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THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

We were all saddened and disturbed upon hearing of the tragic events resulting in the deaths of children and teachers at a Texas elementary school. There is no right-thinking person who does not want these kinds of heart-breaking events to end. Is the answer more gun control, more resource officers in schools or more facilities to treat mental illness? While these may be helpful, this writer is convinced that there is only one thing that has the power to change the thinking and lives of people and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We live in a nation that has largely forgotten the God of heaven. God has been excluded from public life, eliminated from public schools, and His word rejected by the majority. For years children in this nation have been taught that they are no more than the product of organic evolution rather than the special creation of God. The sanctity of human life has been diminished by this as well as by legalized abortion and media that depicts and glorifies violence including violent video games. Immorality abounds and what God says is "against nature" is accepted as normal behavior (Romans 1:26-27). No wonder children are confused about their own sexual identity being victims of the perverted agenda of those who glorify immoral behavior. We have reached that point when "evil is called good and good is called evil" and we are experiencing the consequences of our rejection of God (Isa. 5:20). It is still true that "Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Sin is the universal problem (Romans 3:23). Sin is why murders are committed and innocent children are killed. The gospel of Christ is the answer to sin. Through the blood of Jesus one can be cleansed of sin (Romans 5:8-9). One who chooses to obey God will find peace in a world of turmoil (Philippians 4:7). Each of us have the ability to choose to follow the teaching of the Bible in spite of what goes on around us. In changing one's own life, one may then have a positive influence upon others in this world. Letting your light shine will dispel the darkness of sin and glorify God (Matthew 5:16).

Psalms 9:17 reads, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God." Parents, bring your children up in the training of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). Exalt God in your life and make His will your priority. If you do, you will be a blessing to others and enjoy an eternity in heaven.

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