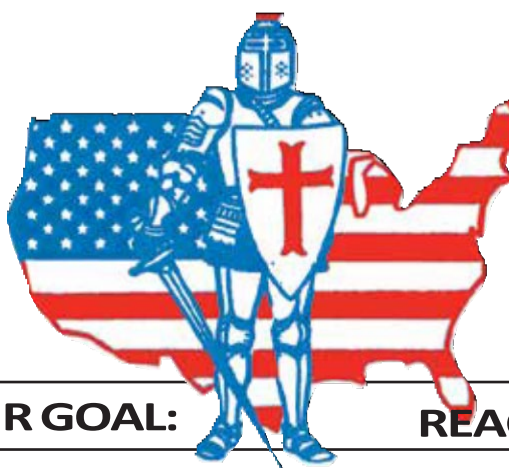




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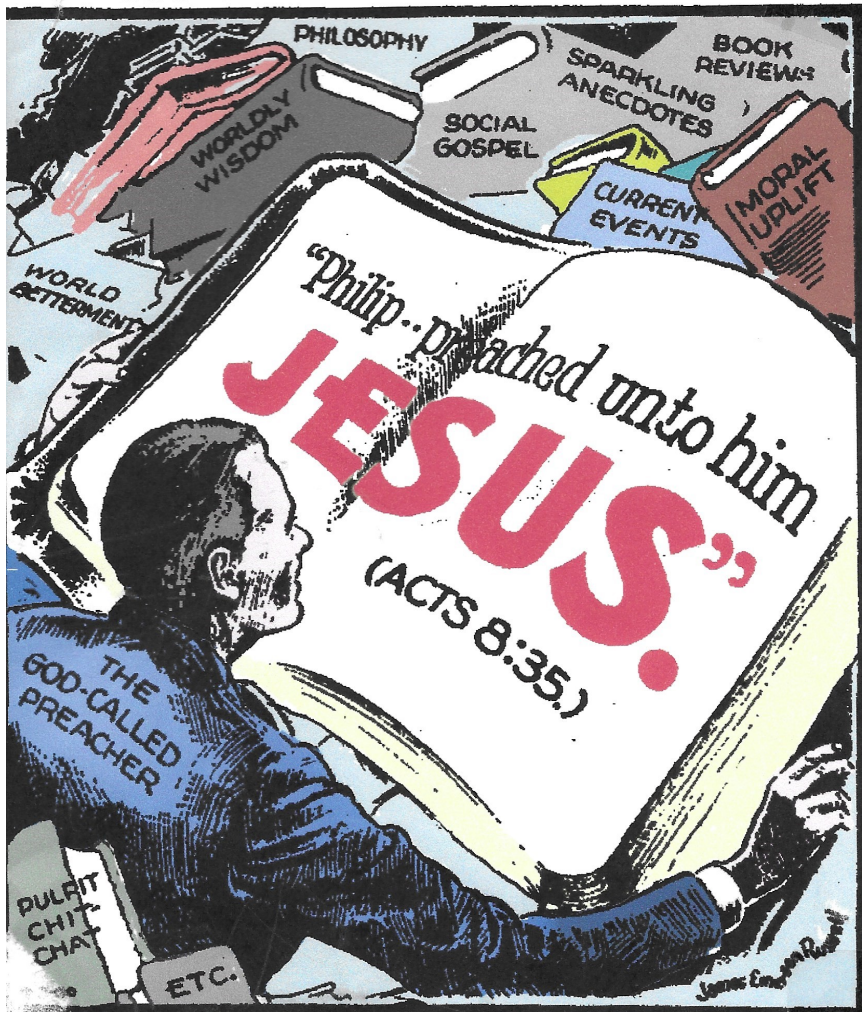
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OUR GOAL:

REACHING FOR LOST SOULS FOR CHRIST WHILE THERE IS TIME

NO OTHER MESSAGE!!



The city buzzed with voices from every nation under heaven. The Day of Pentecost had arrived, and the disciples—once fearful, now emboldened—stood amidst the crowd. A mighty wind had swept through the upper room, and tongues of fire rested upon them. No longer were they mere followers; they were now bearers of the greatest truth ever spoken.

Peter stepped forward, his voice unwavering. “Men of Israel, hear these words!” His call echoed through the streets, turning heads and piercing hearts. He spoke of Jesus, the Messiah crucified and risen, the fulfillment of every prophecy. His words were not his own; they were the message given by the Spirit—the only message that would lead to salvation.

Conviction gripped the multitude. “Brothers, what shall we do?” they cried. Peter did not waver. “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” Acts 2:38—the divine instruction, unaltered, untainted. There was no other way. No philosophy, no tradition, no human wisdom could replace the truth entrusted to them.

And on that day, three thousand souls embraced the only message that could save. The disciples preached, and the world would never be the same.

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**CHRIST IS
THE ANSWER**

Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior & Sister Brenda Tingle

As we look around at our cities and states, it is undeniable the troubles of this world are growing. The weight of division, injustice, and unrest presses upon communities everywhere.

We see violence in the streets, confusion in the halls of leadership, and hearts growing cold toward one another. But none of this should come as a surprise to those who hold fast to the truth. The signs of the Lord's return are greater now than at any other time in history. The prophecies spoken long ago are unfolding before our eyes, reminding us that the day is approaching swiftly.

In this hour, we must draw closer—not only to God but to each other. This is not the time to be silent, indifferent, or afraid. It is the time to lift our voices in prayer, to strengthen our bonds in love, and to proclaim the message of salvation with urgency. The darkness may seem overwhelming, but we stand in the light of His promise, knowing that our Redeemer is near.

To all who support this newspaper, who faithfully give and pray, we extend our deepest gratitude. Your dedication allows the truth to be spoken, the Word to be spread, and hearts to be stirred in faith. Without you, this work would not be possible. May the Lord bless and strengthen each of you as we press on, knowing that His return is at hand.

Let us stand firm. Let us draw near. And let us watch, for the hour is closer than ever before.

Sincerely, Bro. Jr. Tingle

A Way To Give

Focus on self only makes the world a dreary place to live. But you make it a brighter scene when you find a way to give.

Share with random strangers, not only those you know. It's by practicing such kindness God's love in you will glow.

Be sure to give to people who have no means to repay. Such will always return to you in the most unexpected way.

Practice giving to friends, if only to make them smile. Doesn't matter if they have it all. It is a gesture worthwhile.

