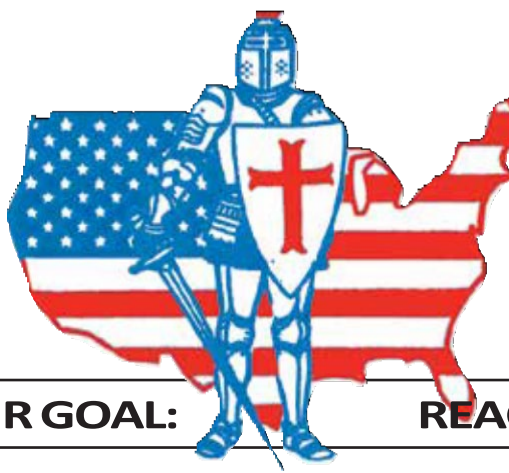




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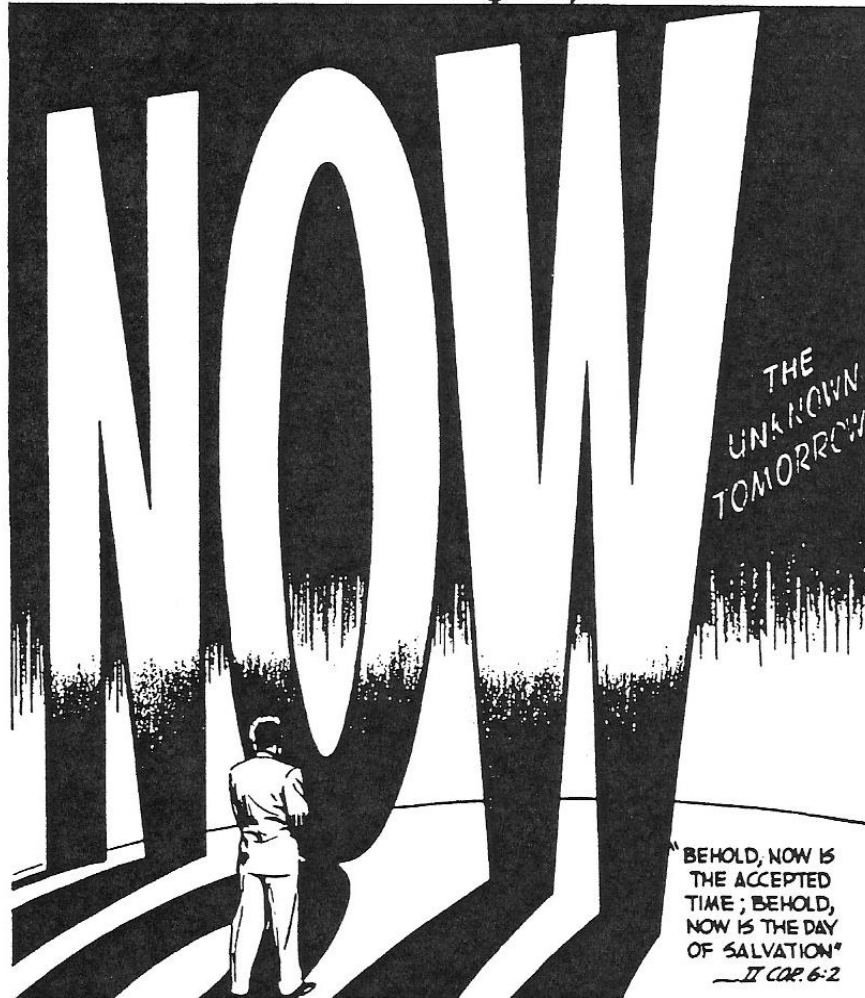
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REACHING FOR LOST SOULS FOR CHRIST WHILE THERE IS TIME

Issue Of Urgency



Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
 Dear Master, let it be,
 In working. or in waiting.
 Another year with Thee.
 Another year of mercies.
 Of faithfulness and grace:
 Another year of gladness
 In the shining of Thy face.
 Another year of progress.
 Another year of praise,
 Another year of proving
 Thy presence all the days.
 Another year of service.
 Of witness of Thy love.
 Another year of training
 For holier work above.
 Another year is dawning.
 Dear Master, let it be
 On earth, or else in heaven
 Another year for Thee.

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**CHRIST IS
 THE ANSWER**

Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Hello Christian friends

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, my heart is filled with gratitude and awe at the mighty works of God..

This past year has been a testament to His faithfulness, provision, and power. We have witnessed answers to prayers and a deepening of our fellowship with Christ. From the quiet moments of personal growth to the vibrant expressions of worship and outreach, God has been undeniably present.

Let us take a moment to praise Him for the victories—both seen and unseen. For every soul saved, every burden lifted, every healing received, and every step taken in faith, we give glory to our Lord. Truly, He has done great things, and we are filled with joy. Likewise we have seen our share of test and trials, but again we see these as stepping stones for a closer walk with God.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I encourage you to embrace it with renewed hope and expectation. God is not finished with us. His plans are unfolding, and His promises remain true. Let us commit ourselves to deeper prayer, bolder faith, and greater love. Let us be a church that shines His light in every corner of our community.

I believe this will be a year of breakthrough, of new beginnings, and of divine appointments. Let us walk forward together, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it to completion. With love, gratitude, and anticipation,

Bro. Junior Tingle

“Like a Rose in Bloom”

God's plan unfolds like petals wide,
Soft layers kissed by morning's
light, Each moment placed with
perfect care, A sacred bloom
beyond our sight.

Through thorn and stem, the path is
traced, Not rushed, but timed by
Heaven's hand, What seems
unclear, He paints with grace— A
masterpiece we'll understand.

The bud may hide its crimson hue,
Yet deep within, the promise grows,
And in due time, the veil lifts true—
Revealing what the Father knows.

No mortal hand could shape such
art, No wisdom match His sovereign
ways, He writes His will upon each
heart, And leads us through the
winding days.

So let us trust the Gardener's touch,
Though seasons shift and tempests
rise, His plan, like roses, blooms as
such— A miracle before our eyes.

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Question

Are there scriptures denouncing cremation?

