

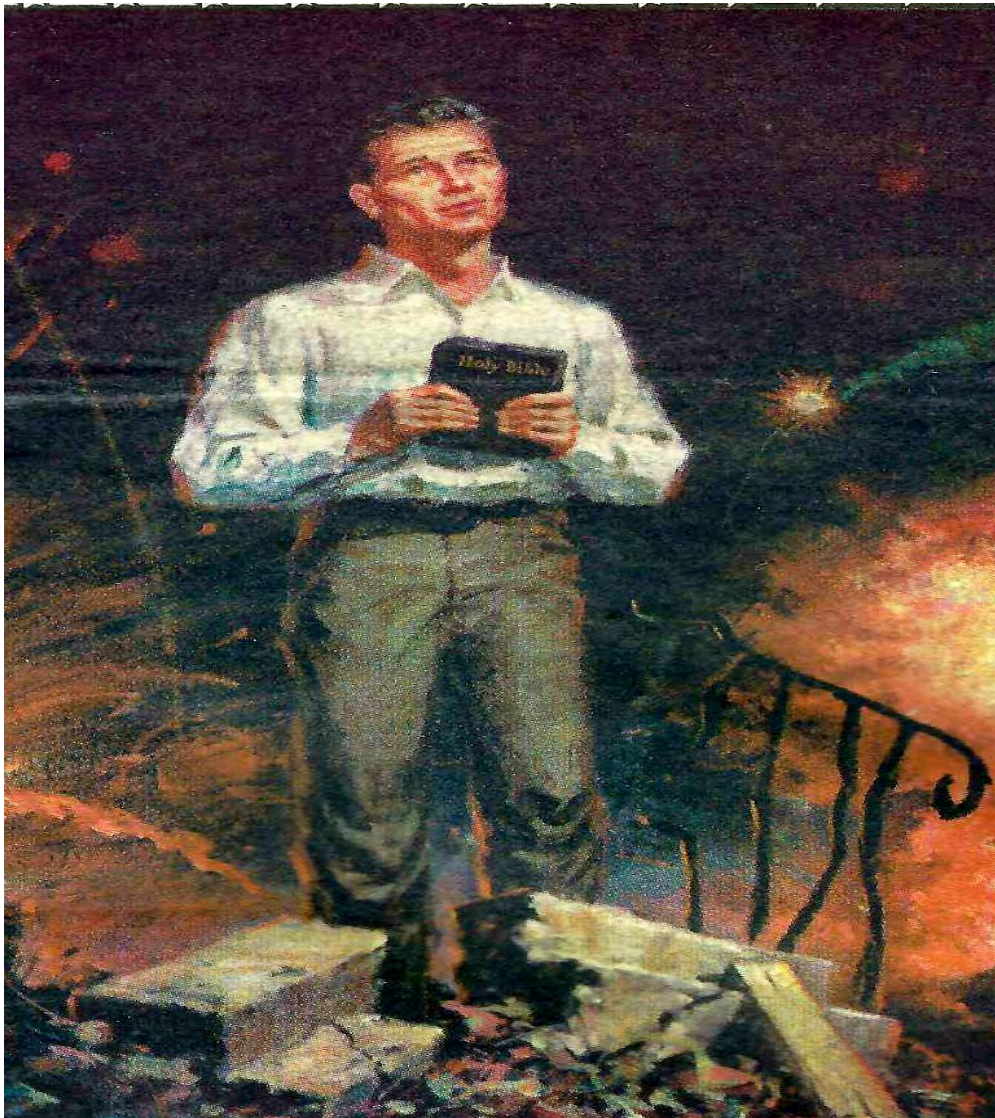


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When the Ground Gives Way

When the ground beneath you crumbles,
and the sky feels far from light,
when the wind has stripped your branches
and the day dissolves to night—
there is still a Hand that holds you,
though the void yawns deep below,
still a Voice that whispers steadily
through the storm's unending blow.
Faith is not the absence of the falling,
nor the proof of solid stone—
it's the leap into the silence
knowing you are not alone.
For the One who shaped the mountains
also cups the sparrow's flight,
and the dark that swallows vision
cannot hide you from His sight.
So when all you've built is broken,
and your knees can barely stand,
trust the heart that carved the heavens—
you are safe within His hand.

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Greetings In Jesus Name



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Dear Beloved Friends and Faithful Partners,

As we step into another season together, my heart overflows with gratitude to our Lord for His abundant blessings. Each day is a reminder of His faithfulness, His mercy, and His unfailing love.

I am deeply thankful for your prayers, your encouragement, and your steadfast support — you have been a true reflection of God's hands and heart in action.

It is a joy and an honor to serve the Lord alongside you for another year. Together, we have witnessed His goodness at work in ways both seen and unseen. And so we press forward with renewed strength, knowing that our labor in the Lord is never in vain.

Yet as we continue this journey, we are also mindful of the calling Christ has placed upon us — to reach the lost while it is still day. Jesus Himself reminded us that "the night is coming when no man can work." The opportunities before us are precious, and the time is short. The world around us is searching, longing, and often unaware of the hope that is found only in Him. May we be faithful to shine His light, to speak His truth in love, and to extend His grace to those who have not yet come to know Him.

With eager hearts, we continue to watch and wait for the blessed hope — the soon appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Until that glorious day, may we remain steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in His work. Let us serve with compassion, pray with expectancy, and labor with urgency, knowing that every soul matters to God.

May the Lord bless you richly and keep you in His perfect peace.

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Questions & Answers

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

Question

Bro.O.F.Fauss

You hear people say, "All roads lead to God." However, the bible exposes this as a tragic error that is leading millions to eternity in hell. Do the numerous Scriptures plainly declare that the one and only way to God is through the Savior, Jesus Christ. What does the Bible clearly teach about God's one and only plan of salvation — that is, Jesus Christ!

Answer:

Acts 2:38 is a pivotal verse in the New Testament that emphasizes the importance of repentance and baptism in the Christian faith. In this verse, Peter instructs the crowd to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, promising them the gift of the Holy Ghost. This verse highlights the relationship between these acts as essential steps towards salvation and spiritual renewal.