Be generous with your folks. Kindness to outsiders alone; Just how hollow would it be? For charity begins at home.

Leave a gift for someone who won't find out it's from you. Directing all the glory to God makes giving pure and true.

When you find a way to give, you sow seeds of joy around. You leave behind a scent of hope and make the light of love abound.

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When You Give Sin An Inch

G.Huddleston

There is a deception creeping through our world today—a slow, insidious erosion of righteousness that begins with the smallest concession. It is written in Scripture that the enemy prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour

(1 Peter 5:8). But make no mistake, he does not always attack in full force. No, the devil is subtle. He whispers, persuades, and chips away at conviction until virtue crumbles.

Sin never comes in demanding a **MILE**. It asks for an **INCH**—a harmless compromise, a moment of silence when the truth ought to be spoken, a quiet acceptance of what once would have been rejected. And before long, that inch stretches into a path, and the path into a highway leading straight to destruction.

History warns us. Look at once godly nations that abandoned truth for convenience. See how morality is bartered for the approval of the world. What was once shameful now parades in the streets, demanding not only acceptance but celebration. The world calls it progress; the Bible calls it rebellion.

Do not be deceived—darkness does not tolerate neutrality. The moment a righteous man allows sin to take root, he forfeits his authority. Just as a single leak can sink a mighty ship, one concession can unravel the soul.

We must remember: **a battle delayed is a battle lost**. When the enemy whispers, we must shout truth. When the world beckons us to compromise, we must stand firm.

Now is the time for a return to unwavering faith. Stand your ground. Guard your heart. Do not yield even an inch, for eternity hangs in the balance.

The Flood That Follows

Sin is never satisfied with the sliver of ground you surrender—it always seeks more. Like water creeping through a tiny crack in a dam,



it begins small, subtle, almost imperceptible. But left unchecked, that minuscule leak expands. It weakens the structure. And before long, the pressure becomes too great—leading to an unstoppable flood of destruction.

A justification for a small indulgence that was once off limits. A gradual acceptance of what would have been rejected outright. And then, the erosion begins. Morality crumbles, the foundation weakens, and what was once a firm and steadfast heart is drowned in deception.

The world will tell you that the flood is progress—that surrendering is wisdom, that standing firm is outdated. But Scripture warns us: The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). That slow leak, that small compromise, does not stop at erosion. It leads to devastation—the destruction of the soul.

A fortress is not brought down by a single blow; it crumbles piece by piece when its defenses are neglected. The moment we allow sin to seep into our lives, we are no longer standing firm—we are sinking. And a sinking man cannot rescue another.

Now is not the time for compromise. Now is the time to seal every crack, to reinforce every wall, to stand boldly in the truth. **For righteousness is not preserved by convenience, but by conviction. Do not give sin an inch—for it will take all that you have.**





Bro. O.F. Fauss

Question:

Please explain Hebrews 6:4-6. Does this mean that if one backslides after he has been saved, there is no place of repentance for him?

Answers:

This passage of Scripture reads: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

The term "fall away" means more than what we refer to as backsliding. However, backsliding is the beginning of falling away, which I doubt ever happens to a person suddenly.

Paul wrote, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened ... Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves ..For this cause,

God gave them up unto vile affections ... And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient" (Romans 1: 18-28). The next four verses show the fallen condition of these people, and the judgment of God which was to follow. Read also 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12.

There is only one approach to God-through repentance, and that comes from godly sorrow, for Paul said, "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort " (2 Corinthians 7:9-11). Therefore, when a person backslides, he can repent.

But when a person falls away, until he has no feeling of regret, and is possessed of a reprobate mind, believing a lie because of strong delusion, there is no hope of repentance. All this starts when one rejects the truth, for Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

when a person who has repented, has been baptized in Jesus' name, and has received the Holy Ghost, backslides and goes back into sin, is it necessary for him to be baptized again in water when he returns to the church, and is refilled with the Holy Ghost? To become a child of God, one must be born again. Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Then He added, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:3, 5). Jesus told His apostles, "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his (Jesus') name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47). (Read also Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16: 15, 16; Acts 1:3-8.)

On the day of Pentecost it all began when Peter answered the question of the multitude: "What shall we do?" His answer is found in Acts 2:38, 39, which shows by pattern, precept and example how one becomes a child of God and enters into the kingdom of God. When one backslides, he becomes a disobedient child. He does not need to be born again of water and of the Spirit, but rather needs to come back to God in repentance, asking forgiveness, and for a refilling of His Spirit. He must again take up his cross where he laid it down. Unless he does this, he will finally be destroyed with the wicked, along with all who have turned away from God. Such a person does not need to be baptized again in water in Jesus' name.

The Course Of The World

IN HIS EPISTLE to the Ephesian Christians, Paul reminded them that they had once walked "... according to the course of this world" Webster defines course, in the sense that it is relevant to Paul's meaning in this verse, as "a way or path; the direction taken."

What is the present course of this world? Which way or path is it traveling? What direction is it taking? These are vital questions, for paths and ways lead to destinations, from some of which there is no way of return.

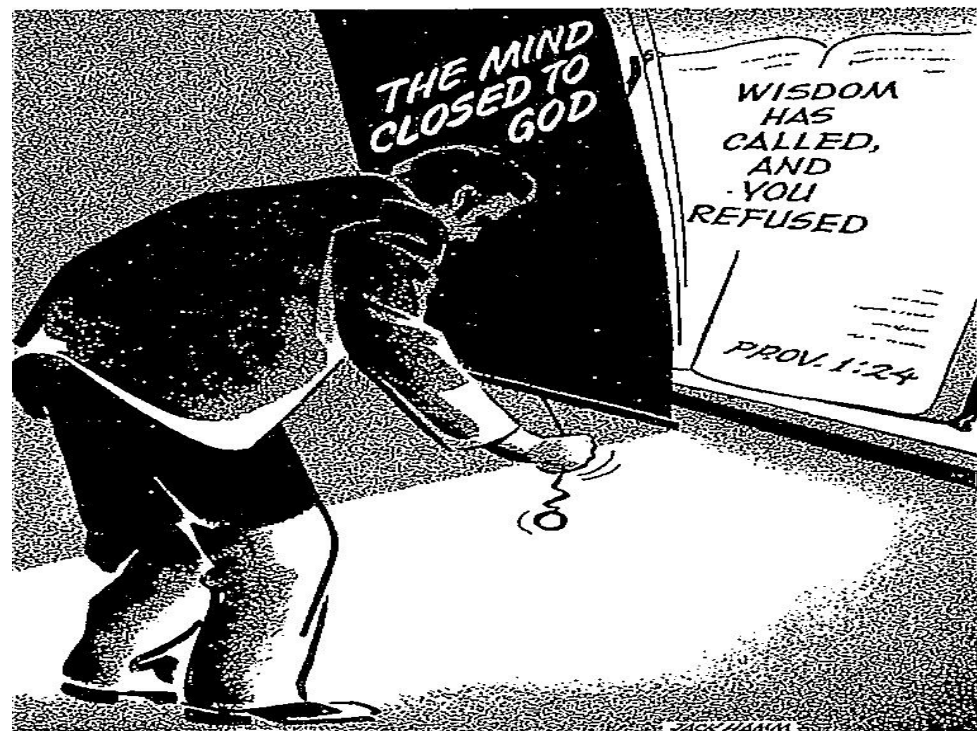
Misguided individuals of our day are quick to claim that the world is, in every way, growing better. They feel that we are on the way to Utopia. They visualize a golden age, to be achieved by scientific discovery and man's inventive ingenuity. Disease and poverty are to be abolished; everyone will be healthy, prosperous and happy. War will be no more.

