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INTRODUCTION

A group of Scientists meeting in College Park, Maryland are reported as saying that man is fast approaching the end of "our good life." They further said:

1. That it is not too late for man to put on the brakes, but that it is not likely that man will put on the brakes in his mad rush toward catastrophe.
2. Though he could put on the brakes, his failure to do so is found in his many political and cultural entanglements. One scientist, a zoologist said:
 - (1) That any major portion of the world was already beyond the "point of no return" on the road to disaster.
3. These scientists predict that on the basis of the present population growth that the population of the United States will be one billion compared with the present population of 200 million or so.
 - (1) These scientists are doubtful that the world can avert some catastrophic event that would change the population picture of their predictions so much so that if a man chanced to meet another, "it would be a very pleasant surprise."
4. Why all of this?
 - (1) Inability to feed the added millions of the "population explosion."
 - (2) The constant danger of an unbridled atomic war.
 - (3) The Christian Law of Love has been tossed out the window. This is seen:
 - a. In the lack of Christian love even among Christians. John 13:35
 - b. In the bitter racial violence that is sweeping the world, especially in the United States.
 - c. In the utter disregard of a large segment of our youth toward established authority, the apparent desire on the part of many simply to make a sexual conquest of the other, their disregard and complete disrespect toward their parents. (Many parents are responsible for this)
 - d. The deep contempt and resentment toward any thing that would seem to stand in their path to destruction.
 - e. Unwillingness on the part of the religious world to be bound wholly by the teaching of the Bible.
 1. This has led the world to use such expression as, "Christianity has failed the world."
 2. Christianity as Jesus taught has not failed...men of the world have failed Christianity.

A LOOK AT PERSONAL WORK UNDER JESUS Three examples:

1. John 1:35-37: "Again the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples; 36-And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! 37-And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus."
 1. We should so live, and so teach, that those we teach will forget us in the quest to follow Christ.
 1. One of these disciples was Andrew, see verse 40, and very likely the other was John.
 2. John the Baptist is an example of a true personal worker for the Lord.
 - (1) John made no effort to build up his own interest, or to extend his own fame. John 3:30
 - (2) He was willing, and encouraged his disciples to look away from him to see Jesus.
 - a. This should be the aim of every worker for the Lord.
2. John 1:40-42: "One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41-He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messaiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. 43-And he brought him to Jesus..."
 1. Other people, beginning with the next of kin, should be evangelized.
 2. The idea of ordinary members working and teaching for Christ in factories, dockyards, offices, hospitals, schools, and homes seem to have been relegated to church history.
 1. In our next lesson we will point out some things that will not convert the world, though they may be good within themselves.
3. John 1:43-51: "The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me."
 1. Philip went forth to find Nathaniel. He met Nathaniel's dubious argument with Jesus' words: "Come and see."