Repentance signifies a fundamental transformation in one's thinking and behavior, acknowledging sin and seeking God's forgiveness.

Baptism is seen as an outward expression of an inward change, symbolizing identification with Jesus' death and resurrection.

Receiving the Holy Ghost, Being lead by the spirit

• Paul did not offer or suggest multiple roads to God. He set forth Jesus Christ as the pathway to salvation.

• Jesus Himself stated this same truth, as the next Scripture shows.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

• The way, the truth, the life! Not "a way". Not one of many ways to finding God, but "the way" (singular). In one brief sentence, only Jesus is the way to go to heaven and to God's presence.

• "I am the way" said Jesus.

• One dismisses Jesus' statement at one's eternal peril, for Jesus is the only way to heaven.

• Or one can accept Jesus as declaring an all-important truth — that is, that He and He alone is the pathway for men and women to come to God.

• Jesus did not allow for other avenues to salvation. He plainly said that "no one comes to the Father except through Me."

• The apostle Peter joined Jesus and the apostle Paul in declaring the one and only way to salvation, as the following verses show.

Acts 4:10, 12 [The apostle Peter said] Then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.... [12] Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

• Peter's words are unequivocally clear about God's determined plan of salvation: "Salvation is found in no one else" [than Jesus Christ, vs. 10].

• Not in good works, not in good intentions, not in trying hard. Sadly, millions of people have fallen for the error that says our good works will surely earn us a place in heaven. But the Bible clearly indicates that God's "great salvation" is by the Lord's grace, our good works will follow

• Ephesians 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. • Titus 3:5, KJV Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us.

• Likewise, Peter asserted that no other living being — past, present, or future — could lead us to God and to salvation. He said, "There is no other name [than Jesus' name, vs. 10] ... by which we must be saved."

• Great men like Abraham, Moses, Paul, and Peter cannot save us.

• The heroes of other religions — Buddha, Muhammad, Joseph Smith, etc.— certainly cannot save anyone.

• Only Jesus Christ can save us Only Jesus can truthfully say, "I am the way!"

There IS More To Being Saved Than Easy Believism

By Daniel Mena

You cannot afford to make a mistake about Salvation. Your soul is too valuable, the Lake of fire is too final and eternity is too long to be wrong.

Satan's master plan is to make people believe they are saved when in reality they are still lost. His plan is sly, crafty and deceptive. His timing is just perfect. The name of his counterfeit is called **EASY BELIEVISM**. Approximately ninety five percent of all protestant churches now accept it and most evangelical tract companies print it as being gospel truth. It has swept upon our land at a time when the cry of the masses is, "We like it easy and comfortable". A person can become a millionaire overnight by inventing a gadget that will make a hard job easy or an easy job easier. You can see this principle revealed in the success of perma-press clothes, micro wave ovens, electric door openers, automatic dishwashers and electric knives. Everyone is crying, "Make it easy brother". Satan designed his plan to include parts of the Bible which would add reverence and credibility to his counterfeit and at the same time twist the truths and change the words to produce a subtle half-truth which is more dangerous than an outright lie. Only the TRUTH, the WHOLE TRUTH, and NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH will save a man or woman from sin. Is a person saved by simply and only believing on the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior?

Many churches now teach that a person is ready to meet the Lord in the second coming simply because they raised their hand and vocalized the phrase "I do now accept Christ as my personal Savior". This plan is simple, easy, soothing, mild, and effortless, but OH ... SO FALSE! Ministers will be judged by God on the grounds of criminal negligence who allow their church members to continue in their sinful habits and at the same time believe they are gloriously saved. Saved from WHAT ???

There is more to being saved than EASY BELIEVISM -please notice Acts 16:31 very closely. And they said " . . . thou shalt be (future tense) saved ... " The Apostle Paul used the future tense, shalt be, which places the act or event in the future.

Notice, he did not say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou art saved", like so many do today. It takes more to being saved than saying, "I believe". James 2: 14 teaches that faith alone can not save

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can Faith Save Him?". James 2:20 declares, "Faith without works is dead". You do not have faith if you do not have works. Faith without works is dead. It can not save you if it is alone. Works are the proof of faith. If works prove faith, then the absence of works prove unbelief. Yes, faith is necessary to be saved, but it takes more than just faith. Was Simon the Sorcerer saved in Acts 8:13 by easy believism? We quote, "then Simon himself believed also ... " the answer to this question is "NO". Simon was not saved by only believing. We know this to be a fact from Apostle Peter's stinging rebuke in Acts 8:20-21. Listen to what he said, " ... but Peter said unto him, thy money perish with thee, because thou has thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou has neither part nor lot in this matter, for thy heart is not right in the sight of God". He believed but was still unsaved.

Even Simon Peter himself believed and made a confession of faith in Matt. 16: 16. "And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God". Was Peter saved according to the New Testament plan of salvation by his confession of faith? The Bible teaches he was not. In Luke 22:32

Jesus revealed Peter's spiritual condition by saying, " ... when thou art converted (future tense) strengthen thy brethren". Mark 14:71 Jesus knew Peter was still in an unconverted condition of lying and cursing. Revelation 21 :8 teaches us that all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire.

What about the thief on the cross? in Luke 23:43 we read, "And Jesus said unto him ... Today shalt thou be with me in paradise". How was the thief saved without obeying the New Birth Plan of Salvation? The answer is, the thief actually lived in the Old Testament dispensation and did not have access to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as we know it today. This is made clear in John 7:39, "But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified" The Baptism of the Holy Ghost or the New Testament inheritance could not be given until the testator died. Hebrews 9: 16-17. The thief was not saved according to the New Testament Plan of Salvation which is found in Acts 2:38.

What about Romans 10:9? "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy heart ... thou SHALT be saved".

Again please notice that the Apostle uses the future tense, shalt be, placing salvation in the future The Apostle Paul realized that no man can truly confess Christ without the Holy Ghost. 1 Corinthians 12:3 teaches, "No man can say Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost". Besides all of this, he is not addressing sinners, but a church of saved individuals. We know this because he addressed them as brethren in 1 Corinthians 12: 1.