But what does the Bible teach concerning the course of this world? A vivid, though admittedly incomplete, answer to this question is found in Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great image. This image had a head of fine gold; its breast and arms were of silver; its belly and thighs were of brass; its legs were of iron; and its feet were part iron and part clay. From head to feet, each succeeding metal was inferior to the one before it. This great image portrayed the kingdoms of the world from Daniel's time until the second coming of Christ. The head of gold represented Babylon. Daniel said to Nebuchadnezzar, "After thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee"

We are now in the time portrayed by the feet of iron and clay. Such a mixture is a far cry from pure gold. Throughout the centuries the world 'has steadily deteriorated. The trend has been intensified in our time.

Which Way is the World Going Morally?

The moral standard of the world, as judged by the Bible standard of morality, has never been lower. Millions have lost their way morally, and no longer know what is right and what is wrong. Semi nudity is casually accepted by the vast majority. Now we read of topless bathing suits for women. One of our well-known secular magazines tells of a woman who appeared on a beach in France wearing such a suit. She was arrested, charged with "an outrage to public decency," given an eight day sentence



and fined \$200 (both of which were suspended). But the Appellate Court reversed the decision. It said, "Inasmuch as the spectacle of the nudity of the human body has nothing intrinsic in it that would outrage normal, even delicate decency ... we acquit her." Thus the door was thrown open to further nudity.

Recently the National Council of Churches published a pamphlet for the United Christian Youth Movement, which read, in part: "We know further that there is sexual contact between unmarried couples that is motivated by love, and which is pure, and on occasion beautiful." Such a vile teaching by religious teachers of youth seems well-nigh incredible, and is certainly incomprehensible.

Episcopal minister chaplain of a College, a school for girls, said in a sermon to the students: "Sex is good ... sex is fun ... Premarital sex is not bad or dirty. Indeed it can be very beautiful." Does such immoral teaching as this have any effect? It is said that most of the students agreed. One girl stated that she had sent a copy of the sermon to her sixteen-year-old sister.

Which Way is the World Going Politically?

Perhaps such a question will give rise to another: "Should Christians be concerned with things political?" Yes, when these things have, or will have, a bearing upon their spiritual state, or upon the work of God.

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The Course Of The World

In countries not already dominated by Communism, the trend is more and more toward socialism. Our own country is no exception. It appears that the federal government has set about to "take care" of us all, as well as to direct our lives. As a case in point, nearly twenty per-cent of last year's twelve billion dollar farm income, or about two and one-tenth billion dollars, came in the form of direct payments from the federal treasury.

But why speak of such things here? Simply because they are preparing the way for the fulfillment of prophecy. The Bible plainly declares that before Jesus' second coming the entire world will be united into one great empire, ruled by one man. The present trend toward socialism, and the drift toward internationalism, are signs which point to the imminence of Jesus' return.

Which Way is the World Going Religiously?

Generally speaking, the path of religion leads more and more away from old-time fundamentalism into sceptical liberalism. There are notable exceptions, for which we thank God. But hundreds of present-day preachers no longer believe in the virgin birth of Christ, in His expiatory death, in His literal resurrection, iii. His literal second coming, or in heaven or hell. Many of these preachers are highly influential in their denominations. Some are heads of well-known seminaries. One grieves at what the ministerial students in these seminaries will be led to believe, or disbelieve.

The modern preacher is capable of doing amazing things! Some have openly espoused the use of profanity; others have opposed laws against pornography, saying that they feared such laws would violate the freedom of speech and of the press. Thousands of these strange clerics preach nothing but a social welfare gospel, scorning the fundamentalist minister as a "pie in the sky by and by" preacher. The doctrine of reconciliation has been perverted to mean the bringing of harmony between certain social factions, rather than between man and God.

OBEEDIENCE TO GOD—THE GREATEST LIBERTY



There are other strange carryings on among the clergy. We read of a preacher who fought to maintain the sale of beer in a baseball park; of another who sponsored a teen age dance in a cemetery; of an Anglican churchman who wrote that Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx, both defiant atheists, have strong claims to godliness; and of a group of ministers who sponsored a dance for 600 homosexuals. What is the course of this world? It is ever down ward, and the pace is being rapidly accelerated. Evil men and seducers are waxing worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

The supreme need in our time is for men and women who will live holy and righteously, and for both laymen and clergymen who will, in every way consistent with propriety, earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

I Said A Prayer For You

I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have
heard;
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke not a
word.
I didn't ask for wealth or
fame
I knew you wouldn't mind;
I asked for priceless
treasures rare
Of a more lasting kind
I prayed that He'd be near to
you
Now that you've gone away;
To grant you all of His
blessings
And His light to show your
way.
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small;
But that you'd know His
loving care
I prayed for most of all.

Some people talk about
doing great things.
Others quietly get up and
do them.

Anonymous

*"So do not fear,
for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will strengthen you
and help you;
I will uphold you
with my righteous
right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10



So Help Me God!



"Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

This familiar question is repeated multiplied times each day through out our land when the courts are in session. It has no doubt caused many a man to hesitate for a moment, and think a little more carefully as to the truthfulness of his testimony.