Answer:

I know of none. Possibly it wasn't around in Biblical times or was not as common as it is today. Some Christians have taken a stand against cremation because of the high value the Bible puts on the body. For example, when Joseph was about to die, he made his family promise to take his bones with them when they left Egypt. Today when we die, our spirit goes directly to the presence of the Lord (2 Cor. 5:6-8; Ppns. 1:23; Rev. 6:9).

The whole purpose then for the resurrection is for us to be reunited with our bodies. The Bible speaks negatively about neglecting the body (Col. 2:23). It also tells us that our bodies are the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20). And so we are told to glorify God in our body as well as our spirit (1 Cor. 6:20). The resurrection of Christ gets a very high profile in scripture and it is central to the gospel. The point being that it was important that Jesus returned to his tomb to revive his body.

Having said that, it is also true that many Christians (especially in the early church) have lost their lives by being burned to death. Of course we believe that God is able to "put the pieces back together" or whatever it is that he is going to do to resurrect these people.

But the issue is, should we do this intentionally? Well, these types of issues that the Bible does not speak to are left to the individual and his or her conscience and prayer. Some have made a good case for cremation because of the high cost of funerals which they believe is wasteful. I think we should take a "Romans 14" on all debatable issues like these: "Let every man be fully

Questions & Answers

Great things are not accomplished by those who yield to trends and fads and popular opinion.

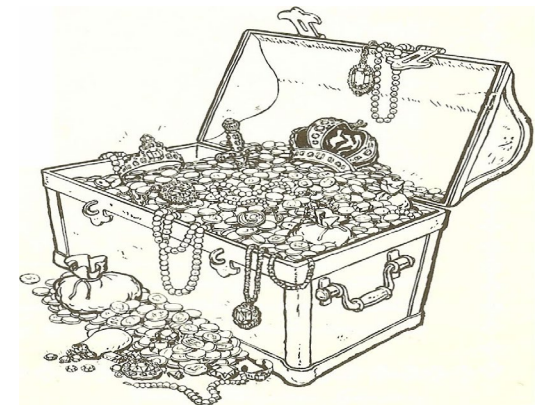
persuaded in his own mind" (Rom. 14:5). Philippians 2:12 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." This verse encourages believers to actively pursue their salvation with a sense of reverence and fear of God.

Question: Does prayer change God's mind?

Answer: This question can be best answered by breaking it into two questions: 1) Does prayer change God's mind? and 2) Does prayer change things? The answer to the first is, no, God does not change His mind. The answer to the second is, yes, prayer changes things. So how can prayer change circumstances without changing God's mind?

First of all, in order for God to change His mind, He would have to improve upon Himself in some way. In other words, if God changed His mind, that action would suggest that His first way of thinking was deficient, but, because we prayed, He improved His plan concerning our situation. We change our minds when we see a better way to do something. We thought A but realized B was better, so we change our mind. But, since God knows all things, the beginning from the end (Revelation 22:13; Ephesians 1:4), it is not possible for Him to improve upon any plan that He has made. His plans are already perfect (2 Samuel 22:31), and He has stated that His plans will prevail (Isaiah 46:9-11). God answers prayer but He knows the beginning from the end, a prayer answered is in the will of God.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."



Pride and the Peril of Prosperity: Lessons from King Hezekiah

Jerusalem Bureau – The reign of King Hezekiah is remembered as one of Judah's most remarkable chapters. Rising to power with a heart set on reform, Hezekiah tore down idols, restored temple worship, and trusted God in moments of national crisis. His faith was tested most dramatically when Assyrian king Sennacherib marched against Jerusalem with an army of more than 250,000 men. Against all odds, the city was spared—not by military might, but by divine intervention. Scripture records that not a single casualty fell among Judah's defenders, a victory attributed solely to the hand of God.

Later, when Hezekiah fell gravely ill, the prophet Isaiah delivered a message of hope: God would extend the king's life by fifteen years. This miraculous recovery should have been a moment of lifelong gratitude. Yet, as often happens in human hearts, prosperity gave way to pride.

When envoys from Babylon arrived to congratulate him, Hezekiah chose not to testify of God's mercy. Instead, he displayed his wealth, his treasures, and his accomplishments. What should have been a testimony of divine healing became a showcase of human vanity. Isaiah warned that the very treasures Hezekiah flaunted would one day be carried off to Babylon, and his descendants would suffer humiliation in exile. Hezekiah's response was troubling: "The word of the Lord you have spoken is good," he said, content that disaster would not come during his own lifetime.

"Hezekiah took God's favor and twisted it into an opportunity to display his own pride."

Hezekiah's story is more than ancient history—it is a cautionary tale for believers today. Pride, covetousness, and short-sightedness remain dangers in our own lives. Like Hezekiah, we may begin with strong intentions, but blessings can tempt us to glorify ourselves instead of God.

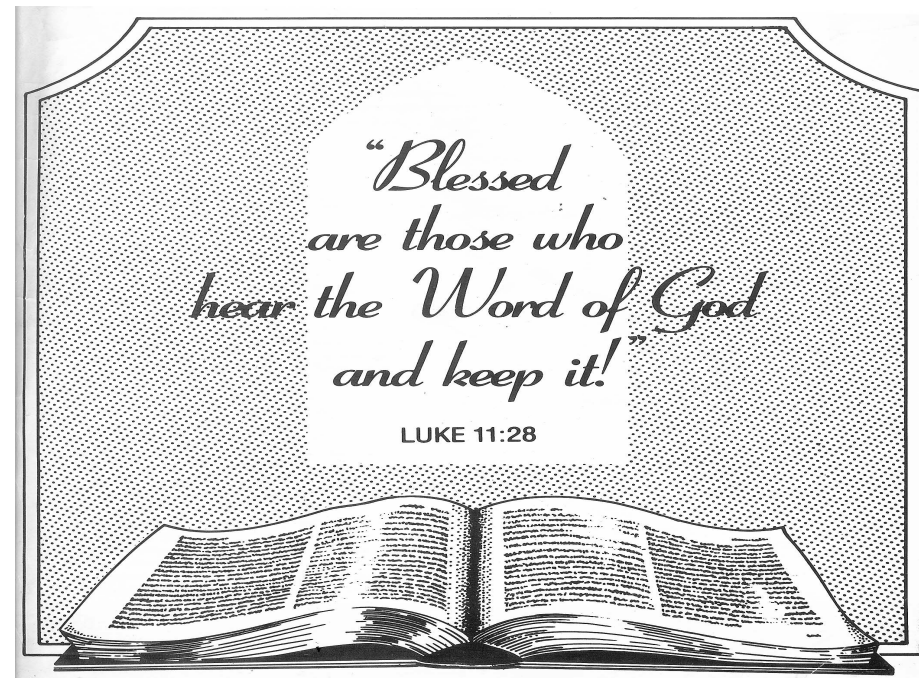
•Pride distorts perspective. Achievements and possessions can blind us to the truth that every good gift comes from above.