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Were the disciples saved under the New Testament Plan of Salvation in John 6:66-69 when they made their confession of faith? Let us read, "We believe and are sure, that thou art that Christ ... " Easy Believism must answer "yes, they were saved here". Let us, however, notice what Jesus said to these same disciples in Matthew 18: 1-3. At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus ... and Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye (Disciples) be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter(into the kingdom of heaven". If the disciples could not be saved by Easy Believism, then neither can you or I.

Are the Devils saved? Easy Believism. must answer in the affirmative. Why? Because James 2:19 teaches "The devils also believe ... " Let us now examine the scripture to see if devils will be saved. Revelation 20:10 says, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire ... " Also notice II Peter 2:4, "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto judgment". NO! Devils are not saved by only believing.

Acts 10:1-6 records that Cornelius, the centurion, was a very religious and devout man; who feared God, gave much alms and prayed to God always. Was he saved by doing alt of this? After doing all of this the angel spoke and told him to send for Peter in Acts 11: 14. "Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved". In Acts 26:27-29 we read that King Agrippa believed. "I know that thou believest King Agrippa still remained unsaved however. What is the New Testament Plan Of Salvation' Only Believe? Accept Christ? Join a Church? Pay dues every week? NO? Acts 2:38 is where the true plan is found. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized

everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". Repentance, Baptism in Jesus Name, and the experience of the Holy Ghost were the keys to the kingdom spoken about in Matthew 16:19. They are the fulfillment of the birth of the WATER and of the SPIRIT in John 3:5, and the resurrection power of the church as recorded in Romans 8:11. As there was a death, burial and resurrection in the life of Jesus; so repentance is our death to sin, Baptism in Jesus name is our burial, and receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is our resurrection (To walk in newness of life). The church at Jerusalem believed this plan in Acts 2:38. The church at Samaria believed in Repentance, Baptism in Jesus Name, and receiving of the Holy Ghost in Acts 8: 12, 16-22. The church at Caesarea also affirmed this truth in Acts 10:44-48. The church at Ephesus obeyed Paul's preaching and were baptized in Jesus Name and received the Holy Ghost, Acts 19:5-6. As you can see, believing in Jesus is necessary, but after they believed, these people in the book of Acts went on to REPENT; be BAPTIZED in JESUS NAME, and receive the HOLY GHOST (Which comes with the evidence of SPEAKING IN TONGUES as the SPIRIT gives the utterance - Acts 2:4).

You cannot go wrong obeying the Bible!

ETERNITY IS TO LONG TO BE WRONG !

Down Life's Path

Many go down life's path with lofty plans

To amass a great fortune of houses
and lands And to live a life of
pleasure and ease,

Thinking. happiness can be found in
these.

Others pursue power and
worldwide fame

To be known by all and win their
acclaim.

But those without God who attain
these goals Soon find emptiness
remains in their souls.

They couldn't find the happiness
they sought For it comes from Him
and can't be bought.

If only they realized these things
won't last

Since life is fleeting and will soon
be past.

Wealth, worldly pleasure, fame,
and power Will all be gone at
death's dark hour.

And beyond the grave when
eternity begins Those unsaved will
be judged for their sins.

If only they would believe in God
And repent of the sinful deeds
they've done, Then they could go
down life's path

Not needing to worry about God's
wrath.

They would have the joy they
longed for,

Inner peace, contentment, and
much more

For when their lives on earth shall
end

Heavenly bliss would at once begin!
-Perry Boardman

America I weep For Thee

America, thou land of spacious skies and fruited plains, of purple mountain majesties and amber waves of grain - thou land which inspired kings and caused royal majesties to stand in awe - whose desire was to confirm thy soul in self contra! and mend thine every flaw - thou country that found liberty in law, whose aim was that all success be nobleness, and every gain divine - I WEEP FOR THEE! Where are the statesmen of former years who were not afraid to stand for the right and who were not ashamed to pray upon their knees? God's favor has made thee the mightiest nation under the sun, yet thou art turning aside that favor and asking for judgment by condoning the moral decay within thy ranks - allowing protest marches in the streets, youths shouting obscenities and showing no respect for law and order - they call it the right of dissent - while demanding a way of life, that if gained, will cause the morals of our land to sink to the level of animals. This is not freedom! If this element is allowed to rise, we will lose our freedom and every man will live in fear for his property, his loved ones and his very life! America, thou whose women were great in yester-years, women of modesty, chastity and virtue - who bore children of like respect and greatness, where, I ask, may this quality be found today? I walk the streets of our cities and scan the crowd for a modest looking woman. There is one here and there, but the majority are walking the streets in apparel our mothers would have blushed to wear. I hang my head in shame for them! They have

thrown modesty to the four winds, sowing recklessly, boldly, purposely, and they will reap a harvest of immorality, crime and human misery! America, thy leaders are pushing their programs to stop air and water pollution, spending millions to clean up our environment while our moral pollution goes on unheeded. Thy highest court has ruled out prayer in our schools and allowed sex education to come in, and the news media gives little space to acts of nobility while splashing the obscene across the front page.

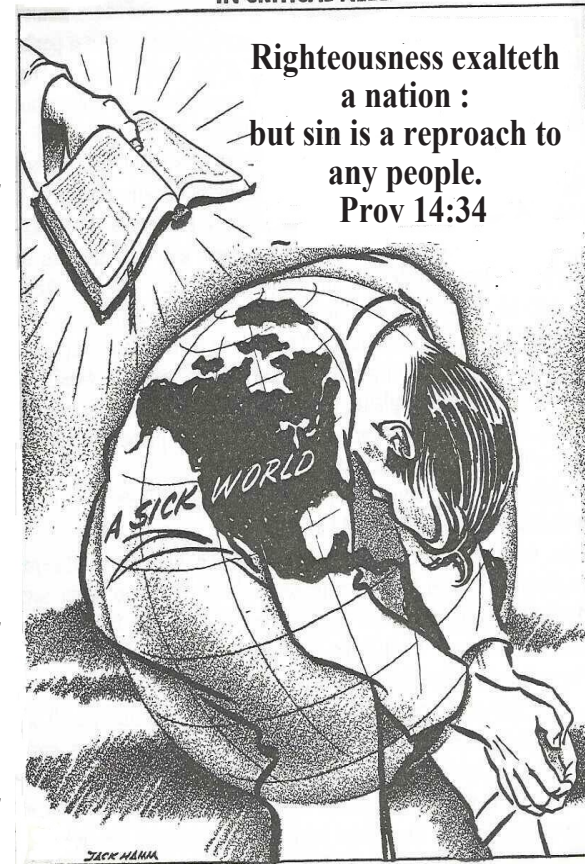
Liquor and drugs flows freely in our cities, turning out scores of alcoholics and addicts every year while drugs are warping the minds of our youths. What, may I ask, is in store for us if these evils are allowed to rise? Do we not have any men of integrity left? I challenge them to rise up against this tide of immorality, crime and lawlessness, or it will destroy us! I trust that we will not discover too late that it is within the goodness of a nation her strength is found.

