

May 3, 2015

Insight...

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ...”

Ephesians 4:15

- ❖ **Recently Overheard back in the WHBC Audio/Video Tech area:**
Pastor Dave (while fiddling with his ear mic and feigning pain): *I doing my Dean Murray imitation.*
Dean Murray: *I recently did my best Pastor Dave imitation.*
Pastor Dave: *Yeah? How did it go?*
Dean Murray: *I'm not sure. I fell asleep half way through.*

- ❖ **The monetary cost of sin...**According to Javelin Strategy & Research's 2015 Identity Fraud Study, 12.7 million people were victims of identity theft last year, at a cost of \$16 billion.

- ❖ **There's a new scam in town...**and it's called "malicious tagging." It begins when you get tagged in a Facebook post, along with some other Facebook friends. Since you see your friends are also tagged — and in many cases, a friend of yours appears to have shared the post — you assume the link is safe. Think again...

- ❖ **More than half of U.S. adults...**actively use social sites such as Facebook and Twitter. Identity thieves are discovering the potential for financial gain by incorporating pieces of the everyday information users readily make available on these sites.

- ❖ **Social Media information isn't difficult to get.** According to a 2012 study by Javelin Strategy & Research, over 30% of social network users post their birth date. 47% share their email address and another 12% their phone number. By combining this information with seemingly everyday facts like birthplace, school names, locations and pet names, a smart identity thief can piece together a pretty hefty victim profile. Some of these crooks are real pros.

- ❖ **Listen to the arguments** - for and against same sex marriage as a constitutional right at: http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/audio/2014/14-556-q1 The court, having heard the arguments will make a decision which is expected to be announced in late June. Please continue to pray for the court's decision.

- ❖ **3 other Cs, Culture/Communication/Change:** When the folks at unseminary.com asked 81 churches to send members an email on Saturday and then measure to see if it affected attendance, here's what they found:
 - 57% of the churches that sent Saturday email saw a week-over-week increase in attendance.
 - Saturday is typically the "lowest volume" day for incoming emails and it also has the highest open rates.

- ❖ **"Because of the love of God in me...I feel forgiveness in my heart, even for the guy that hot and killed my son."** Judy Scott, mother of Walter Scott, whose shooting by a S. Carolina policemen, was caught on video.

- ❖ **What is it that makes the Christian faith unique among all the religions of the earth?** It is the fact that our Story, while being every bit as suspenseful and dramatic and satisfying as any fiction, actually happened in history. As Dorothy L. Sayers said, Jesus is the only God with a date in history. As C. S. Lewis put it, Myth became Fact. Nobody know when Krishna appeared as a avator of Vishnu. But Jesus was born when Quirinius was governor of Syria, and he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. Christianity has its legends, but the life of Jesus is not one of them. Like the Exodus from Egypt which preceded it, it was history and it changed history. That is what we celebrate. Donald T. Williams

- ❖ **Trivia Question:** What percentage of Americans use email daily?

A. 55%	B. 65%	C. 75%	D. 85%
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Prayer Concerns...

- ...Tony – the wood carver in the Dells whose father has a life threatening illness & that Tony would seek faith and comfort from the Lord.
- ...We mourn with the family of Lois (Bob) Neis whose mother, Hulda Meisner, who went home to be with the Lord on Monday (4/27). She would have been 98 on 5/9. Funeral was in Wykoff, WI/Sat.
- ...Bernard Rabata, Mark's father, began radiation treatment for a large tumor (lungs, liver, heart). Very serious. Pray for the Rabata family.
- ...Ken Boll – stroke rehabilitation is frustratingly slow for Ken.
- ...Men's Campout ends today, Women's Campout 5/15-17. Spiritual protection. Open hearts.
- ...The work of the Nominating Committee.
- ...Space Planning & Church growth.
- ...VBS Committee – workers, preparation and kids to bring kids.
- ...Sale of Homes: Reidle, Gradall, Greenwoods, Brandells, Dunbars, Normans, Stocks
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie	Christy (Mike)	Sue (John)
Norm & Peg	Cheryl (Deane)	Ken & Judy

...Our Expectant Mothers

Sarah (Kelly)
Sarah (Beaner)
Chante (Brent)
Britta (Jonah)

Daisy (Aaron)
Brittany (Andy)
Kristin (Shawn)
Jen (Cody)

Christy (Ben)
Terra (Ronnie)
Diana (Steven)

...and yet we keep trying...

“And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.”

— C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Trivia Answer: B. 65%