•Covetousness exposes weakness. Flaunting wealth or status leaves us vulnerable to spiritual decline.

•Short-sightedness harms the future. Hezekiah cared only for his own lifetime; we must consider the legacy we leave for generations to come.

A Call to Humility

The lesson is clear: victories and blessings are not the end of the story. How we respond to them matters. Hezekiah's downfall reminds us that gratitude must remain central, and humility must guard our hearts. In our homes, workplaces, and communities, let us use God's favor not to exalt ourselves, but to exalt Him.



What Does "Sovereignty of God" Mean?

God's Supreme Authority: To say God is sovereign means He has ultimate power and authority over everything. Nothing happens outside His control or knowledge.

- **Creator and Sustainer:** He created all things and continues to uphold and govern them—both visible and invisible realms (Colossians 1:16).
- **Unstoppable Will:** God's plans and purposes cannot be thwarted. As Job declared, "No purpose of yours can be thwarted" (Job 42:2).
- **Ruler Over All:** He rules over nature, history, kings, angels, demons—even Satan must ask permission before acting (Psalm 103:19).

Biblical Foundations

- **Isaiah 46:9–10:** "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose."
- **Daniel 4:35:** "None can stay his hand or say to him, 'What have you done?'"
- **Ephesians 1:11:** God "works all things according to the counsel of his will."

Why It Matters

- **Comfort in Chaos:** Knowing God is in control brings peace, especially in uncertain times.
- **Purpose in Pain:** Even suffering can be part of a divine plan for good (Romans 8:28).
- **Call to Trust:** Sovereignty invites us to trust and submit to God, not out of fear, but because of His love and wisdom.

What Is HOLINESS!

Our translation for holiness comes from the Hebrew word qadowsh which means "to cut." To be holy means to be cut off, or separate, from everything else. It means to be in a class of your own, distinct from anything that has ever existed or will ever exist. Qadowsh means a second thing: to be holy means to be entirely morally pure, all the time and in every way possible.

When you put these two elements of holiness together, you're left with only one conclusion: that the Lord of hosts is the sum and definition of what it means to be holy. He occupies a moral space that no one has ever occupied before, and as such, we have no experience or frame of reference to understand what he is like because there's nothing like him.

Exodus 15:11 asks, "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (KJV) 1 Samuel 2:2 declares, "There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none besides thee; neither is there any rock like our God." (KJV)

There's even more to be said. God's holiness is not an aspect of who he is or what he does; no, God's holiness is the essence of who he is. If you were to ask, "How is the holiness of God revealed?" the only right answer would be, "In everything he does." Everything God thinks, desires, speaks and does is utterly holy in every way. God is holy in every attribute and every action: He is holy in justice. He is holy in love. He is holy in mercy. He is holy in power. He is holy in sovereignty. He is holy in wisdom. He is holy in patience. He is holy in anger. He is holy in grace. He is holy in faithfulness. He is holy in compassion.

At this point, if you're anything like me, you're probably thinking something along these lines: "OK, I get that God is holy. I'm not entirely sure how to define his holiness, but the Bible declares it to be true. So what's next? How does this big doctrine impact my real life?"

First and foremost, the doctrine of the holiness of God sits at the center of the grand narrative of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without the holiness of God, there would be no moral law to which every human being is responsible. Without the holiness of God, there would be no divine anger with sin. Without the holiness of God, there would be no perfect acceptable sacrifice for sin. Without the holiness of God, there would have been no vindication of the Resurrection. Without the holiness of God, there would be no final defeat of Satan. Without the holiness of God, there would be no hope of a new heaven and earth where holiness will reign over us and in us forever.

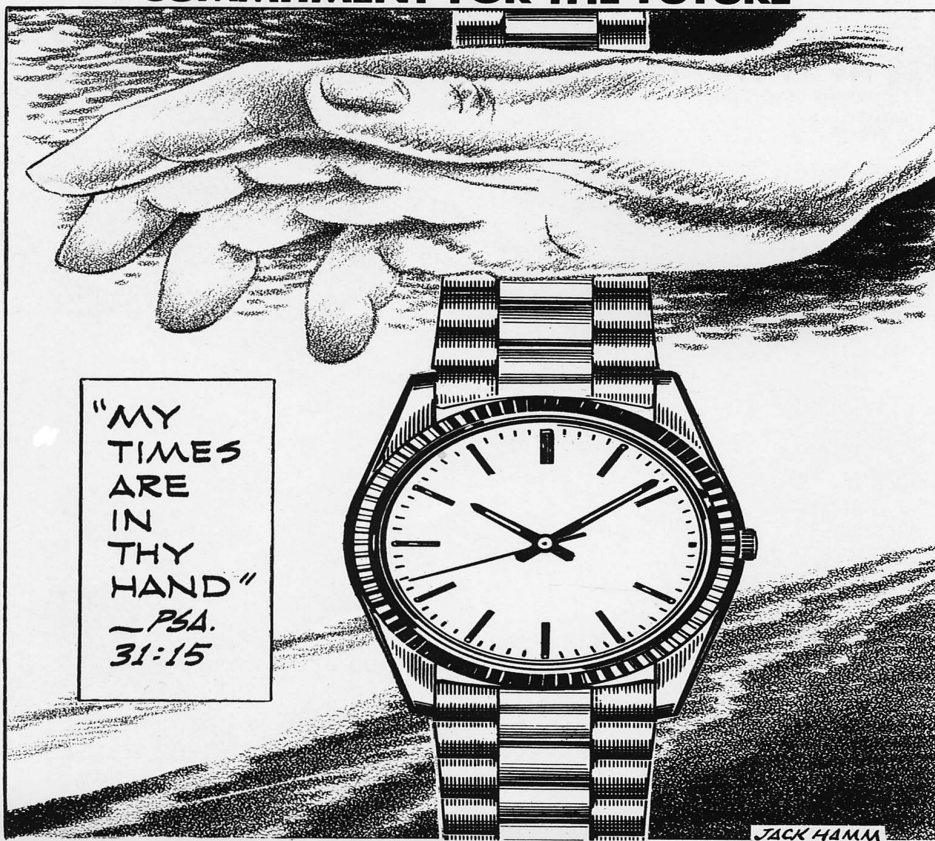
Yes, it really is true that the biblical story would not be the biblical story if it were not written and controlled at every point by One who is holy all the time and in every way. You see, we have a problem: sin doesn't always appear sinful to us; often, it's attractive and magnetic. It's only in the face of the holiness of God that you fully realize that sin is more than a list of bad behaviors and more than breaking a set of abstract rules. Rather, sin is a disastrous condition of the heart that causes us to willingly and repeatedly rebel against the authority of God and do what we were never intended to do.