The courts of the land are, in one sense, a type of the final court of heaven, the great White Throne Judgment Bar of God. Every man standing before the Judge of all the earth will have to tell the truth, whether he chooses to do so or not, because the all seeing eye of Almighty God will be penetrating into the depths of his soul. All subterfuge, exaggeration and misconstruction will be a thing of the past. Men will be afraid to tell anything but the truth, whether it condemns their souls or not. The Book of Life will be opened, and if man is to receive a verdict of "not guilty," his testimony must agree with "what saith the Lord."

In both civil and criminal court cases, men have, without doubt, been pressed into adhering closer to the truth, by repeating the court's declaration, and especially the last part which states, "... so help me God!" Some, of course, ignore any such vows, fearing neither God nor man.

God's Book Is Opened Now

In the field of religion, it might pay some of the spiritual leaders of America to consider the declaration of the courts when explaining fundamental doctrines. Perhaps if they leaned a little more heavily upon the "so help me God" they would have courage to declare the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. But when they depend upon their traditions and creeds alone, the truth is bound to suffer.

Men who guide others in spiritual matters should realize that they are standing before the judgment bar of God right now! If we judge ourselves correctly, according to the truth of God's Word, then we shall not have to stand at the fearful white throne.

Would it not be wonderful if men would have to lay their hands upon the Bible (and only the Bible) just

before they stepped into their pulpits, and listen to the intonations of God's voice saying to them, "Do you solemnly affirm that the evidence you shall present, relative to the cause now under consideration, shall be the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?" Perhaps that would make a few folks think a little seriously.

What About Repentance?

Let us consider the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, regarding this great step of repentance. If preached with anointing, authority, and according to God's Book, it would start the wheels of a revival in the land. Ministers who allow men to become members of the church, without old-fashioned, God standing before God's judgment bar without telling the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thousands in modern churches have never heard a powerful enough sermon on the subject of repentance to convict them. Therefore, joining a church becomes a membership affair, instead of a heart-s e a r c h i n g experience. The church consequently grows in numbers without growing in the grace of God, and truth is fallen in the streets.

Unless the evidence presented is truthful when the matter of repentance is under consideration, the entire case should be called a mistrial, thrown out of court, and a demand be made by the Judge and jury that correct testimony be presented. Oh if men would only ask God to help them, and not fear what broad minded society thinks, there would be thousands who could learn the blessings and mercies of God through Biblical repentance.

What About Water Baptism?

The emphasis of truth, affirming to God, with hand laid upon the Bible, is certainly needed by many today when testimony is presented about this question of water baptism. If ministers were held strictly to the truth of Bible examples of water baptism, and were not allowed to deviate; if they could state nothing but the whole truth, then every church in America and elsewhere would baptize in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

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So Help Me God!

There is not one example in the entire New Testament where anyone was ever sprinkled, dipped, poured or immersed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. No lawyer would ever use a testimony that had never been applied or practiced even on one occasion. "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." What lawyer would go into court to try a case without even one witness?

Men of the pulpit pound and hammer away through the media of preaching, press and radio, about the cause of water baptism. But when they eliminate or ignore the name of Jesus Christ, they certainly are not presenting the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. It is time that more men of the cloth cried out, "So help me God," and took a firm stand for water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. The examples are Biblical. Facts are stated in Acts 2 :38; Acts 8:16; Acts 10:48 and Acts 19:5. The whole truth, and nothing but the truth is recorded in God's Book. It alone will stand the test of judgment. Fellow minister, if you are not now preaching water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, please determine that, from now on, you will stand for the right, so help you God!

What About the Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

The minister who speaks against tongues as the initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, certainly does not do so with his hand on the Bible, and a prayer on his lips of, "So help me God." We doubt very much if any of the opposer's of this wonderful Pentecostal experience have ever sought personally and sincerely for the Holy Ghost, or have been closely associated with the Pentecostal Church. Most of their statements are hearsay.

One of the arguments against the whole truth is this: God gave "tongues" on the Day of Pentecost so that the disciples could go throughout the Roman Empire and minister the message of salvation. The whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is as follows:

At the time of Christ, even though the Roman Empire was in power, the Greek language was the common language throughout the entire Roman Empire. The whole Empire was bilingual, which means that men spoke two languages. But Greek was always one of those two. A Jew in Palestine could speak both Greek and Aramaic (or so-called Hebrew). Latin was the legal language, but not the common language of the Empire. Therefore, it would not have been necessary for God to have given the disciples a foreign language to minister outside of Galilee, because all countries in the Empire understood Greek.

Another evidence presented against tongues, which certainly does not carry with it the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is this: Tongues in Acts, and tongues in Corinthians are all the same; hence there is no difference between receiving the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with tongues, as recorded in the Book of Acts, and the gift of tongues that Paul referred to in the Epistle to the Corinthians. If this were true (which it is not), then all tongues would be relegated into the classification given in I Corinthians 12:30, which asks, "Do all speak with tongues?" The answer to this question is, of course, "No." Thus, tongues are made to be almost despised, and unwanted. These same false witnesses forget that, on the Day of Pentecost, one hundred and twenty spoke with tongues; that, at the house of Cornelius, the entire family spoke with tongues; and that, at Ephesus (Acts 19), twelve men spoke with tongues when they received the Holy Ghost. If tongues were just for so few, then the apostles and disciples were out of order on the Day of Pentecost, because all present spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. If the expression in I Corinthians 12:30 has reference to the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and not to the gift of tongues which a saint may receive after he has been filled with the Spirit, then the God fearing, alms giving, praying, and devout Cornelius and his household were certainly out of order when the Holy Ghost fell on all which heard the Word, and " . . . they heard them speak with tongues." If this question, "Do all speak with tongues?" means (as our opposer state) that perhaps a very few might receive this experience in any assembly, then the little church Paul started in Ephesus was certainly out of the will of God, because everyone in the original group spoke with tongues.

