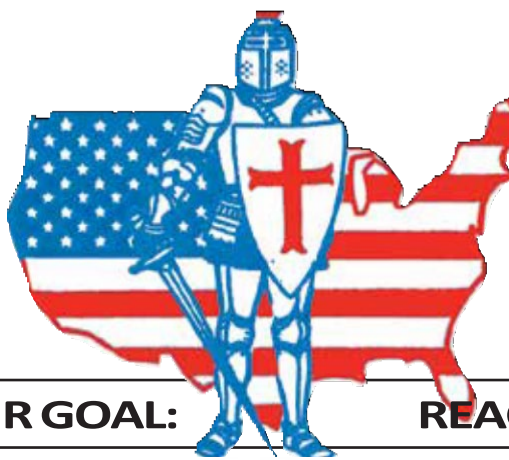




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Should We Follow Man-Made Creeds?

First, we must understand that God has already given us a perfect religious guide. 2 Timothy 3:16,17 says that the Scriptures (the Bible) are given by inspiration of God, are profitable to instruct us in righteousness, and provide us to all good works.

Why then do we need any other standard of authority? The Bible is complete, it can be understood, and above all, it was inerrantly spoken by the infallible God. How could fallible men possibly write a better standard? The results of our puny human efforts are sure to be incomplete, unclear, and plagued by human errors.

Now consider what Jesus said in Matthew 15:9: "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Isn't it clear that man-made creed books contain man-made doctrines? Therefore, they make our worship to God "vain" or worthless! To worship God acceptably, we must worship in truth (John 4:24), and truth is found in God's word, the Bible (John 17:17).

All man-made creeds differ in some ways from the Bible. Since the Bible is perfect, any creed containing more than the Bible, contains too much. And any creed containing less than the Bible, contains too little. All human creeds are written on the egotistical assumption that weak, fallible humans can write a better guide than the one written by the infallible God!

We invite you to investigate the church that has "no creed but the Bible."

"The Lord gave the Word; great was the company of those that published it." Psalm 68:11

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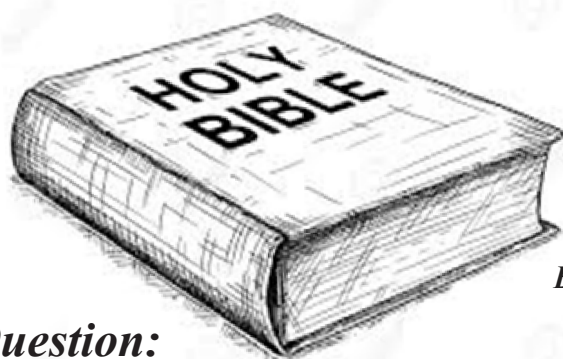
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Questions & Answers

Bro David F. Gray

Question:

How can Jesus be God when He is the Son of God? Why did Jesus pray to His Father if Jesus was God? Is Jesus God or is He the Son of God?

Answer: *May I start by saying that beyond question Jesus was the Son of God. Luke 1:35 tells us: "And the angel answered and said unto her [Mary], the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."*

This human body, born of a woman, was called the Son (Galatians 4:4). He called Himself the Son of Man numerous times (Matthew 8:20; 9:6; 11:19, etc.) because He had a human mother, and came in the "like-ness of sinful flesh" (Romans 8:3). That human body, born of Mary, was the Son of God because the divine Spirit overshadowed the virgin Mary and caused her to conceive; thus God was His Father. Therefore the body of Jesus was the Son, Son of man, and Son of God. We are in agreement that Jesus was the Son of God.

At the same time, Jesus was God manifested in flesh. Jesus not only had a body of flesh called the Son, but He the mighty God who dwelt in that body. Let us look at a few verses from the Word of God.

The Old Testament prophets declared that the One born in Bethlehem would also be the One who is eternal, that the One born as a child would also be the everlasting Father.