It's the holiness of God that tells us that since we cannot escape ourselves, we all need a Savior who can do what we can't - rescue us from us. You simply cannot consider the holiness of God without also mourning your sin and crying out for the grace of Jesus.

Here's the best way to understand it: you are holy, and you have been called to be holy. If you are God's child, you stand before him as righteous because the perfect righteousness of Jesus has been given over to your personal account. But there's a second aspect of this - you are holy because you have been bought with the blood of Jesus and you are not your own (see 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20.) As you consider the impossibility of this call, take time to remember that God never calls you to a task without enabling you to do it. God calls us to be holy, then sends his Holy Spirit to live inside of us so that we would have the wisdom and strength that we need to surrender to his holy call in all that we do. Hebrews 12:14 (KJV) states: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." P.Tripp



COMMITMENT FOR THE FUTURE

My Times are in
thine Hand

My times are in thy hand;
My God, I wish them there;
My life, my friends, my soul, I
leave
Entirely to thy care.

My times are in thy hand;
Whatever they may be;
Pleasing or painful, dark or
bright,
As best may seem to thee.

My times are in thy hand;
Why should I doubt or fear?
My Father's hand will never cause
His child a needless tear.

My times are in thy hand;
Jesus the Crucified;
Those hands my cruel sins had
pierced
Are now my guard and guide.

In His Hands

Sometimes problems come,
changing all our plans . . .
making it ever clearer
all things are in His hands.

Hands that long to hold,
to comfort and to console
hands that want to heal
the ache within the soul.

Hands that desire to reach,
far into the heart and mind
hands that hold perfect peace
for anxious ones to find.

Hands that crave to embrace,
grieving hearts in the night
hands that hunger to lead
the lost into His saving light.

Hands that are capable,
hands confident and sure
hands that calm the storms
hands that holds life's cure.

Sometimes problems come,
and we must change our plans
so that we may come to rest
in His almighty hands!

Deborah Ann Belka

Trim Your Lamp

How much oil have you stored for
your journey?
Are you prepared for that glorious
day?
Are you sitting in wait by the
roadside,
Your lamp trimmed, well on your
way?

Are you aware that Jesus is coming?
Do you know there's no time to spare?
Are you gathering fuel for the future,
Enough to light your way there?

Don't assume you have time to get
ready,
Don't be the one to set dates.
God has been warning you gently,
He carries, but not always does He
wait.

You wander on the brink of disaster,
Always ignoring His call,
Trusting in earthly possessions,
Not even listening at all.

The call to enter God's heaven
Will come to the faithful and just.
But those who relied on their riches
Are left, for they failed to trust.

There's warnings, but there's no
extensions,
You make the choice your own way,
Listen and hear God's voice pleading,
Come at His bidding, TODAY!

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You only have one life, and if it is not going in the direction you want
it to, now is the time to make changes.

Our character is not defined in the good times, but in the hard times.

Wink at small faults; remember thou hast great ones.

You're Always
There for Me

When the world comes crashing
in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse
me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

**“Tough times
never last, but
tough people
do.”**

No one is useless in this world
who lightens the burden of it to
anyone else

Let a Man Examine Himself

By G.E. Wesson

IT IS A FACT that when we examine others,. we are justifying ourselves; but if we will examine ourselves, we will be more apt to justify others. At any rate, I wish to propose that we obey the suggestion given in this scripture: "Let every man examine himself."

I feel that the urgency of the times demands our personal heart-search as never before. It seems that there are so many uncertainties that we are facing in the year 2025. In the light of these times, let us search our hearts together around the Word of God! Someone has said that we are what we eat. I think it would be wise to give some thought to the diet we are feeding our minds.

What about our thoughts? Do we discipline our thought life? Do we feed our minds on good, wholesome, spiritual values?

Many people allow their minds to be poisoned with the latest news, or views of some "big mouthed, black-hearted gossipier."

If we allow this, we will become guilty of sin. Others allow themselves to sink in the mental pit of selfpity!

Our minds can play real tricks on us, with the aid of Satan. I have counseled with people from time to time, who have imagined things about others and convinced themselves that these imaginations were established facts. It would be good for each of us to examine our thought life!



(Prov-erbs 23:7), "For as he thinketh in his heart, .so is he." You can see by this scripture, that it is very necessary for us to examine our thought life.

The Scripture gives us some very definite instructions along this line. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6). We must ever keep our guard up lest we suffer spiritual death, through our "thought diet," Let us now examine our affections, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3: 1, 2).

This is where so many good people have missed their spiritual mark in life. They have majored on minors. They have allowed the cares of this life to choke out their spiritual life. The Scripture declares that we are pilgrims and strangers in this life, and that we seek a better country.

Therefore, we are citizens of another country. This life is just a dressing room, for the world to come. We must have our affections on things above. Let us examine our affections! Is our real affection set on things eternal? I feel that it is always safe to re-examine ourselves. Make sure that we are not fooling ourselves and playing games with our eternal salvation!

I Searched

I searched the stars for signs of grace, In constellations carved through space. I asked the moon what made me whole, It whispered back, "Go find your soul."

I searched in books, in sacred lines, In ancient truths and modern minds. I wandered through the noise of men, But silence called me home again.

I searched in love, in fleeting touch, In moments that once meant so much. I chased the echo of a name, But found myself in loss and flame.

