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Revival in the Church of Rome!!



The Pope — lead a revival of error

There is every sign of a revival taking place within the Roman Catholic Church and it is headed by the Pope. Revival, that is, of medieval darkness and error. Of course, such folly has never really gone away from within Rome. It was just that, following the spreading of the truth of God's Word under the preaching of men like Martin Luther and John Calvin and the myriad other labourers for Christ in the 15th and 16th centuries, Rome changed her face but not her heart. She changed the shop-window display but not the goods sold from under the counter. The old trinkets were still available. Such chicanery was the essence of Rome's "counterreformation." Now that ecumenism has virtually decimated the mainline churches (as they are mistakenly termed, for while mainline they may be, churches they certainly are not)

now that ecumenism has effectively destroyed the witness of these so-called churches against Rome's errors, Rome feels free once again to revert to putting openly on show and on sale her ancient falsehoods and lies. That is what the Vatican has been doing of late.

A booklet has just been issued by the Vatican in which the sale of "indulgences" is once again being promoted amongst the "faithful." It is all part of the present Pope's crusade to bring the church back to its "medieval splendour."

Roman Catholics are being told that cutting back on alcohol, making the sign of the cross when someone swears in their company, turning vegetarian will help to get them to heaven! A visit to one of Rome's basilicas and the saying of some special prayers during the year 2000 is set forth as a surefire way of shortening those days in purgatory. If you cannot get to Rome, just tune into the Pope on television and even that will help, says the booklet. The booklet indicates 33 steps on the stairway to heaven.

Romanists ought to be happy with this booklet, since the staircase has been shortened. In 1968, Pope Paul VI issued a booklet outlining 70 steps to heaven!

One is reminded of the stairway in Rome upon which Martin Luther came to his senses as he climbed on his knees, thinking that such vain activities would get him to heaven. His awakening to the errors of Popery led on to the great Protestant Reformation, the greatest revival of Bible religion since Pentecost.

It is alarming for the true Christian to see this re-emergence of the old lies. It is a witness against the weakness of the true Church of Christ that such a thing is taking place. We need to pray for a spirit of awakening to move amongst God's people. Ministers of Christ need to take up the Bible and thunder out against these errors, as did our forefathers.

Sadly, all too many of God's servants have been silenced by the muzzle of fear, having compromised their stand for God's truth for the illusionary prize of respectability. They



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have bartered their heritage for the handshake of the ministers' fraternal. It would have been better to have remained faithful to Christ and His Word and to have enjoyed the touch of the nail-pierced hand upon their ministry.