

## **CONVICTS UPSET OR WHAT?**

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The following article came to me recently and I contended that I should pass it on. It has been slightly edited and a conclusion added.

About 2,000 inmates living in a barbed-wire-surrounded tent encampment at the Maricopa County, AZ Jail have been given permission to strip down to their government-issued pink boxer shorts.

Recently hundreds of men wearing boxers were either curled up on their bunk beds or chatted in the tents, which reached 138 degrees inside the week before. Many were also swathed in wet, pink towels as sweat collected on their chests and dripped down to their pink socks.

"It feels like you are in a furnace," an inmate who has lived in the tents for 1 1/2 years. "It's inhuman."

**Joe Arpaio, the tough-guy sheriff** who created the tent city and long ago started making his prisoners wear pink, is not sympathetic. He said recently that he told the inmates: "It's 120 degrees in Iraq and the U.S. soldiers are living in tents and they didn't commit any crimes, so just shut your mouths, I don't want to hear any griping."

This kind of puts things in perspective, doesn't it? We humans seem to be able to be more negative than we are positive about many things. If it is not too hot it is too cold...! Many want multiple programs from Uncle Sam but then want to gripe, gripe, gripe about high taxes.

The God of creation knows us better than we know ourselves, even though we have a tendency to forget this. Galatians 6:7 in any translation still says that one reaps what he/she sows. Hell will be a great deal hotter than 100 degrees, so the "Good Book" says (Luke 16:19-31).

**Plainly, don't get short changed.** Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (Acts 16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (Acts 17:30) 3) Confess Christ Audibly (Acts 8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (Acts 2:38) 5) Live A Christian Life (Acts 14:22) 6) Be Active In the Church (Acts 2:47)

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