I searched the mirror, saw a face Half-lit with doubt, half-lit with grace. I peeled the layers, one by one, Until the mask and I were done. I searched the past, the wounds, the years, The buried hopes, the dried-up tears. And in that grave of dreams once tossed, I found the self I thought was lost.

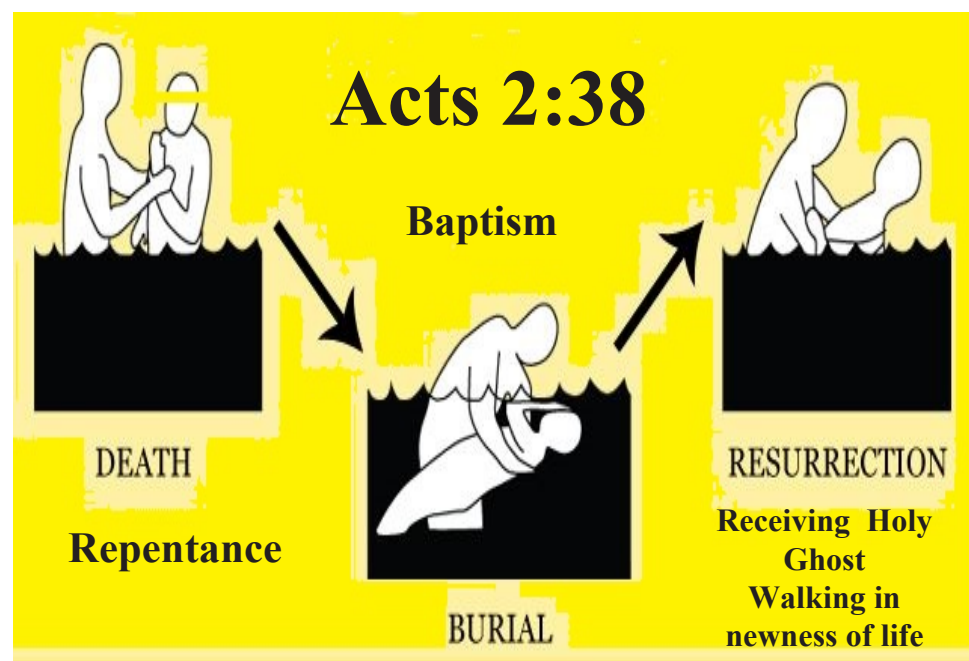
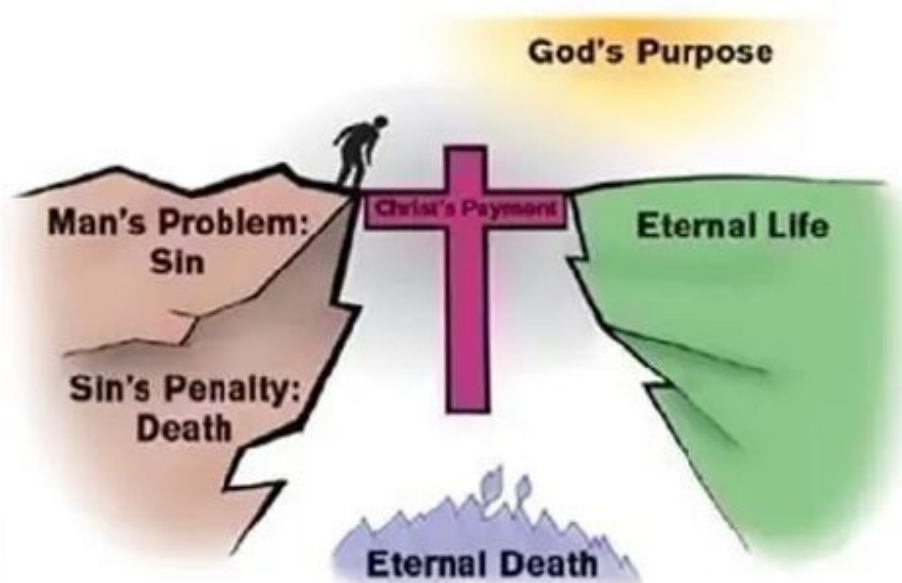
I searched the heavens, begged to see The path that God had set for me. But every light that pierced the night Turned inward with a quiet might. So I examined heart and mind, The selfish ways I'd leave behind. And in that sacred, silent place, I found His image in my grace.

Obedience to the Gospel

After Jesus had died for our sins, was resurrected and just before He ascended into heaven, He commanded his apostles in Mark 16:15-16, "And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Our Lord wanted the gospel preached to everyone. The word "gospel" literally means good news or good tidings.

In Romans 1:16 the apostle Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek." So we see that the gospel of Christ is God's only power unto salvation. It is by the gospel or good news that God saves us.

What does the Bible say that the gospel is that saves us? In First Corinthians 15:1-4, Paul is reminding the church at Corinth about the gospel when he says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, and in which you stand; by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Here we see that Paul was reminding them of the gospel in which Christ died, and was buried, and was raised again on the third day. Also notice, they were saved by the gospel. So the good news of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord, as the following chart illustrates.



Why then is the death of Christ good news? The good news of the death of Christ is that Christ has died for us, taking our punishment, and now God can be just in saving us. Without his death we would all be doomed for eternal punishment and no one could be saved. Even though the death of Christ is a terrible thing to have to happen, it is good news to us. We read in 1 John 4:10, "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Christ had to be buried since he died. Then after three days, Christ was raised up from the dead. We read in 1 Corinthians 6:14, "And God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power." So why is the resurrection of Christ, the gospel or good news? The good news of the resurrection of Christ is that since God was able to raise up Christ, He will also raise us up from the dead. Jesus says in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection, and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." So the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is certainly good news.

In 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 we read, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." Here we see that vengeance will be taken on those who obey not the gospel of Christ. The gospel as we have seen is the death, burial, and, resurrection of our Lord. How do we obey the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord so that vengeance will not be taken on us? (continued page 10)

What Would You Do If . . . YOU ARE TEMPTED?

by S. G. Norris

Is the temptation from' God, the devil or yourself? James 1:13: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" The Lord has all power. Heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool. The streets of His palace are paved with gold and the gates are pearl. Heaven is so wealthy that all of God's people will live in mansions. The walls of His city are garnished with precious jewels and the angels are His guard. Nothing can tempt God. The Incarnation Matt. 4:1: "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil."