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Joy On Your Journey

If I Gained The World

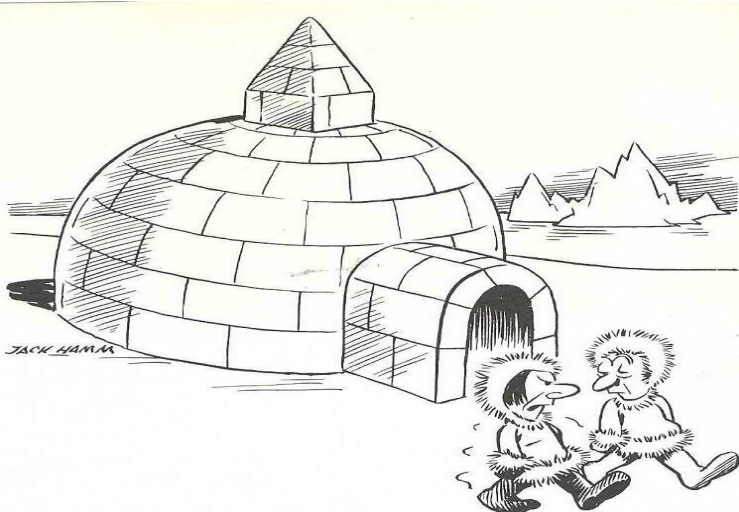
If I gained the world, but lost the Saviour, Were
my life worth living for a day?

Could my yearning heart find rest and comfort
In the things that soon must pass away?

If I gained the world, but lost the Saviour,
Would my gain be worth the life long strife?
Are all earthly pleasures worth comparing For
a moment with a Christ filled life?

Had I wealth and love in fullest measure,
And a name revered both far and near,
Yet no hope beyond, no harbor waiting, Where
my storm tossed vessel I could steer; If I
gained the world, but lost the Saviour, Who
endured the cross and died for me, Could then
all the world afford a refuge, Whither, in my
anguish, I might flee?

Oh, what emptiness without the Saviour
'Mid the sins and sorrows here below!
And eternity, how dark without Him!
Only night and tears and endless woe!
What though I might live without the Saviour,
When I come to die, how would it be?
Oh, to face the valley's gloom without Him!
And without Him all eternity!



"NO ONE SPOKE TO ME... THAT'S THE
COLDEST CHURCH I WAS EVER IN"

A Prayer For Revival

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray; earth's
night is dark and many go astray the fire of love
for souls is burning low, Oh. send Thy fire and set
the church aglow!

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come we pray,
we need a mighty Pentecost today. Great Spirit,
come convincing men of sin I unveil the unbelief
that works within.

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray. The fire
must fall, there is no other way-to bring Revival
both to church and home. Thine must be the fire;
burning Spirit, come!

Spirit of God, come, Oh come, we pray, light up
the darkness with Thine own bright ray. Burn up
the worldliness, the Sin, the dross; and turn
men's hearts to Christ and to His cross.

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray, revive
Thy Work? Oh! Lord, without delay. Revive the
love of souls, their need reveal, and set Thy
church ablaze with holy zeal.

Spirit of God, come, Oh! come, we pray, revive
and deepen prayer from day to day. Thou dost
respond to faith's persistent plea, "teaching us to
pray," till we the answer see!

When you get ready to
preach on humility Pastor let
me know I'm an expert on
the subject.



Three Feet From Gold

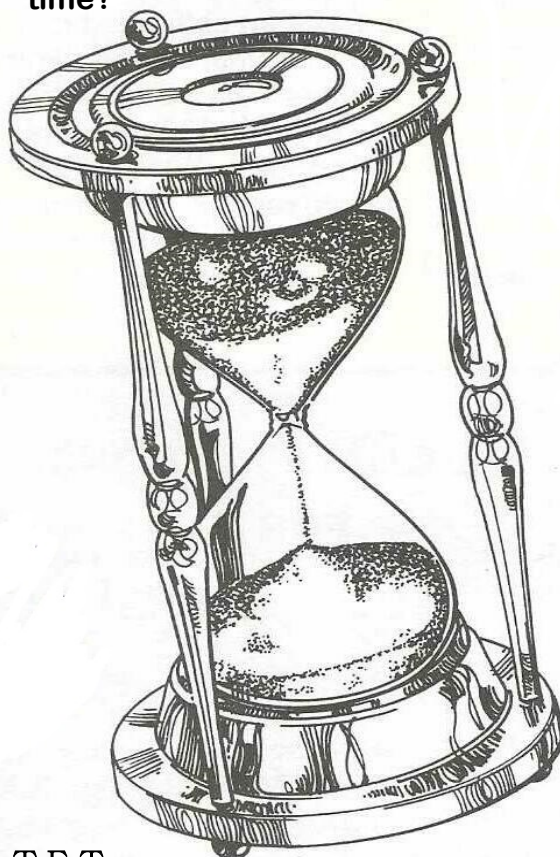
*During the gold rush, a man gave up mining just before he was
about to strike gold. He sold his equipment to another miner who
found gold just three feet from where the first miner stopped
digging. Moral: Perseverance is key; you may be closer to the
goal than you think. Never Give up! Never Give IN!*

So Help Me God!

It would be good if men laid their hands on the Bible, and affirmed to God that they would tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, when I Corinthians 14:27 is quoted and explained. It might help them if they appealed for the help of God, like the witness on the court room. False testimony leaves the impression that if tongues are manifested at all in a church service, then it would be limited to two or three. The implication is that tongues are so insignificant, and such an inferior gift, that Paul limited to two or three the number in any one church that could speak with tongues. If tongues are the same, whether in Acts or Corinthians, then their testimony "falls by the wayside" as untrue, because one hundred and twenty spoke with tongues in the second chapter of Acts. Therefore, according to their testimony, one hundred and seventeen must have been wrong. Again, in Cornelius' household, all but two or three would have been out of order. At Ephesus, nine out of the twelve men would not have received God's infilling of the Holy Ghost. Friends, we are nearer the coming of the Lord than ever before. Let us not weaken, but earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. Let us stand for the truth. Let us realize that we are before the court of heaven. Let us solemnly affirm that the evidence we present, relative to the salvation of the souls of men, shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help us God!

By S.G Norris

"Does history teach us an inevitable cooling of zeal with the passing of time?"



T.F Tenny

MUST WE DIE ?

THE lamentable wailing voice of King David echoed through Hebron. "Died Abner as a fool dieth? Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters" (II Samuel 3:33, 34). Mighty Abner, cousin of Saul, commander of his army, and recently deserted to David, lay dead. Had he remained in the safe confines of the city of refuge, Hebron, he would have lived. But, for some unknown reason he yielded to subtle Joab and went aside with him out of the gate for a quiet talk.