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from ever-lasting" (Micah 5:2).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). New Testament writers were equally emphatic concerning the absolute deity of

Jesus, that He was truly God. John said that Jesus was "the true God" in I John 5:20, and in Revelation 1:8, he called Him "the Almighty." Peter declared Him to be the Creator by speaking of Him as the "Prince (or Author) of life" (Acts 3:15) He further boldly proclaimed that only through His name could man be saved (Acts 4:12)

Thomas fell at Jesus' feet and called Him "my Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

Paul speaking of Jesus declared that "God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (I Timothy 3: 16). Paul again, when writing of Jesus' return, proclaimed that we are "looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

But the words of Jesus Himself should put to rest any doubt. In John 14, Jesus revealed how He was truly God the Father dwelling in the body of the Son.

"If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen Him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:7-10).

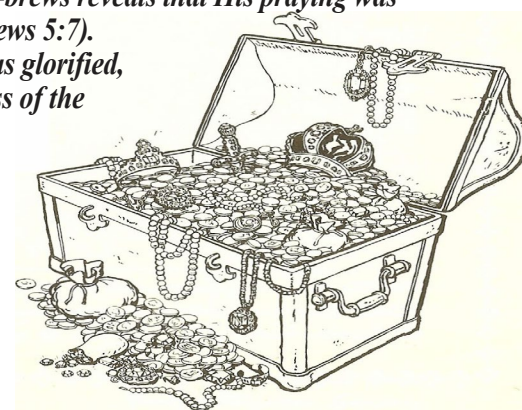
In His humanity He was the Son, but in His deity He was the Father which dwelt in the Son! In this manner, He is both the Father and the Son! Jesus Himself declared in Revelation 22: 16, "I am the root and the off-spring of David." "Root" means that He was the creator or Father of David, while "offspring" reveals that He was the child or Son of David. In other words, He is both the Father and the Son!

Jesus prayed, of course, in His body of humiliation, but not to a God separate from Himself. He said "the Father that dwelleth in me" (John 14:10), and "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30). The Book of Hebrews reveals that His praying was limited to "the days of his flesh" (Hebrews 5:7).

After His resurrection His flesh body was glorified, and now "in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Colossians 2:9).

Oh, sweet wonder! □

God decides what we go through, We decide how we go through it



What Is Repentance

"This day is salvation come to this house" were words spoken by our Lord to Zacchaeus, who had, expressed repentance and a desire to make wrongs right.

"This man went down to his house justified," Jesus said regarding the publican who smote his breast in sorrow, confessed his sinfulness, and asked for God's mercy (Luke 18:13).

JESUS allowed us to understand that all heaven is made glad when a sinner turns from sin in repentance. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

If repentance can bring salvation to a man's house, cause a sinner to be justified, and bring joy in heaven itself, surely repentance is extremely important. Let us consider these facts of repentance:

- Both John the Baptist and Jesus Christ preached repentance.
- Both the Apostle Peter and the Apostle Paul preached repentance.
- All men everywhere are commanded to repent: "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30).

Since repentance is vital to salvation, we had better understand just what it really is. First of all, it might be said that repentance is godly sorrow for sin. However, sorrow for sin alone is not sufficient, although sorrow for sin is able to work repentance: "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (II Corinthians 7: 10). Godly sorrow was once defined by a little boy who said,



"It is being sorry enough to quit." It is true that a person has not really repented until he has come to the place where he is willing to quit. One young man wept and sobbed as he confessed his sin of adultery, yet within three months he was again living in this sin. That young man had not repented. Another young man wept and prayed as he asked God's forgiveness for his drinking habit. Yet the very next night he was again drunk. It is apparent that he had not repented. Both expressed sorrow for sin, but their sorrow had not worked repentance.

There must be a certain amount of heart sorrow even if there is little evidence of it outwardly. Deliverance from sin can come only to a heart that is broken: "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise (Psalm 51: 17). A heart broken because of sin must become a heart broken from sin.