That's true. The body or flesh of Jesus Christ was tempted. Jesus was the body or tabernacle of God. God was in Christ The Spirit of God incarnated in that body of Christ was tempted, but Satan was driven back in defeat and conquered. So was death, hell and the grave. The heavens have been purified by the ascension of the glorified Christ. Sin or temptation can never enter there.

It is true that our Lord cannot be tempted. He lives in the glory world: "Neither tempteth he any man." God tries or proves but He always knows that we are able to overcome the test. stronger and your rewards will be multiplied. He will not suffer you to be tried above that you are ble to bear. What about Job? The trials of this champion of faith were severe, but satan could go just so far-"only upon himself put not forth thy hand ... " "he is in they hand: but save his life ...

Can satan tempt us? Yes, but as far as God Almighty will allow him. The Lord will never permit the devil (without the consent of the person who is willing to be destroyed) to crush one of His children. God does not tempt or try to destroy us.

Neither does He allow the devil a free hand in crushing His people. How can temptation destroy a soul? James 1:14, 15: "But every man is tempted,when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is



finished, bringeth forth death." "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" is a very important prayer. Most of our temptations are caused by our own enticements.

If you can control your eyes you have an excellent chance of making heaven your home. Achan said I saw ... I coveted . . I took . . . I hid» and lost his life and soul. The next time you are tempted try to follow these guide lines. First, if the test is from the Lord be thankful He considers you a strong Christian and has true riches for you that you have never known. Second, if the Lord allows the devil to tempt you,

rest assured the adversary can only go so far. There is a way of escape. Third, be honest. Is the temptation yours? Did it originate in your eyes or other lusts? If so, cry out to God for deliverance. Be honest enough to pay the price for your mistake or misleading.

Don't blame God or the devil. Pray, fast and sing that old song, " It's me, it's me, it's me, Oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Fight temptation like a rattlesnake! Rebuke the thing. Suffer some pain if necessary, for he that suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. The race is almost over. We cannot afford to lose now, We can almost see the light of the city.

Temptation
usually comes
in through a door
that has been deliberately
been left open !

1 Corinthians 10:13

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

James 4.7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11

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

Galatians 5:24

And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

2 Timothy 4:7

I have fought a good fight,
I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith:

Obedience to the Gospel continued

We are given the answer of how to obey the gospel in Romans 6:3-5 which says, "Or do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death: that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection."

So here we see that we are baptized into His death, we are buried with Him through baptism, and then just as Christ was raised up from the dead, we also are raised to walk in newness of life after baptism. Only after baptism according to Acts 2:38 are we born again and our new life in Christ begins. There must be a death, burial, and resurrection before this new life is possible.

Only in baptism does our old sinful person die, is buried, and rises as a new person free from sin. We are transformed from death to life. We become a new creation. in the sixth chapter of Romans we read in verses 17-18 (KJV), "But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness." So, we see when people obey that form of doctrine that is a form of the Lord's death, repentance (death) when they are baptized, (burial) receives Holy Ghost (raised) at that point are then made free from sin and become the servants of righteousness.

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ. have you been made free from sin. As we have already seen, the Lord will take vengeance on all those who obey not the gospel of Christ. If you haven't why don't you correct your situation and make things right?

Don't put it off. Satan wants you to put off making it right. People pervert the gospel of Christ today when they attempt to make changes in God's plan to save man to suit themselves. It is a serious matter with God to have his gospel perverted and it will not go unnoticed. That person will be accursed by God.

I trust the next chapter because I know the author.

HOW DOES ONE OBEY THE GOSPEL?

THE GOSPEL IS
DEATH • BURIAL • RESURRECTION
ROMANS 6.3-4

HOW DOES ONE OBEY THE GOSPEL?



DIE TO SIN
REPENTANCE



BE BURIED
BAPTISM



BE RAISED
WALK IN NEWNESS
OF LIFE

ACTS 2:38

The person who perverts the gospel of Christ will be eternally lost and also cause others to be lost by believing and obeying a perverted gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). The gospel is being perverted today just as it was perverted in the first century. Paul says in Galatians 1:6-8, "I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ to a different gospel: which is not another; but there be some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed." Christ will not tolerate another gospel.

You may tie your shoestrings in the morning, but the undertaker may untie them before night.



Are you ready to meet your maker?

Be still and know that I am God Isa 46:10

God's Warning

Christ, who is all knowing, tells us that many people are going to be lost, but only few are going to be saved. In Matthew 7:13-14 He says, "Enter by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it". Now this gets my attention. According to the Bible the majority of people will be lost. Sadly the majority of people still walk the wide road of sin into eternal damnation. We must take this warning from God at face value. The Lord says only a few people will be saved.

How few can few be? In 1 Peter 3:20 (KJV) we read, "When once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is eight souls were saved by water." The conservative estimate of the number of people on the face of the earth in the days of Noah is two hundred million (200,000,000) people. But only eight (8) out of the estimated two hundred million (200,000,000) were saved. Not very good odds. Even though the Bible says in 2 Peter 3:9 that the Lord is "not willing that any should perish". Jesus says in Matthew 7:13-14 concerning eternal life in Heaven that "there are few who find it". The vast majority of people will spend forever and ever in the eternal fires of Hell that will never be extinguished. Why? The vast majority of people are not really interested in going to Heaven, but you are or you wouldn't be interested in this article concerning your eternal salvation.

There are only two roads to eternity and we are on either one or the other. According to what the Lord says, only few will make it to Heaven, but the vast majority will be lost in eternal punishment. This is both frightening and sad. I don't consider myself selfish, but I certainly want to be among the few who are saved, don't you? We make the choice ourselves as to where we will spend eternity. We are free moral agents. This is how we differ from the animals. We have been made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26 says, "Then God said let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness". Also in Genesis 2:7 we read, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul". Yes, we possess a soul that will live forever and ever in either Heaven or Hell.

God does not want anyone to be lost, but the choice is ours.