Oh, fateful day, when the law gives protection to criminals and allows them to carry on their acts of sin and violence with little restraint.

AMERICA, I WEEP FOR THEE!

Mrs Jessie Kneal

Nothing happens to you that hasn't happened to someone else.

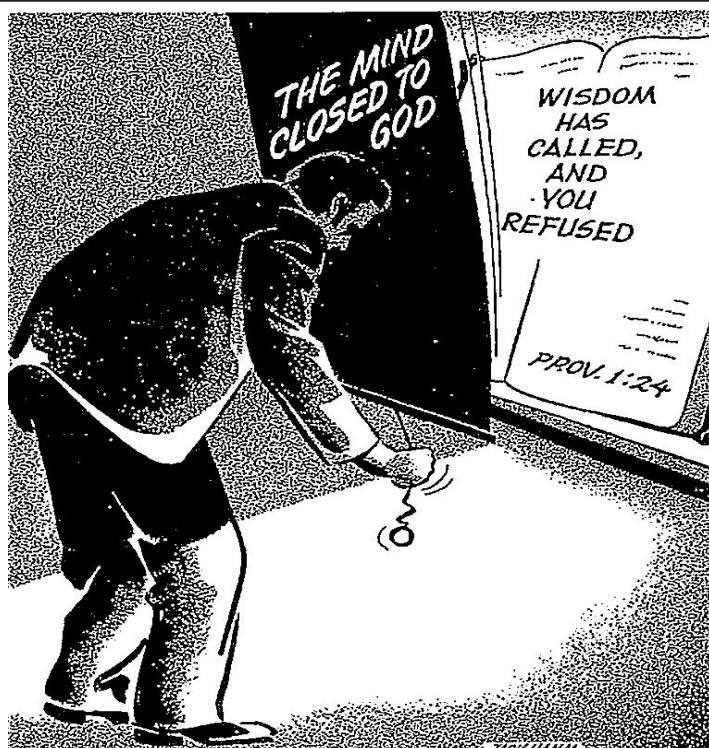


Wake up, sing up, preach up and pay up, but never give up or let up or back up or shut up until the cause of Christ in this world is built up.

All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. Edmund Burke

Stormy weather is what a man needs from time to time to remind him he's not really in charge of anything.

selected:



How Are The Mighty Fallen

The title of this article expresses the sad and distressing words of David. In the Second Book of Samuel, chapter 1, three times these lamentable words are repeated.

David, the future king of Israel, expressed the sadness of his heart over the fall of King Saul and his son Jonathan in battle. David further expressed his sorrow in these words: "I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan" (II Samuel 1:26).

Whenever people in prominence fall, whether in politics, religion, or any leadership roles, it creates sadness to all concerned. In these uncertain days in which we are now living, there seems so much failure among prominent people, and this has caused consternation, heart-ache, and sadness to families and constituents.

In the religious realm such fail-ures bring a reproach to God's cause.

In the case of King Saul, it was the monster of jealousy that led to his untimely death. Saul would not listen to God's voice or the admonition of God's prophet. In his selfish desire to retain the throne of his kingdom for his posterity, he became blinded to God's plan for His people.

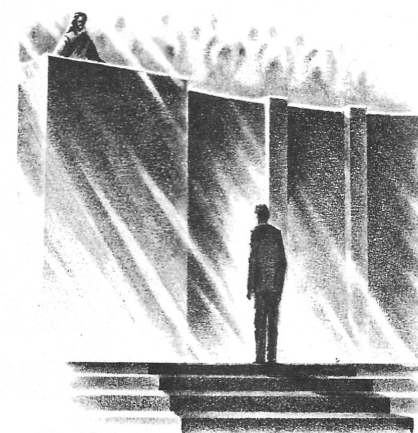
His life ended in tragedy which caused untold grief, not only to David but to all of Israel.

The call to preach the gospel is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon men, and therefore that call should not be taken lightly. The man called to minister the Word of God must meet the qualifications of the Word: He must be an example in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith and purity (I Timothy 4:12). A minister of the gospel is a steward of God; he must give an account of his stewardship. The Apostle Paul admonished the many witnesses" (I Timothy 6:6-12).

In Titus, chapter I, the Apostle Paul gave the qualifications and duties of an elder, pastor, or evangelist. He must be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of profligacy, not self-willed, not easily angered, not given to wine, not violent, not given to filthy lucre, a lover of hospitality, sober minded, just, holy, and temperate.

These are the requirements of those choosing to be ministers of God's Word. When a man of God fails in these requirements, he brings a reproach to God's cause and a stumbling block to sinners. The psalmist David wrote what the "blessed man" does and what he does not do (Psalm 1). Our Lord Jesus gave us a warning of "false prophets" (Matthew 7:15-20). There are many today who come in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Satan's best tool is deception. It is sad that so many are being deceived with a false hope. Many are following blind leaders who themselves do not have a real Bible salvation of true repentance, baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the fullness of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4-38.

The Apostolic Oneness Pentecostal people, blessed with the truth of God's Word, need to be more enthusiastic with greater zeal and fortitude and they need to reach the lost in these closing days of this dispensation.



"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ."