To repent a man must want to be delivered. Many are never delivered because they do not want to be de-livered. When a man repents of using tobacco, he quits using it. He dies out to all desire for it. He is delivered because he has a heart broken from it. He has repented.

Not only is repentance a forsaking of sin, but at the same time it is a turning to Jesus Christ. Turning from sin is essential, but this alone will not save. There is salvation only in the name of Jesus. Therefore a man must turn away from worldliness and sin, but at the same time Jesus Christ must come into his heart through the power of the Holy Spirit "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:18).

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unright-eous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

The desire to repent comes with conviction of sin. As long as sin appears attractive to a person, he will not repent. When sin becomes horrible and loathsome in his sight, then he will desire to turn from it. Only when he sees sin as ugly and holiness as beautiful will his desire to repent become strong enough to change him. continued page 5

What Is Repentance

This strong desire to change and the faith needed to ef-fect a transformation is produced mainly by hearing the gospel preached. It is the Word of God that con-victs and condemns a man of sin and that converts him from his error.

Repentance is a divine gift. A person cannot bring himself to repentance by his own will. He will need the influence of the Holy Spirit, for repentance is granted by God.

"Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repent-ance unto life" (Acts 11:18).

"If God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth" (II Timothy 2:25).

It is important to respond to the voice of God when He speaks. When God brings a person under a strong conviction of sin, and draws him to Himself, the sinner is only one step from the kingdom. At that moment the goodness of God leads the sinner to repentance. On the other hand, it is serious and tragic to draw back, reject, and despise the riches of God's goodness (Romans 2:4).

Repentance produces the right action which follows the right decision. The prodigal came to himself and arose. He found forgiveness and reconciliation because he turned his footsteps homeward. If he had remained among the swine feeding upon pig swill, he would never have found pardon.

A person is saved only by repentance: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5). Although one cannot be saved without repenting of his sins, yet repentance alone is not salvation. Re-pentance prepares a person for regeneration-for water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ and for the gift of the Holy Ghost.

"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).

If a person refuses to obey the gospel by being bap-tized in the name of Jesus Christ, or if he has not received the gift of the Holy Ghost, there is a flaw in his faith, his knowledge, his repentance, or his commit-ment. God's promise will not fail when the biblical conditions are met.

In the plan of salvation, repentance is the point of turning from sin to grace, from the rotten, degraded, filthy wickedness of this world to the pure, clean right-eousness of God! It is the central key in the miracle of salvation.

It only takes a moment to repent. A person may come to the Lord, repent of his sins, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, all in the same gospel service. Some people, however, move slower into re-pentance, taking several days or weeks to commit themselves to God and to a godly lifestyle.

There is little in the past life of a sinner that he can make right. He simply comes to the foot of the Cross, brokenhearted because of the sin in his life, confesses and accepts forgiveness. There are times, however, when restitution is necessary. One of the pioneers of Pentecost told many times that before he found for-giveness he had to pay for some turkeys which he had taken when he raided his neighbor's poultry yard. He would pray and confess at the altar until the bench would be wet with his tears, but he could not find peace until the matter was settled.

Repentance must be genuine. It cannot be half-hearted; it must be real. The penitent must pray with sincerity and honesty before God. Repentance cannot be shallow or lighthearted; God "desirest truth in the inward parts" (Psalm 51:6).

Sometimes in our haste to get converts into the water of baptism, we may fail to stress the importance of repentance. But we must remember that repentance is one of the foundation steps of salvation (Hebrews 6: 1) and it must receive the attention it deserves in the plan of salvation. A heart that experiences genuine repentance will have a solid foundation for the times of spiritual struggle that will come in his walk with God.