In 2 Peter 3:9 we read,

"...BEING ENLIGHTENED..." EPH.1:18

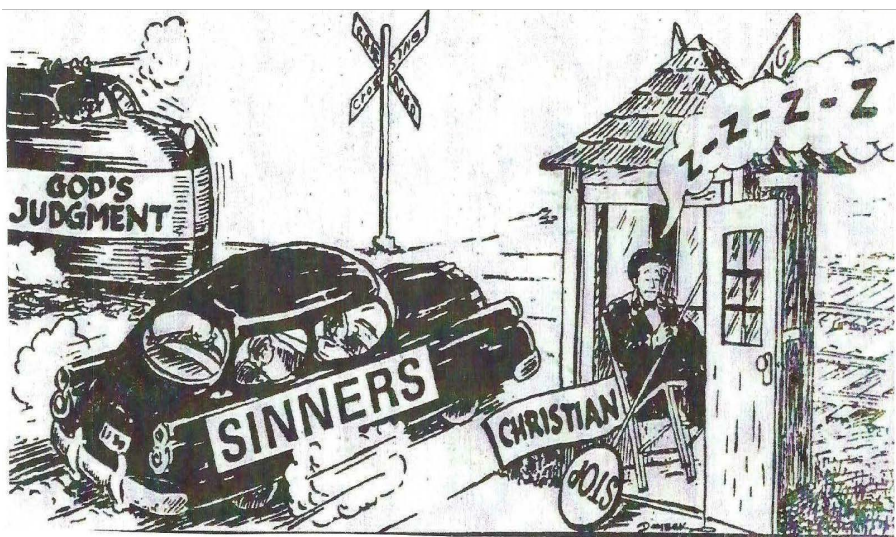


"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance". God does not want us to go into eternal punishment. He is not going to force us to serve Him; otherwise we would be mere robots. 1 Timothy 2:4 says concerning God, "Who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth". It is God's will that all be saved, but we know that is not going to happen. We have already seen that only few are going to be saved in Heaven and the majority are going to be lost forever in Hell.

Also, as the verse says, before we can be saved, we must "come to the knowledge of the truth." Jesus says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." What is the truth that will make us free? In John 17:17 Jesus says, "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth." So only the instructions contained in the word of God is the truth that will make us free so that we can go to heaven.

What is your eternal destiny? If you miss Heaven, you will be thrown into the eternal fires of Hell. One of the saddest things about going to Hell is the fact that it could have been avoided. The majority of people will be lost in spite of what the Lord has done. A person who goes to Hell is his own worst enemy. Hell is not what God does to us, but Hell is what we do to ourselves. If one ends up in Hell, he only has himself to blame. **R.Boatwright**

Judgment Day Is Coming



(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9). “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written ‘As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God’. So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God” (Romans 14:10-12).

What will the judgment be like? “Then I saw a great white throne, and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things written in the books...And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire...The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and false prophet are. And they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever” (Revelation 20:11-12, 15, 10). Being cast into the lake of fire with the devil is not very good company to be with forever and ever. Is your name in the Book of Life? Are you sure? Your eternal destiny of either Heaven or Hell will be determined by whether it is there or not.

The Lord is omniscient. He knows all things. “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account” (Hebrews 4:13). The Lord will make no mistakes in the Judgment. “For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:14). We can have no secrets from God. He knows everything about each one of us.

There will be only a few people saved, but the vast majority will be condemned to the everlasting fires of Hell. Our Lord tells us to “Enter the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life and there are few who find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). At the Judgment there will be two groups of people, the vast majority who are lost and the few who are saved. In which group will you be?

If we miss Heaven and end up in Hell we can only blame ourselves. We chose to be there. There will not be a second chance. We have got to get it right the first time. The only thing that matters in this life is obtaining a home in Heaven; nothing else is as important. “Prepare to meet your God” (Amos 4:12).

There is a day coming in which we will all stand in judgment before the Lord. “And as it is appointed for men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). We have two appointments, which we will definitely keep: death and judgment. These cannot be cancelled. When we draw our last breath our eternal destiny is sealed. We don’t know when we will die. We might drop dead of a heart attack or stroke in the next few minutes or be killed in a car wreck today. Life is uncertain. Judgment day is certain. There is no way to escape it. All of us will be there for this final appointment. “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done in the body, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men” (2 Corinthians 5:10-11). No one will be excluded from the Judgment. Every person, who has ever lived, that is now living, and who will ever live, will stand before the Lord and be judged.

We do not know when Judgment Day will come. “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness” (2 Peter 3:10-11). We must be very serious about the Judgment.

When God decides to end time, “the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power”

Doing The Will Of God

The Bible must be our only authority if we want to please God and go to Heaven. People must give up all the various false doctrines that propagate the many different kinds of denominations and go back to only the Bible. There were no denominations in the New Testament times and there would be none today if only the Bible was taught and practiced there would only be the Lord's one true church. James 4:12 There is one lawgiver, if there is only one law giver why are there so many teaching different laws of God .

How then do we make sure that we are among the few who are saved and not among the many who are lost? Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I never knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness". If you believe and call Jesus, "Lord, Lord", you are still lost if you have not done what God says. If we are not obeying God, we are practicing lawlessness. If we ever hope to go to heaven, we must do the will of the Father. This is the only way. Not the will of men, but God's will. Not our own will, but God's will. Just because we call Jesus our Lord, this will not save us.

People seemed to be sincere, there will be many surprised but lost people on the Day of Judgment who thought that it doesn't really matter what you believe as long as you are sincere. To believe this is to believe a lie of Satan. If it doesn't matter what you believe, then it doesn't matter if you believe at all.



Man generally wants to do things his way and he doesn't really care what God thinks. We cannot obey God without doing what God says to do. Nothing is more important than pleasing God by doing His will so that we can go to Heaven. We must do all of God's will, so that we can go to Heaven. There is no other way. We must do all of what God has commanded us. Our Lord says in Matthew 28:20, "Teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." We must do all things God has commanded us.

We cannot pick and choose and take a verse out of context but we must take all of what the Bible says. We cannot be pleasing to God by dreaming up our own plan of salvation as to how God is going to save us. We must follow His plan and only His plan if we expect Him to save us. Our salvation in Heaven is too great to lose, because if we don't go to Heaven we will spend forever and ever in a burning Hell. Many people don't really believe this, but they all will one day.