Do preachers sometimes act as though only the ones they preach to will be judged and they themselves exempt?

Is it easier to preach to others than set the ex-ample yourself? Is it simpler to preach: "Do as I say, not as I do?"

What if church members won only as many souls as I did during the past year?

What if my members knew as much about my private life as the Lord does?

What if 'the membership of my church were to sit as my judge?

What if the saints I pastor spoke as critically of me as I often do my fellow-ministers?

Do I demand more excellence from my saints than I do myself?

Have I made the kind of sacrifices I have requested of others?

Do I have reason to believe that the Lord will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" when the hour of my judgment comes?

Water Baptism

The subject of water baptism has long been called a great issue and no doubt has been made such by many church leaders of the past and present. In our study of it, let us first consider its importance, or the necessity of being baptized.

The Importance of Water Baptism

Christian water baptism is an ordinance instituted by Jesus Christ. If it is not important in the plan of God, why did Jesus command it in Matthew 28:19? And why did Peter follow up by saying, "Be baptized every one of you," and by commanding the Gentiles to be baptized (Acts 2:38; 10:48)? We must remember two points about the importance of water baptism. First, whatever Christ definitely established and ordained cannot be unimportant, whether we understand its significance or not. Second, Christ and the apostles showed the importance of this ordinance by observing it. Jesus walked many miles to be baptized, though He was without sin, saying, "For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness" (See Matthew 3:13-16.)



It is true that water itself does not contain any saving virtue, but God has chosen to include it in His plan of salvation. Peter explained, "Baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 3:21). According to Luke 7:30, "the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized."

The Mode of Baptism

According to the Scriptures, the proper mode of baptism is immersion. "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water" (Matthew 3:16). "And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him" (Acts 8:38). "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death" (Romans 6:4). A corpse is not buried by placing it on top of the ground and sprinkling a little soil on it, but by covering it completely. According to the World Book Encyclopedia, "At first all baptism was by complete immersion" (vol. 1, p.651). And the Catholic Encyclopedia states, "In the early centuries, all were baptized by immersion in streams, pools, and baptisteries" (vol. 2, p.263). Immersion was not convenient after the Catholic church instituted infant baptism; thus the mode was changed to sprinkling. (See Encyclopedia Britannica, 11th ed., vol. 3, pp.365-66.)

Repentance identifies us with the death of Christ, and baptism identifies us with His burial. Coming forth from the watery grave of baptism and receiving new life in the Holy Spirit identifies us with His resurrection.

The Formula for Baptism

Jesus commanded His disciples to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19). He did not command them to use these words as a formula, but He commanded them to baptize in "the name." The word name is used here in the singular, and it is the focal point of the baptismal command. The titles Father, Son, and Holy Ghost describe God's relationships to humanity and are not the supreme, saving name described here, which is Jesus. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Jesus is the name in which the roles of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost are revealed. The angel of the Lord instructed Joseph, "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name," and, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,...the Father will send in my name" (John 5:43; 14:26). Thus by baptizing in the name of Jesus, we honor the Godhead. "For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9). continued page 9



Water Baptism

Luke 24:45-47 records that just before His ascension, Jesus opened the disciples' understanding. It was necessary that their understanding be opened, and many today need this same operation in order to understand the Scriptures. Then Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." The disciples had their understanding opened so that they could grasp the vast importance of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Verse 47 describes the commission that Jesus then gave: "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations [Jews and Gentiles], beginning at Jerusalem."

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Peter was one of that number to whom Jesus had spoken and whose understanding had been opened. After having listened to these instructions, a few days later he was inspired by the Holy Ghost to preach on the Day of Pentecost. The hearts of the hearers were pierced and, feeling condemned, they cried out to Peter and the other apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter did not hesitate but boldly answered, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Some say that Peter told them to be baptized in Jesus' name because they were Jews and this baptism was to make them acknowledge Jesus Christ. But let us go with Peter to the house of Cornelius several years later. Cornelius and his household were Gentiles, yet there again Peter "commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord" (Acts 10:48). (Most translations actually say, "In the name of Jesus Christ.") If Peter was wrong on the Day of Pentecost, he surely had ample time to be corrected before he went to the house of Cornelius.

Was Peter wrong on the Day of Pentecost? When the hearers were pricked in their hearts, they spoke to Peter and to the rest of the apostles (Acts 2:37). This included Matthew, who wrote Matthew 28:19. Moreover, when Peter preached, he stood up with the eleven Acts 2:14). Matthew was there, yet we find no words of correction from him. He surely would have spoken up if Peter had disobeyed the Lord. But all the apostles understood and carried out the Lord's commission. As Jesus said in prayer, "I have manifested thy name unto the men [the apostles] which thou gavest me out of the world...and they have kept thy word" (John 17:6).

The Samaritans, who were not Jews, were also baptized in the name of Jesus. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them...."But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.... They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 8:5, 12, 16).

Let us see how Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, baptized. He went to Ephesus many years after the Day of Pentecost and found some disciples of John the Baptist there. "He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:2-5). Although these disciples had already been baptized, the name of Jesus was so important as to cause them to be rebaptized in His name. continued on page 10

Water Baptism

We do not believe that Paul changed the formula or mode of baptism when he baptized Lydia and her household (Acts 16:14-15) or the Philippian jailer. The latter came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas, saying, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And he took them the same hour of the night [shortly after midnight], and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:30-33). How can we doubt that Paul baptized these people using the same mode and formula that he used elsewhere, that is, immersion in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Paul was not with the apostles when Jesus gave his final instructions to them in Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47, yet Paul baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. How did he know what to do? He said that his gospel was not a tradition of men but a revelation from God. "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11-12). Paul was chosen to bear Jesus' name to the Gentiles, and he wrote many divinely inspired epistles to the church. To this apostle, God revealed the mystery of the church, "which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit" (Ephesians 3:5). Paul claimed to have divine authority: "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (I Corinthians 14:37). And Paul wrote, "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:17). Water baptism is done in both word and deed. We cannot afford to overlook this command to the church.

