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Remember When?

When a 6-pack was three 2-barrell carburetors, and when people knew what a carburetor was. Motor oil came in a metal can that you had to puncture with a can opener or a slip funnel. You put 10¢ into a soft drink machine, opened a narrow glass door & pulled out a glass bottle. Coke cans had no pop-top on them. They had to be opened them with a can opener. Gas was less than 50¢ a gallon.

The switch for your car's high beams was a button on the floorboard by your left foot. 8-track tapes were all the rage before cassette tapes. No, you could not rewind or fast forward. And before that there were vinyl records in 3 speeds: 78 rpm, 33 rpm or 45's (yes 45 rpm). Juke boxes had records in them.

When you called up the operator to dial a number FOR you, they actually dialed the number.

And then there was the party-line, where nosey neighbors could listen to your phone calls.

Police cars had a single bubble-gum light on top.....and they were red, not blue.

Penny candy was not a penny. It was 2 pieces or sometimes 3 pieces for a penny.

We had a black and white TV with a 13" screen and rabbit ears antenna with aluminum foil on them to help pick up the signal. And we had remote control for our TV. Dad would tell one of us to go change the channel or adjust the volume.

But mostly, I remember a time when praying in school was a normal part of our day.

In fact, it was broadcast across the PA systems, along with a Bible reading for the day.

I remember when homosexuality was not an accepted lifestyle and same sex marriage would NEVER even been mentioned, much less be voted on.

I remember a time when if someone tried to get the 10 Commandments removed, or the words "One Nation Under God" taken from the "Pledge of Allegiance," they would not go before the court. They would have been taken to the woodshed for some "enlightenment".

I remember a time when people would look for reasons to GO to church rather than make up excuses not to.

Some have called those days "the age of innocence", and compared to today, that would certainly be true. But people were not so innocent back then. There was crime, teen sex, affairs, abortion and drug use. There was violence, robbery, and mayhem back then. People had no problem finding ways to disobey God and they sinned just like people of today.

The biggest difference I see between the two times is that back then, all these things were WRONG. People called it sin. It happened, but it was not approved or excused. But today, everything is OK. Excuses are made for all manner of sinful behavior. And we are wrong if we dare to call these actions sinful.

I enjoy all the modern conveniences of today. But I do miss the moral values of yesterday.

I remember Jesus asked what if we gain the wealth and possessions of the whole world and yet lose our soul? Just what have we gained in the long run? (Matthew 16:26)

While we remember all the stuff from childhood...and the values we held dear, there is something even more important to remember. Remember the One who calls us to a brighter future than we could ever imagine, and don't ever forget what He did to save you.