No single condition, that God imposes, can be ignored. God has no non-essential commands. When we don't obey a command of God, we have just broken it. Many people think that God will save them, no matter if they follow God's specific instructions on what they must do to be saved or not. We must obey God by doing what God says to do, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. What then is God's will, so that we can go to Heaven and not have to endure eternal punishment forever and ever?

Satan is trying to tell people today they do not have to do anything to qualify for God's gift of eternal life. Satan is successful with many people. We cannot have selective obedience and be pleasing to God. Our obedience is how we show our love to Christ. Jesus says in John 14:21, "He that has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved of My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." If we love Christ we will abandon all we do religiously that is not found in the Bible and then do all things that Christ has commanded us to do. Romans 8:14 For as many who are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God.

Think On These Things

Love Of God

O love of God, how strong and true!
Eternal, and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought,
Beyond all knowledge and all thought!

O heavenly love, how precious still!
In days of weariness and ill,
In nights of pain and helplessness,
To heal, to comfort, and to bless!

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
We read Thee in the sky above;
We read Thee in the earth below,
In seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read Thee best in Him who came
To bear for us the cross of shame,
Sent by the Father from on high,
Our life to live, our death to die.

O Love of God, our shield and stay
Through all the perils of our way;
Eternal love, in thee we rest,
Forever safe, forever blest.

Horatius Bonar

Be Encouraged To Trust

In the trials that life may unfold,
When uncertainty takes its hold,
Be encouraged to trust and believe,
For God's guidance, you shall surely receive.

In times of sorrow and utmost despair,
Have faith in Him; His love is rare.
With patience and grace, your soul He will mend,
Through every test, His blessings transcend.

Catherine Pulsifer

One Day at a Time

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,
With its portion of pain and its burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time - but the day is so long,
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh His answer, so clear and so sweet;
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

—Annie Johnson Flint

*God has a purpose behind every
problem. He uses circumstances
to develop our character*

The World's Bible

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way;
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help
To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel,
We are the scoffer's creed;
We are the Lord's last message
Given in deed and word—
What if the line is crooked?
What if the type is blurred?

What if our hands are busy
With other work than his?
What if our feet are walking
Where sin's allurements is?
What if our tongues are speaking
Of things his lips would spurn?
How can we hope to help him
Unless from him we learn?
Annie Johnston Flint

In Humble Prayer

In humble prayer, let's find our way,
Seeking guidance from God each day,
For in His wisdom lies true might,
To bless us with grace and shed all
plight.

Let fervent faith uplift our souls,
Embrace His love that makes us whole,
Encouraged by the power above,
May we seek His guidance with
heavenly love.
Catherine Pulsifer

We'll Get Through This

Lord, our troubles
Are so great,
We don't know what to do;
The price for our
Iniquity
Is finally coming due.

The world is crumbling
All about;
No safe place can be found.
Right is wrong,
Wrong is right;
The change is quite profound.

Lord, we need
Your guiding light
To lead us out of here;
We'll focus on
Your Word, and prayer,
To take away our fear.

Temptations of
This dying world
We'll rule out and let go;
Give our burdens
All to you,
Shed all worldly woe.

That's how we'll
Get through this, Lord,
Fixed on heaven above,
Assured of your
protection, help,
And everlasting love.

By Joanna Fuchs



Welcome to our church I hope you're
blessed by the worshipful atmosphere, the
inspiring message, and the comfortable
pew my family has been occupying for 5
generations

Forgive

*Forgive someone. Today forgive.
Turn from bitter to positive.
End frustration, anger, pain;
Wash the anguish from your brain.*

*No need to reconcile or tell;
Just feel better and get well.
A brand new, peaceful life to live,
That's your gift, when you forgive.*

By Joanna Fuchs

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

*I am always at the right place,
at the right time, doing the right
thing, under God's guidance.*

*Say, "I can do this." "I AM doing
this." "It's easier than I thought."*
Joanna Fuchs

*Whether you think you can or think
you can't -you are right.*
--Henry Ford

*I can do all things through Christ,
Who strengthens me.*
P *hilippians 4:13*



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The Importance of Having a Home Church and Knowing It Teaches the Bible

The Value of a Home Church

A home church is more than just a building where believers gather; it is a spiritual family. Scripture reminds us in Hebrews 10:25, "Do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another." This verse highlights the necessity of consistent fellowship.

Spiritual stability: A home church provides a foundation where believers can grow in faith, receive guidance, and remain anchored in truth.

Community support: Life is filled with trials, and the church family offers encouragement, prayer, and practical help.

Accountability: Being part of a local body helps us stay accountable in our walk with Christ, preventing spiritual drift.

Opportunities to serve: The church is where believers discover and use their spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ. without a home church, believers often struggle with isolation, lack of direction, and vulnerability to false teachings.

The Importance of Biblical Teaching

Not every church faithfully teaches the Word of God. This is why discernment is critical. Jesus warned in Matthew 7:15, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."

Sound doctrine: A true home church must be rooted in Scripture, not human opinion or cultural trends.

Protection from deception: Knowing the Bible equips believers to recognize false teachings and remain steadfast in truth.

Spiritual nourishment: Just as physical food sustains the body, the Word of God sustains the soul.

Christ-centered focus: A Bible-teaching church keeps salvation, grace, and the cross at the center of its message.

When a church neglects the Bible, it risks leading people away from Christ rather than toward Him.

Relevance to Salvation

Salvation is the most important matter of life, and the church plays a vital role in guiding believers toward it. Romans 10:17 declares, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Faith formation: The preaching of the Word brings conviction, leading people to repentance and faith in Christ.

Discipleship: Salvation is not the end but the beginning of a lifelong journey of growing in Christ. A home church nurtures this growth.

Encouragement in perseverance: Salvation is lived out daily, and the church strengthens believers to endure trials and remain faithful.

Witness to the world: A Bible-teaching church equips believers to share the gospel, extending the message of salvation beyond its walls.

Salvation is personal, but it is also communal. The church is the place where believers are reminded of the hope of eternal life and are encouraged to walk in holiness.

Having a home church is not optional—it is essential. It is where believers find fellowship, accountability, and spiritual growth. Yet, it is equally important to ensure that this church teaches the Bible faithfully, for only the Word of God reveals the truth of salvation through Jesus Christ