The church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20). The apostles not only preached baptism in Jesus' name, but they practiced it. Nowhere can we find that they baptized using the words "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Instead, we find them baptizing in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. In baptizing in Jesus' name, they fulfilled the command of the Lord in Matthew 28:19.

Paul said, "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:8). Let this be a solemn warning to us.

Some say that they will accept the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19 but not those of Peter in Acts 2:38. But Peter spoke on the Day of Pentecost under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Peter was one of the apostles, and to him had been given the keys of the kingdom, so we have no right to discredit his words.

In Mark 7:8 Jesus said, "Laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men." History tells us that it was not until many years after the apostles that the mode and formula of baptism in the name of Jesus Christ were changed. (See Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, vol. 1, p.241.) Which means more to you, the command of the Lord or the tradition of men?

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The Anvil of God's Word

*Last eve I paused beside a blacksmith's door,
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor,
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.*

*"How many anvils have you had," said I,
to wear and batter all these hammers so?
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,*

"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."

*"And so," I thought, "The anvil of God's word,
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon,
Yet, though the noises of falling blows was heard,
The Anvil is unchanged, the hammers gone."*



Technology



Holiness as a spiritual experience and a way of life is not an option for a Christian but a biblical injunction. We are to “cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (II Corinthians 7:1). We are urged, “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God” and “be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Romans 12:1-2).

Jesus said that we are in the world but not of the world (John 17:14-16); therefore, we are not to love the world, neither the things in the world, for the world appeals to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life (I John 2:15-16). A Christian is “to keep himself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27), for we are to so live that we may be “blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15). As a people who have been delivered from darkness, we are to walk as children of light and “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11).

Since the “whole world lieth in wickedness” (I John 5:19) and we are no longer to live “according to the course of this world” (Ephesians 2:2), and since worldliness is often communicated throughout society by the media, the Church has expressed its concern that Christians may be influenced by the media to compromise biblical holiness. The Church recognizes that technology is not evil in itself, but it feels that it must reject any use of technology that favorably displays a lifestyle of worldliness and ungodliness. Moreover, since technology continues to accelerate in our times, the Church and Christians must evaluate each new use of technology, especially media technology, in the light of biblical holiness.

The Church accepts only the Bible and the Holy Ghost as its guides to determine the correct standards of conduct in this world, and it recognizes the responsibility to apply biblical principles in a changing world. Neither the Bible nor the Church teaches that salvation can be earned by good works, but both contend that holiness in behavior results from a transforming experience of the Holy Ghost, and is therefore incumbent upon each Christian

The church has an obligation to establish standards of conduct when necessary, but it refuses to make rules for every aspect of daily living. Each Christian is responsible to God to maintain holiness in his life, for God alone is his judge, but the church is also responsible to teach biblical standards of holiness.

As new media appear in the marketplace, the Christian must not accept their usage without evaluation of their impact on his spiritual walk with God. We are to “walk circumspectly [looking around us], not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16).

The Easy Road is Crowded

The easy roads are crowded, and the level roads are jammed: the pleasant little rivers with the drifting folks are crammed. But off yonder where it's rocky. where you get a better view. You will find the ranks are thinning and the travelers are few. Where the going's smooth and pleasant you will always find the throng, For the many more's the pity, seem to like to drift along. But the steps that call for courage. And that task that's hard to do. in the end results in glory For the never wavering few.

The King's Highway

by P.E.Cayton

Many people who are older and have lived beside the highway of life have been eye witnesses to the transformation of whole communities because of the coming of modern highways-the hard-surfaced roads. There was a time when we referred to people living in the sticks. But that is no more, due to our great national and state highways and interlinking hard roads that connect every part of our country from lakes to gulfs and from coast to coast. Some have this picture still in their memories: fathers and mothers driving over rough roads in the rural communities to the country or town church and Bible school. They traveled what was a considerable distance in that day, and they journeyed in carriages, or jolt wagons, over rough roads, through mud holes and chuck holes.

To them church attendance was not a hardship. Was not a sacrifice, or an inconvenience. The reason was plain. The King's highway was in their heart.

IN THE LAST SENTENCE WE FIND THE answer to the question why people living not too far from the church find it impossible to go. It is because this highway of the heart that leads to God is in bad repair. I like to think of myself as a road builder, building a highway to the city of God, to help faltering feet to travel in hope and security.

When you hear the silly excuses and alibis that people make for their failure as church goers you realize that the world is full of lazy Christians.

"And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for the redeemed; and wayfaring man, yea fools, shall not err therein." Building this highway was not an easy matter for Jesus.

What was the final summation of Jesus' life? "He came to his own and his own received him not." The despised and rejected him. They condemned him and at last their cruelty nailed him on a Roman cross. It was no easy matter for Jesus to be misunderstood, and countless indignations heaped upon him. The price as great, it cost God, it cost heaven. It cost all. that Jesus had.

It is recorded that Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem and the cross. Not because he wanted to suffer and die, but because he wanted to redeem man and win him back to Himself. He knew that this was the price he must pay. He saved others, himself he cannot save.



Jesus had obstacles in building this highway. Sometimes there are difficulties in the way when we would build our highway to God's heart. There are rough places that must be made smooth. There is constant overcoming to be done. There are hills to be cut down, mountains to be tunneled through. There are valleys to be filled and leveled, if we would make the highway to God a safe and permanent thoroughfare.

It is no easy matter. Evil habits must go, must be changed. Things we once loved must be hated things. We must turn our backs upon the false ways of life. Life must be changed and our feet must travel in the higher way of virtue and righteousness. It is not an easy matter. There must be that constant walking with Christ, that daily striving to make his mind our way of thinking and traveling. The apostle tells us, unless we possess the mind of Christ we are not of him. They continued steadfastly, their continuing life was in Christ.

The dead-end roads. The most important concern about a road is where it leads and where it ends. This earthly highway we travel will someday come to an end. The road to business will end, and the books will be closed and handed over for others to keep. The road to the farm and the bank will come to an end, and that which was laid up and accumulated of this world's goods, will be left, all left. The road that has led to Point Pleasure will some day end. Dare we come to the end of life with no continuing vision?