The unfortunate events that preceded the tragedy are recorded in II Samuel 2. Abner, against his will, had slain Asahel, Joab's younger brother. Consequently, Joab became the avenger of blood and was determined to slay mighty Abner. Joab well knew that Abner was safe as long as he remained behind the secure walls of the city of refuge. It was for that reason that he called Abner outside the gate of the city, apparently under the guise of discussing some unrelated situation.

Abner must have known the chance he was taking. Undoubtedly he was aware of the law of Moses concerning the cities of refuge. He knew he was safe there as long as the High Priest lived, and at his death he would be emancipated. Yet knowing all this, he took the chance of folly and left the city limits. He was not the first man, and certainly not the last who has left the safety of the city limits of this spiritual Jerusalem, the mother of it all, to live in the cold suburbs of the soul, only to find out too late that there is death there.

The consequence of this moment of indecision is plainly spelled out in the Bible Joab "smote him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother" (II Samuel 3:27). Undoubtedly Joab pressured him to come aside, and at last there was that compromise of conviction within that caused Abner to follow the path that led to his death. The story is the same today pressure from without, compromise from within, and death lying at the door. It is no wonder that King David lamented. There lay a mighty warrior, equipped for life, yet cold and still in death. His hands were not bound, his feet were not in fetters, his sword was strapped to his side, and his spear was possibly still in his hand, yet he was dead, dead, dead!

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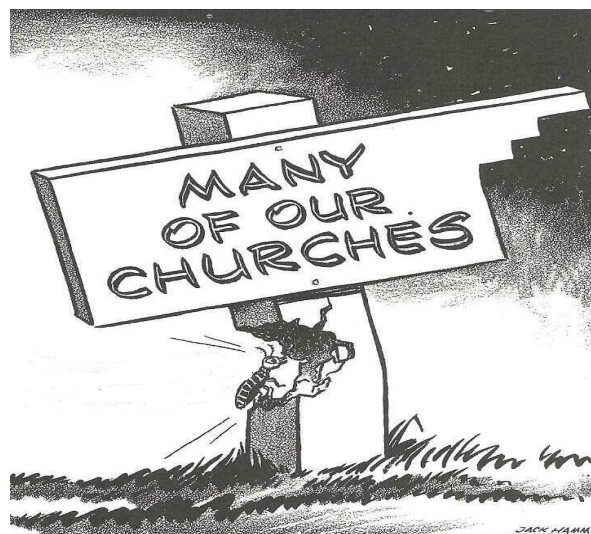
Equipped for life, yet cold in death! Pentecostals, if we die, that will be our epitaph. The question burns in my heart **Pentecost must we die?** Never has a church in any generation been so equipped for life. We are living in that blessed Jerusalem which is the mother of us all. Our High Priest, Jesus, has died and we are consequently set free from the law of sin and death. The power of the early church has been released in us. Her gifts stud our every endeavor. Today, we have more modern conveniences, better means of transportation, mass news media, and so many diversified ways to get the job done, until I say, "If we die, we die as a fool dies."

A call to rekindle holy fire.

Pentecost was not merely a historical event—it was a divine ignition. Tongues of fire descended, not to warm the room, but to set hearts ablaze. Yet how tragic it is when that fire fades.

Pentecost marks the moment heaven invaded earth—not with spectacle alone, but with power, purity, and purpose. Fiery tongues descended to rest upon those gathered—not just to ignite an event, but to awaken a movement. The church was born in fire, not fashioned in comfort. And yet, many today wander amid the ashes, wondering why the flame flickers low.

The death we face is not one of flesh alone, but of passion. It's the quiet perishing of spiritual hunger—the slow fading of zeal into routine. Jesus' words to the Ephesian church pierce through time: "You have left your first love" (Revelation 2:4). The danger is not in outright rebellion, but in slow erosion—a drifting from fervor to formality, from passion to performance. To "die" in this context is not physical, but spiritual—a death of zeal, of intimacy, of holy hunger. It is to retain the name of being alive, yet be found cold, mechanical, and unmoved. To die in this context is to lose the essence of spiritual vitality—to cling to reputation while our spirits drift cold. "You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead" (Revelation 3:1).



The sobering truth is that spiritual death rarely arrives like a storm—it creeps like a shadow, unnoticed until it's nearly complete.

The outer form remained—services held, prayers spoken—but the heartbeat was missing. Love had cooled. The fire had dimmed.

Jesus' warning to Laodicea stands like a flashing beacon: "Because you are lukewarm—neither cold nor hot—I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Revelation 3:16). The gentle glow of complacency is more dangerous than we admit. It deceives us into thinking we are fine when, in truth, we are far from the flame. Pentecost must not be remembered—it must be relived. The Spirit is not a relic of the early church but the breath of life in every generation. The fire has not changed—but have we moved from the altar? Let the dying be the death of pride, apathy, and comfort. Let it be the crucifixion of self that we might once again burn with the love that first captured us. Pentecost is not a calendar date it is a summons. A flame waits for those who dare to return. **Pentecost must not be remembered—it must be relived.** The Spirit who once filled the upper room still longs to fill surrendered hearts. The question is not whether the fire has gone out, but whether we will return to the altar

MUST WE DIE?

Return to the Flame

I once burned bright with holy flame, A heart consumed by Heaven's name. But coals grew dim beneath the dust, Choked by comfort, pride, and rust.

The altar stood—I walked away, Content to serve without the blaze. I spoke His name with lips so clean, Yet lost the wonder in between.

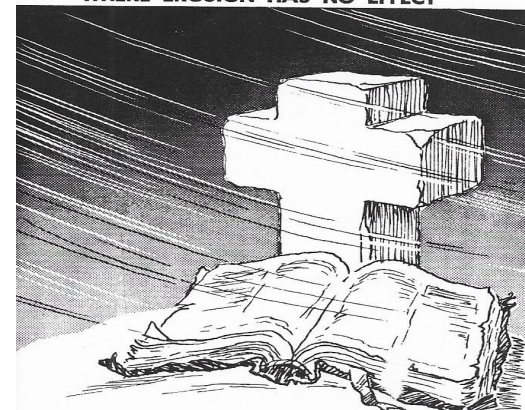
He whispers still: "Return again, Let fire fall where you have been. I do not ask for perfect form, But hearts that tremble to be warm."

O Light that once set souls afire, Ignite again this buried pyre. Break every chain of dead routine— Awake what sleeps in me unseen.

Let Pentecost not sit in books, But burn behind my yearning look. Not distant page or holy lore — But Spirit fire I can't ignore.

