WEEK 18

1. Bible Reading - The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

2. Devotional - Civil War II by Pastor O. E. Bickel

With our allies America won World War II against godless Naziism. After 40 years of tension with Russia and atheistic Communism, we won the Cold War. The Iron Curtain and the Wall are gone.

Meanwhile, are we winning “Civil War II” in our own country? Not a division of North and South, but a moral war against godlessness, lawlessness, immorality and self-indulgence. The two sides are: (1) those who know and trust God through Christ; and (2) those who do not know God and trust themselves.

Godless Communism failed in the Soviet empire. Are we becoming a godless nation, even losing our religious freedom? It appears we are headed that way. What a tragic twist of history. Many in media and leadership positions are blind to the degeneration of virtues and defend each step downward as freedom. No wonder the Bible says “the god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

Christians, young and old, let's fight for the future of America. We begin the battle with prayer.

Prayer: God, our Father, thank You for the gift of this free country, the United States of America. Thanks for the good You have done in the world through this unique nation. With joy we sing, “This land is our land,” knowing full well “this land is Your land.” Now help us come to grips with the growing internal problems of America and oppose the evil attacking us from within like a cancer. Your Word and counsel reveal it to be just plain sin. Holy Spirit, please alert every Christian to the key role he or she must play to bring about healing, so that Americans may repent, trust Christ, and be spiritually and morally strong. Dear Lord, begin with me. Amen.

Prayer prompts
   a. Pray for the Body of Christ, for spiritual revival in the Church.
   b. Pray for Christians to step out in boldness and kindness to share their faith and values.
   c. Pray for many to come to know Christ.
   d. Pray for the Church with Pastor Kevin Schuessler, “Lord, Rebuild Your Church” (31 minutes long)

Additional resources:
Messages for the Church: Stiffed Necked … Religious People? by Pastor Chris Dodge

Next week: WEEK 19
Devotional - Hearing the True Voice of God by Pastor Chris Dodge