I know of the joy and hope in traveling the King's highway, and watching the miles go by-miles marked by the sign of the Cross, along every mile of the way, and bringing me nearer and nearer to Heaven and home and the Father's house.

The broad way and the narrow way. This figure of a way and a gate is a universal religious experience. Jesus used it again and again. He talked of the straight gate and the narrow way. A narrow way that led to life and a broad way that led on to ruin.

We Must Give An Account

ON ONE OF HIS MANY PARABLES, Jesus spoke of a steward who had been accused of wasting his master's goods. His master called him, and said, "Give an account of thy stewardship" (Luke 16:2).

Christians are God's stewards. This is true because we, and all our possessions, belong to God. Paul declared, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20). And, concerning material things; David asserted, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). Since we are God's stewards, it is certain that we must finally give an account of our stewardship.

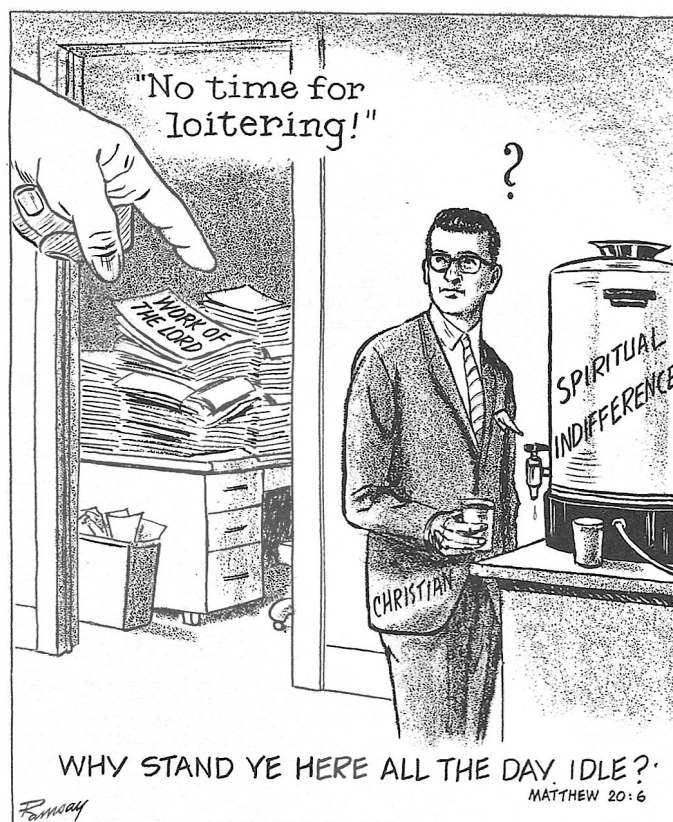
We Must Give Account of Our Time
God ... "giveth to all life, and breath"
(Acts 17:25)

It was God's breath, breathed into man's nostrils, that first brought life. What God gave, He can take away when He sees fit. Our time really belongs to God.

It would not be at all ethical for a steward to spend all his time in idleness, or for his own interests. It would be nothing short of criminal for a steward to spend his time doing things in opposition to the best interests of his master. Let every Christian steward spiritually apply these truths to himself.

We Must Give Account of Our Talents

Our talents and abilities, whether hereditary or acquired, rightfully belong to God. The powers of our minds, which form the basis for our abilities, are God given. Worldly men use their talents for self-aggrandizement. But the Christian who fully realizes that his talents are not really his own, will not be guilty of this.



What a glorious thing if every talent now lying unused in our churches, should be put into active use for God's cause. Are you fully and wholeheartedly using your God-given talent for His cause? Remember-you must give an account.

We Must Give Account of Our Possessions

As already stated, what we call ours really belongs to God, and we are his stewards, appointed to administer these things. We should therefore use such possessions as He sees fit. God has not left us without instructions. We are to tithe (give one-tenth of our increase). In addition, we are to give offerings. Every Christian steward should give liberally to his own local church enterprises. He should also give to spread the gospel, both through Foreign Missionary and Home Missionary work. He should be ready to give to every worth-while Christian activity. As God's stewards, we must give account of our stewardship.

We Will Give An Account

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When the final trumpet trembles
and the veil of time is torn,
when the King returns in glory
on that long-awaited morn,
every secret thought will surface,
every hidden seed will sprout—
for before the throne of Jesus
we will give an account.

Not in terror for the faithful,
not in shame for those made new,
but in awe before the Savior
whose blood carried us through.
Every deed done in the shadows,
every word we spoke in doubt,
He will weigh with perfect justice—
we will give an account.

Yet His mercy stands beside us,
like a river running deep;
He remembers we are fragile,
He recalls we are but sheep.
Still He calls us into courage,
into love that casts fear out,
so our lives may bear His witness
when we give Him our account.

So let kindness be our language,
let forgiveness be our song;
let our days be spent in service,
for the night will not be long.
And when heaven's books are opened,
may His grace be all about—
for in Christ our Judge is Savior,
and with joy we'll give account.

*Each moment is the
meeting place of two
Eternities.*

The Great Provider

God, the great Provider,
Has met every need.
Before the foundation of the world,
His hand planted seed.
He clothed the world in such delight,
With beautiful flowers and lilies white.
Before that great creation day,
The great Provider formed the clay.
He created man in his image grand,
And taught him how to till the land.
Way before the time had begun,
Countless Battles the Provider won.
Many victories did he give,
So purest life we could live.
Before that great creation morn,
Way in a manger a baby was born.
The great Provider gave him a name,
The wise men came to worship the same.
Jesus grew and began to preach,
For all who heard the lost to reach.
Way before God said, "let there be",
The great Provider made a tree.
For even then the Provider knew,
He would die for me and you.
So before the beginning of the world
came,
A spotless lamb for sin was slain.
To take away my sin and shame,
The great Provider took my blame.
From the foundation of the world you
see,
The great provider provided for me.
Becky Wooten

A congregation had met to pray for
rain to release a long dry spell. The
preacher looked severely at his flock
and said:

"Brothers and sisters you know why
we are here, Now what I want to
know is where is your umbrellas?"



