.
But God has not left us without recourse
If we'll deny ourselves and look to Him; (Lk 9:23)
Aberrant behavior must stop at its source,
Or we will cater to every whim.

Behavioral sins must be addressed,
But the problem is deeper still;
Personal guilt must again be stressed,
Appealing to the domain of the will.

Accountability to God is lost from view
As the tenets of humanism hold sway;
Bowing the knee to Him all must do (Phil 2:9,10)
Because there is a coming Judgment Day. (Heb 9:27)

Weird behavior, and more weird looks,
Are thrust in the believer's face;
Rock music, porno movies and trashy books
Are offered to kids in God's place.
Should we wonder why our kids go wrong
When television is their teacher?
They're not only taught rebellion strong
But also given disdain for a preacher.

Chaos and anarchy are the certain end
If we continue our present heading;
Our only hope is our ways to mend
That destruction may be kept from spreading.
Certainly, believers cannot condone
Wanton killing, abortion, and gay rights;
But standing against the behaviors alone
Won't rid our nation of these blights.

Reaping the results of sowing to the flesh
Is promised in God's word; (Gal 6:8a)
Corruption, which lives does enmesh,
Shows the message has not been heard.
Sowing to the Spirit gives a promise of life—
An everlasting life in the Son; (Gal 6:8b)
We can experience an end to strife
And abide in the victory He has won.

A watching world on us depends
Without knowing it is seeking Light;
Will we continue our energy to expend
On answers we should know are not right?
As always, the only answer is the Cross
Which must put an end to Self's reign;
But indulging our flesh has meant loss
With the inevitable results of great pain.

Concerted prayer is the key
Which will unlock God's store of blessing;
Spiritual renewal will His answer be—
With relief from dilemmas distressing.

When the church again becomes the Church
And accepts leading from its Head,
Many are those who will cease to search
For meaning in the world in its stead.

When the Church of today knows the power of old,
The world will begin to take notice;
When believers are different, with a witness bold,
(Phil 1:14)
They will have reason for which to note us.

Having been with Jesus, our lives should show
(Acts 4:13)
A joy and purpose which sets us apart,
With a ready answer that they may know
As we sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. (1 Pet 3:15)

As we approach the end of the age,
Our Lord promised to be with us; (Matt 28:19,20)
As the battle with the enemy we do wage,
He will be sufficient in every crisis.
He commands us to reach, teach and baptize
And boldly approach the throne of grace; (Heb 4:16)
Only in Him can we hope to realize
"Well done" at the end of the race. (Matt 25:21)

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