I lay my will upon the coals, I give You back my scattered soul. Consume what's false, what dims the flame— And mark me burning once again. G. Huddleston

WHERE EROSION HAS NO EFFECT



"THE WORLD PASSETH AWAY, AND THE LUST THEREOF: BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOR EVER."

JACK ABRAM

— 1 JOHN 2:17

Devices Of The Devil

Everything that God makes is perfect. Therefore, a good God could not create a devil. Good and evil have nothing in common, for they are the opposite of each other. Yet we find the Scriptures stating that Satan was "cast out" of heaven. How did he get there? Was he always the Devil?

Read Ezekiel 28:12-15. Under the symbolic name, "King of Tyrus," God said of this mighty angel, "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, till iniquity was found in thee." He is also described as the "cherub that covereth." Satan was once one of heaven's wisest and most beautiful angels, yet he is now man's deadly enemy.

The prophet Isaiah adds valuable information about the originator of sin (Isaiah 14: 2-4). God created all the heavenly beings, including Lucifer, the most beautiful of all created things. It was this beauty that caused Lucifer to be filled with pride (Ezekiel 28: 17), and to aspire to be equal with God. Sin knows no excuse or reason for its existence. Lucifer was next to God in position and authority, but selfish pride led him to revolt against the government of God. This revolt broke out into open conflict (Rev. 12:7), and the degraded Lucifer, now called Satan, was "cast out" with the angels who united with him in this struggle.

Pride and selfishness, which are sin, could not exist in the presence of the God of love. How terrible to find sin originating in "the holy mountain of God" in the heart of the "covering cherub" who walked in "the midst of the stones of fire" before the throne of his loving Creator! the perfect angel Lucifer honored above all of the created angels, let pride fill his heart and thus he originated sin.

When you see the cartoons of the devil, picturing him as red, with horns and split hoofs, remember that is not the bible picture of this powerful enemy of God. Instead he was the most beautiful and the



wisest of the holy angels. So long as the created beings in heaven permitted love to be the controlling power, there was no note of discord to mar the celestial harmonies.

Then there was a change! He who stood next to God, the one most honored, permitted pride and jealousy to control his life, and he sowed seeds of discord among the other angels.

We are not told how long this conflict continued in heaven.

But the originator of sin eventually came to earth to tempt our first parents.

Now, since Adam's fall, Satan has claimed this earth as his lawful dominion (Rev. 12: 12). We all know the story of the temptation and fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

(Gen. 3: 1-24). From that day until now the Devil has been free to tempt and abuse the human family, fallen as slaves of sin under his power. But God, who overpowered him in the war in heaven, came down to earth, where he took upon himself the form of a servant, that He might do away with sin and the Devil (Phil. 2: 7). Glory to God!

An Unseen Force

Our world is filled with tragedies beyond our imagination: we see sin in every form.

People we have known and respected as good citizens suddenly do the most terrible things, and we wonder why. I will tell you why, God's word makes it plain that there is a mastermind unseen by human eyes.

The word of God teaches that this unseen force is none other than the devil.

Just the other day I read in our newspaper of a man who was tried in court for offering a human sacrifice. When asked why he did so, he said a voice spoke to him and told him to do it. This is another proof the devil is working.

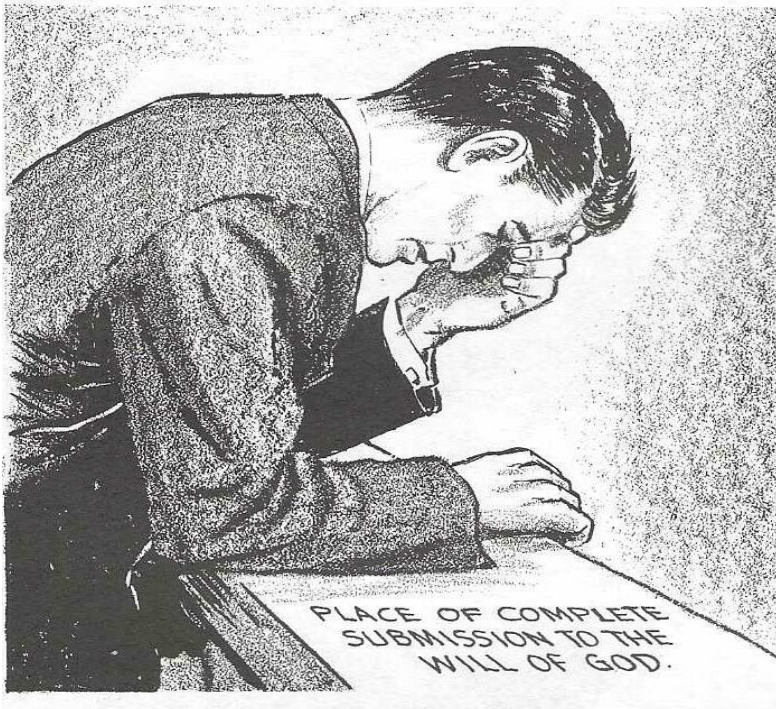
The devil is not so concerned about the people of the world as he is God's people.

Satan's activities are centered against the church. Earlier in this message you read that the devil was cast out of heaven.

Ever since that time he has been very angry at God. Thus the Lord warned us in 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour." Remember friends, there is power in the name of Jesus! Use this great name in the hour of your temptation; use it when the Devil tries to overcome you. It is the one word that will put the Devil on the run. Then, as you trust in Jesus, watch and pray that the enemy of your soul shall not have his way in your life. By Leo Anderson

To Will And To Do

As THE HIGHEST of God's creatures, man is a very complex organism. He is made up of an intellect, the ability to understand; emotions, or feelings; and a will, an ability to make decisions. The intellect and emotions contribute to the decision, but the will makes the decision, based on the information it has. Once the will has been exercised, or the "mind has been made up," there is strength and action.



John Wilkes Booth decided in 1864, when Abraham Lincoln won reelection as President, that he would kill the Chief Executive. He made two unsuccessful attempts. But more than a year after he made his resolution, he finally accomplished the terrible dream. On April 14, 1865, Booth methodically planned and executed the assassination of the President.

Can you not see the power in making the decision to act? What can hinder a man whose mind is set upon the completion of a task?

decision of the individual's will to accept the promises of Jesus Christ. Once the decision has been made, the believer steps into the pathway of obedience that will lead to his salvation.