There is good news for every sinner and backslider who reads this message. Pharaoh did not repent and he perished in the flood. However, Ninevah repented under the ministry of Jonah,

and the city was spared. Hundreds repented under the ministry of John the Baptist, and the record in the Book of Acts reveals that thousands found repentance and salvation in the New Testament church. Perhaps millions through the centuries have bowed their knees and hearts to God in true repentance. Today, the door of repentance is the golden opportunity for every sinner to experience a joy-ful reconciliation with the Savior, Jesus Christ.

What a glorious event it is for a prodigal to be wel-omed home by his loving father! What a blessing when a sinner goes home justified! What a peace repentance brings to a troubled life!

Thanks be to our God for His mercy and grace that welcome us at the door of repentance. -□

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Saving Faith

A COMMON QUESTION asked today is, "What faith are you?" What is really being asked is, "What church do you attend?"

Many people acknowledge a faith or trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Symbols of their faith are often displayed, such as a fish by the doorbell, a cross hanging around the neck, or a bumper sticker on the car.

Each church organization has its own definition of faith in terms of what it believes about God, salvation, and life. However, the Bible declares only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism (Ephesians 4:5). There is only one faith that is acceptable by God, and the Bible must be the authority for the true definition of that faith.

Faith is an absolute necessity. Without faith it is impossible to please God; the person who comes to God must believe that God exists (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is the first step toward God—not the final step or the concluding step.

Many people have a "head faith," a mental acceptance of the existence of God. They look at the stars and declare, "I believe in God." Head faith, however, is not saving faith. People may confess a faith in God and yet take His name in vain, fail to go to church, and live a life disobedient to God's Word. The devil believes in one God and trembles (James 2:19). Perverted as it is, the devil's faith provides awesome respect that produces a trembling. Some people who profess to believe, however, have little or no reverence of God. Saving faith is not head faith but heart faith. Romans 10:9-10 emphasizes believing in the heart: "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Faith literally means "to give God credit" and entrust your soul to God's care. A bank gives a man credit and entrusts money to that man. Saving faith is saying, "I cannot save myself, so I entrust my soul to God. I give credit to God. He can save me."

Saving faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10: 17), for it is by this means that genuine faith is conceived.

The preaching of the Apostle Peter created faith in the hearts of Jews: "Many of them which heard the word believed" (Acts 4:4); and God ordained that "the Gentiles ... should hear the word of the gospel and believe" (Acts 15:7). Paul's ministry in Corinth had results when "many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8). The hearing of a message from God's Word, therefore, is the beginning of saving faith.

Romans 10:14 states, "How shall they hear without a preacher?" God ordained preachers to preach the gospel to the saving of souls. Being a preacher is not a vocation or a profession. It is a calling from God. Like the prophet Jeremiah, a true preacher feels the Word of God burning in his soul, a fire shut up in his bones.

Whatever God has to say, He says it through people. When Saul came into contact with God on the road to Damascus, He said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The Lord could have given him the answer, but God said, "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do" (Acts 9:6-7). A man by the name of Ananias told him what to do.

As Cornelius, the Roman Centurion, prayed, he saw an angel. But the angel did not tell him what he should do. The angel said to Cornelius (in essence), "Go see Peter, and he shall tell you what you ought to do" (Acts 10:5-6).

Jesus told the story of the rich man who died and woke up in hell. In the torment and misery of the flames, the rich man requested that the beggar Lazarus be permitted to return to his earthly life so that he could tell his brothers to repent so they would not be cast into hell. But Abraham said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, through one rose from the dead (Luke 16:31). People look for the mystical and the supernatural.

they often expect dreams, visions, handwriting on the wall, and these may come but saving faith is not dependent upon or produced by these means, but rather it comes through the preaching of God's Word. If an individual rejects the voice of God's written and preached Word, he will not be persuaded though he would see a person raised from the dead. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

The result of heart faith is obedience. Sin, in very simple terms, is disobedience to the Word of God. Sin came when Adam and Eve, who had been told by God not to eat of one tree in the garden, listened to the devil, who persuaded Eve and through her Adam to doubt God's Word and to eat of the fruit of that tree. Sin and the curse of sin came as a result of disobedience. The removal of sin comes through obedience first Christ's obedience to the death on the cross and then our obedience of faith in the gospel.

