

# ***Fort Payne church of Christ***



## **The Weekly Moment**

*A Weekly Motivational Message*

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### ***You People Are Crazy***

The following is an excerpt from an article by Eric Lyons from the ***Apologetics Press*** weekly email.

*"I freely admit that I believe a donkey spoke, an iron ax head floated, and a woman turned into a pillar of salt. As certain as I am of my own existence, I am convinced that water flowed from a rock, that a man's severed ear was immediately reattached with the touch of a hand, and that dead people have come back to life. I believe that, not only did a burning bush not really burn up, but also that three men survived a fiery furnace without a single singed hair on their heads. I believe that a man spent three days inside of a sea creature and lived to tell about it.<sup>1</sup> And yes, I believe a virgin gave birth to a Son, Who will one day **"descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord"** (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).*

Increasingly, more and more of the population of this country actually believe that we are crazy for believing what Bro. Lyons wrote in his article. And I believe that, as time goes on, more and more will share the sentiment that *"you people are crazy"*. You have to wonder how this sentiment has come about mostly in our lifetime.

I can remember in my earlier years that very few people would have uttered those words. In the 50's and maybe early 60's, the vast majority of the population actually believed in God, the Bible and in Jesus. But then something happened. Not sure exactly when it happened or how it happened. But something changed – and it happened right before our very eyes.

What matters now is how do we change this sentiment? How do we help people understand that the Bible is truly the Word of God; that God is real and that salvation can only be found in His Son, Jesus?

I think the answer is simple and right before our very eyes. We simply keep doing what we are now doing. We continue proclaiming from our pulpits the truth of God's Word; we keep broadcasting using vehicles like GBN, the GBN Radio Network; we keep mailing out publications like *House-To-House* to as many households as we can; we create as many sound TV programs as we can using our TV Studio and find outlets for them to run on; as parents we insist that our children participate in the youth activities of the church to help instill in them the sound teaching they need to grow into faithful Christians. And the list goes on and on.

We keep on keeping on. And, yes, people will still say, "*you people are crazy.*"

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the "*most of your minutes*" this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

***Bob Strickland***