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America is worried about national and personal security. The creation of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the installation of the Patriot Act is the government's solution of implementing new levels of security. Many individuals are concerned about their security along with their computer security. Recently there have been new viruses, and serious problems concerning computers and the Internet. Many computer users use either GnuPG or PGP for encrypting email and files.

As the Bible says, we are living in perilous times. The times that we are living in are quite bad. There are people who believe that it is a good thing to blow themselves up and kill as many people as possible along with themselves. What kind of world are we living in where men and women are willing to kill themselves?



2 Timothy 3:1-17

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of

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corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

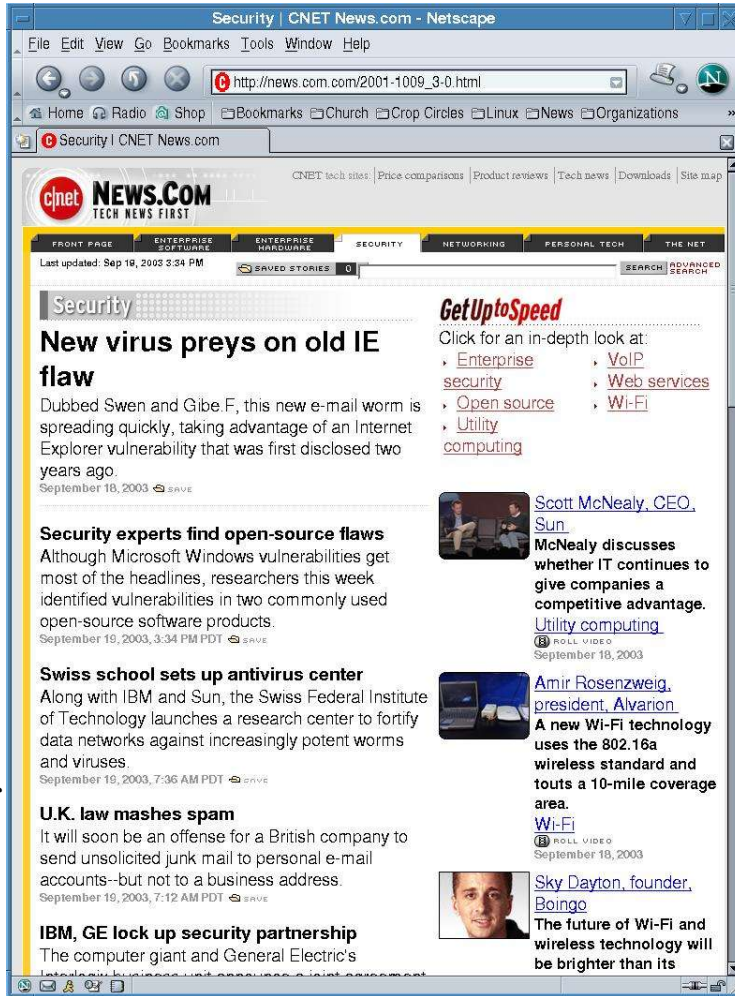
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:



17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

There are many who believe that sending encrypted email messages will protect them from prying eyes. There are others who believe that they need to put their faith and trust in their government. All of these provide a portion of security, but for real security you need Jesus Christ. If you do not have the Lord Jesus Christ as your security, all of your efforts will prove null and void.

As a person that understands a little about computer

security along with the various tools that are available for locking down your system, I realize that all of my knowledge is futile without the full knowledge of Jesus Christ and his divine righteousness.

I can send a message that contains:

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and be reasonably sure that most people will not be able to decrypt the message. Though the message requires a 2,048 bit key to decrypt it, there is still someone out there who will be able to come up with the pass phrase for the message. Though I run Linux computer systems, there are continuous attempts by nefarious creatures who want to destroy my system. So with all my knowledge about computer security, I am not really secure.

There are always people coming up with new and improved methods on how to pick a lock.

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

With the crime rate so high, the government concerned with national security, and people committing suicide while killing as many as possible is a good sign that we are living in the perilous time that Paul told Timothy about.

- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

All you have to do is look around you and see that we are living in the time where debauchery reigns and righteousness is considered evil. We live in a city that celebrates “Gay Pride Month”. Sin is

considered good and the murder of unborn children is considered righteous. Is it any wonder that crime is at the level that it is at?

- 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Without the power of the Holy Ghost, you have no security. There are many who try to show their righteousness without any involvement with Jesus Christ. They try to use their good deeds to show a outward form of righteousness while inwardly they are raving wolves. This is the reason that so many preachers have gone astray, for they have not accepted the power that comes from above. All of their power has come from this world and they have denied everything from above.

Acts 2:16-21

16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

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offers real security and not the false sense of security provided by the government or your own knowledge. When you accept the power of the Lord Jesus Christ in your life you will have the real security from above.

- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

These are the false teachers who have a cloak of Christianity, but do not have the power of the Spirit. Without the power of the Spirit there is no security. Only by the power of the Holy Ghost are we able to withstand all of the evils of this world. The ones who have denied the power of the Spirit deny the power of God. They may say that they believe in the Spirit, but in reality their faith is lacking.

So when they fall into temptation and sin, they have no power to resist the Devil.

Ephesians 6:11-19

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith,

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wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Conclusion:

Is it any wonder that we hear about the preachers who have fallen to sin? Those who have not accepted the power of the Lord Jesus Christ in their life and are not lead by the Spirit of the Lord will fall eventually. For without the power of the Holy Ghost, you cannot resist the Devil.