Morbus Sabbaticus

"Morbus Sabbaticus," better known as "Sunday sickness," is a disease peculiar to some church members. The symptoms vary, but these are generally observed:

1. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours.
2. It never interferes with the appetite.
3. It never affects the eyes. Sunday newspapers can be read with no pain.
4. No physician is ever called.
5. After a few "attacks," at weekly intervals, it may become chronic ... even terminal.

No symptoms are usually felt on Saturday. The patient sleeps well and wakes feeling well. He eats a hearty Sunday Breakfast, then the attack comes until services are over for the morning. The patient feels better and are over for the morning. The patient feels better and eats a solid dinner. After dinner, he takes a nap, He may take a walk before supper, and stop and chat with neighbors. If there are church services scheduled for Sunday evening, he will have another short attack. Invariably, he wakes up Monday morning and rushes off to work feeling refreshed. The symptoms may not recur until the following Sunday, unless another service is scheduled at the church during the week. -Selected

God's Word

The Word of God
Is a Divine light, That
illuminates
The path of right.

When God's Word
In you abide,
The darkness leaves And
your feet it guides.

Like a lamp
Turned on at night, God's
Word illuminates Your path
way bright.

The Word of God Will
always glow,
For all who walk
In truth below.

Becky Wooten

Improving The Preaching

Sunday the sermon was sluggish,
'Twas hard attention to keep.
The theme was faultily chosen,
It almost put me to sleep.
Monday was blue with sheer
boredom;
Tuesday was carnal by choice.
Wednesday my conscience was
wakened
By pleas from a still, small voice.
Prayer meeting left me uplifted,
Loyalty lingering long.
Thursday my heart was responding;
Friday His nudging was strong.
I came to thorough repentance
The following Saturday;
I yielded in full surrender
As all on the altar I lay.
Sunday the sermon was perfect,
Superb and quite at its peak;
Amazing how greatly that pastor
Improved in the space of one week.

A compilation of sermon thoughts, ideas and illustrations to stimulate the spiritual mind.

Strange that people praise dead saints and persecute live ones.

A fool's tongue is always long enough to cut his throat.

COMPLETE SANCTIFICATION

Text: I Thessalonians 5:23

- I. A Meek Spirit -Psalms 114:14
- II. A Just Tongue -Proverbs 10:20
- III. Clean Hands -Psalms 24:4
- IV. A Pure Heart -Psalms 24:4
- V. Beautiful Feet -Isaiah 52:7
- VI. Guarded Eyes -Psalms 101 :3
- VII. Hearing Ears -Revelation 2:7

The most disappointed people in the world are those who get what is coming to them.

Phillips Brooks once said, "The only real way to prepare to meet thy God is to live with thy God, so that to meet Him will be nothing strange."

TWO QUESTIONS EVERY MAN SHOULD ASK JESUS CHRIST Text: Acts 9:1-10

- I. "Who art thou, Lord?"
11. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

A horseman once went to Henry Ward Beecher, the great preacher, and said, "Mr. Beecher, I have a good family horse I want to sell you. He is a good saddle horse, a good buggy horse, and a good carriage horse. He works double with any other horse and on either side of the tongue. In short, he is a good, all-around horse and a good team worker." Mr. Beecher replied, "My friend, I can't buy your horse, but I would like to have him as a member of my church."

**Don't look back
we're not going
that way!**

**The rapture
will be the
next visit of
God to the
world. It will
take most
people by
Surprise.**

Think On These Things

SIX WAYS TO BE LIKE JESUS

- I. Let your conversation be about the things of God - Luke 2:46-49
- II. Always do those things that please the Father - John 8:29
- III. Follow the custom of going to God's house every week Luke 4:16
- IV. Spend time along with God in prayer Matthew 14:23
- V. Set a good example of meek forbearance I Peter 2:21-23
- VI. Show concern for others instead of pleasing yourself Romans 15:1-3

A RULE OF THREE

Three things to govern - temper, tongue and conduct.
Three things to cultivate - courage, affection, gentleness.
Three things to commend - thrift, industry, promptness.
Three things to despise - cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude.
Three things to admire - dignity, gracefulness, intellectual power.
Three things to give - alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.

The first century Christians were always in trouble and always happy.

A type of fool that all should strive to be:
"Fools for Christ" {I Corinthians 4:10}

Notice About Bulk Newspapers And Address Change

We are sending out a limited number of bulk packages, due to the amount of newspapers that we are printing. We have many faithful supporters who are receiving the newspaper in bulk. We are limiting the mailing of bulk packages to those who donate due to our limited finances at this time. If you wish to receive a package of papers, 6 newspapers is the least we can mail out, please keep your address current with us as packages that are returned are very costly. This new age of technology has many people reading online if you do receive our newspaper and enjoy it please consider a donation so that we can reach others with the Gospel. If your address changes please send us your new address.

Thank you Gail Huddleston

Back Page Blessing

May the Lord go before you this week

May His peace guard your mind
when worries rise like waves,
and may His Word be the anchor
that keeps you grounded in truth.

May His joy strengthen you,
not because everything is easy,
but because His presence is real,
His promises are sure,
and His love for you does not change.

May the Holy Ghost whisper wisdom into
every decision,
and may the light of Christ
shine through your words, your kindness,
and your courage to love well.

And when this week ends,
may you look back and see
that God was with you in every moment—
in the stillness, in the struggle,
and in the small victories
you didn't even realize you won.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you.
The Lord give you peace.

***YOU** may tie your
shoestrings in the
morning,*

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One Minute With God

"Be Still and Know"

Take a breath.

Let the noise of the day settle.

In this moment, God is near.

You don't have to have all the answers.
You don't have to fix everything at
once. You don't have to pretend to be
strong.

Just be still.

Let His presence steady you.
Let His peace quiet your thoughts.
Let His love remind you that you
belong to Him.

**"Be still, and know that I am God." —
Psalm 46:10**

As you step into the rest of your week,
carry this truth with you:
God is already in the places you're
heading. He's already working in the
situations you're worried about.
And He's already prepared the
strength you'll need.

Take one minute with Him today—
and let it change everything.

*but the
UNDERTAKER may
untie them before
night!*