Indecision delays salvation. It places a person in eternal jeopardy. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). What joy and power can come to the man who will exercise his will and step out on the promises of the Lord! He puts "his hand to the plough," and does not look back. He says with Joshua, "... we will serve the Lord."

The Apostle Paul realized from his personal experience that obedience and action follow the exercise of the will. He told the jailer to "... believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9). He knew that he and his family would find joy in obedience, once their decision was made (See Acts 16:34).

Coming into Ephesus (Acts 19), Paul found men who had not received the Holy Ghost, because they knew only the ministry of John the Baptist. The apostle fully expected true believers to receive the infilling of the Spirit. That is why he asked, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" When they believed on the Lord Jesus, they received His Spirit.

Wasn't this the will of Jesus? He had promised salvation to those who made a choice to be His disciples. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38, 39; 4:14; 6:35; Isaiah 12:3).

There is blessing and strength in "making up your mind." The determination to walk with Christ is the first step toward victory. The commitment of your life to the Lord will keep you through the difficult times.

Jesus asked the Twelve Disciples if they were going to turn back as so many people had done. Peter replied that they had made a commitment, and that Christ alone had words of eternal life.

Would you like to join the honor roll of the committed and dedicated? Do you want your life to be remembered for righteousness' sake? Decide now to "believe on the Lord Jesus" and step out to obey Acts 2:38 search His Word with all your mind, soul, and strength!

Loren Yadon

The soul of the *Thought Provoking Gems* sluggard

*desireth, and hath
nothing
but the soul of the
diligent shall be
made
fat.*

Prov. 13:4

HE DOETH ALL THINGS WELL

"He doeth all things well;" they say,

And in this truth I see

Whatever comes thy earthly way

Is bless'd eternally.

For, can He touch a part of life

And leave it dying, cold?

Nay; rather, good things flow from strife;

His hand on thee keeps hold.

So, nothing's lost, or harms thy stay

While ye are Christ's dear sheep:

He brightens up the darkest way;

Thy future He doth keep.

"He doeth all things well," Amen.

This promise grants thee rest:

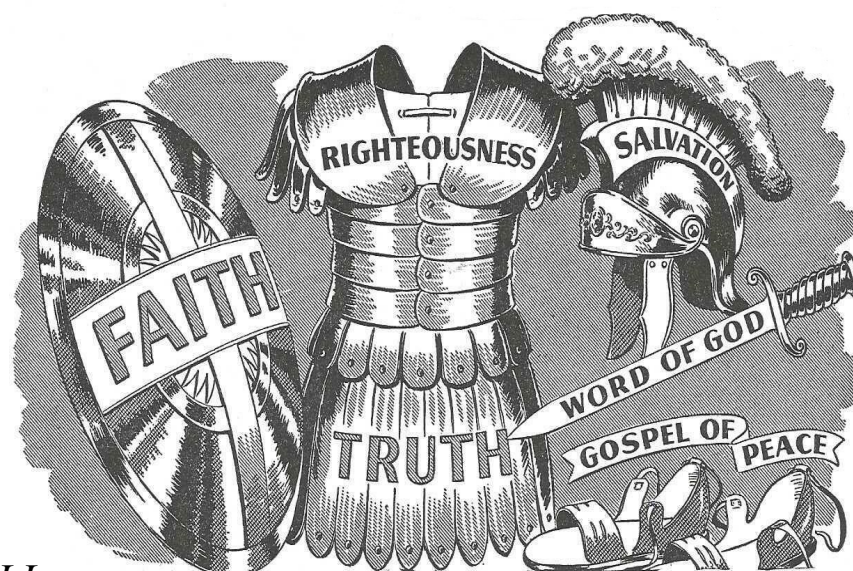
Doubt cannot live if Jesus' plan

Is that all things are bless'd.

Psalms 121:1

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from
whence cometh my help. My help cometh from
the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He
will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that
keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that
keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

THE TRIUMPH OF GOD'S LOVE



The successful Christian will avail himself of every offensive and defensive means to combat the onslaughts of the evil one. The Apostle Paul lists the Christian's armor in Ephesians 6:13-17.

Divine Guidance

In times of trial, when faith seems thin, Trust in the light that shines within. God's hand will guide, His love will stay, Through every night, to a brighter day.

Heavenly Strength

When burdens grow and paths are steep, Know that the Lord your soul will keep. In every prayer, His strength you'll find, A solace true, a peace of mind.

Enduring Faith

Though storms may rage and shadows fall, Hold firm in faith, and stand tall. For God's embrace is always near, A source of hope, to quell each fear.

"Flatter me, and I may not believe you.

Criticize me, and I may not like you.

Ignore me, and I may not forgive you.

Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

The Master Piece

My life's an empty canvas Lord
I place it in your hands.
All my paint and brushes
are under your command.

Let it tell a story Lord
every brush stroke, every line
of everything I've gained in you
and all I've left behind.

The times I stood up straight and
tall Singing, "I shall not be
moved!" Those times I turned back
from the fight And come running
straight to you.

You formed me in my Mother's
womb You knew me even then
who could better paint my life
from where it first began?

So, when my life is over
and the picture is complete
It will be more than just a painting
it will be a master piece.

Billy DeWitt

There Are Others

If times are hard, and you feel blue.
Think of others, worrying, too.
Just because your trials are many
Don't think the rest of us haven't any.

Life's made up of smiles and tears,
Joys and sorrows, mixed with fears;
And though to you it may seem one-
sided, Trouble is pretty well divided.

If we could look in every heart,
We'd find that each one has its part.
And those who travel Fortune's road
Sometimes carry the biggest load.

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For with God nothing shall be impossible
Luke 1:37

What on Earth are you doing for Heavens Sake?

Wheel of Prophecy

Who Is GOD?

God Is a Spirit

John 4:23-24
Acts 7:48-49
Acts 17:24-28
Psalm 139:7-12
I Kings 8:27
Jeremiah 23:23-24

There is but One God

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Mark 1:28-34
Malachi 2:10
Isaiah 44:6-8
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I Corinthians 8:4-6
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Revelation

Jesus is God

Isaiah 7:14
Isaiah 9:6
Micah 5:2
John 1:1, 14
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II Corinthians 5:19
I Timothy 3:16

Jesus Is Man

Isaiah 7:14
Isaiah 9:6

Luke 1:31; 2:6-7
Acts 17:31
Galatians 4:4
Philippians 2:7-8
I Timothy 2:5
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Hebrews 7:24-25