John 3:36 states, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." The original Greek for "believeth not" denotes being stubborn, obstinate, and disobedient. If an individual chooses to be disobedient to Jesus, he will not see life.

James 2: 14-24 established clearly that heart faith leads to obedience. If someone is naked and destitute of daily food, does "Be warm and be fed" put clothes on him and put food before him? The answer is obvious So also faith if it does not have works, deeds, and actions of obedience to back it up by itself is destitute of power, inoperative, and dead. (See James 2:17.) In the account of the crucifixion in Matthew 27:42, the scribes and elders said, "Let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe." Jesus could have come down; continued age 7

Saving Faith

Evangelist Jonathan J. Maki

He could have called ten thousand angels to rescue Him.

But Jesus died on the cross because He knew people would not be delivered from sin merely by their believing in His power. If a person could be saved simply by a profession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, then Jesus died in vain, His blood is ineffective, and the resurrection is meaningless. But saving faith leads us beyond His identity to the cross, to the empty tomb, and to the upper room of Pentecost. Saving faith will produce obedience to repentance (in response to His death), to water baptism by immersion in Jesus' name (in response to His burial), and to the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking with other tongues (in response to His resurrection).

Let us suppose a man is drowning and going under for the third time. He may say and repeat the words, "I believe I'm saved" twenty times before he drowns. But just saying 'I'm saved' will not save him. If the drowning man screams for help and a lifeguard hears his desperate call, the lifeguard may try to rescue him. He may say, "Listen, I'm trained in saving people. I've done it dozens of times. Entrust your life to me. Don't be stubborn, don't be disobedient. If you will do what I tell you, I can save you." If the drowning man believes the lifeguard, he will answer, "Whatever you tell me to do, I'll do it. I want to be saved!"

When the sinner calls to God for help, he hears God say, "Entrust your soul and life to Me. I can save you from sin. Don't be stubborn, don't be obstinate, don't be disobedient. Do what I tell you, and I will save you." The sinner may ask, "What must I do?" God's Word tells him to repent of his sin, be baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, and then he will receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:37-38). When a sinner by faith obeys the biblical plan of salvation, he will experience true salvation. He will not imagine that he is saved, but the power

of God will change him, giving him freedom from sin and its consequences. He will feel the prison doors open and the chains of sin fall off his life.

The Ethiopian eunuch is a choice example of saving faith (Acts 8:27-39). The eunuch acknowledged that he could not understand the Scriptures unless someone would guide him. He was reading in Isaiah when Philip joined him, and the evangelist used the text to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The eunuch said, "Here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" Phillip answered, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:37). How do we know the eunuch really believed? He was baptized. His profession was supported by his deed of obedience.

The Philippian jailer presents another Bible example of saving faith (Acts 16:25-34). The jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). Paul and Silas said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). They followed this statement by leading him to the Word of God, where they taught him the gospel message. How did the jailer reveal his faith? He submitted to water baptism (Acts 16:33). He obeyed what Paul and Silas preached to him.

When Peter preached on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ on the Day of Pentecost, many among the multitude became stirred in their hearts. Some asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). The answer was not a visit with a counselor, or to record some information on a card, or even to make a profession of faith. Rather, the apostle commanded, "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). Saving faith gripped the hearts of three thousand people, who gladly received the Word and were baptized.

Do you have faith that saves? Saving faith, which comes to the heart through the

preaching of the Word of God, will produce obedience to the call of repentance and the command of water baptism. It will also open your life to the indwelling of the Spirit of God. □



Getting Ready To Leave

"Getting Ready to Leave this World" is the title of a song we sang when I was a teenager. In the light of world conditions and fulfilled Bible prophecy today it's message strikes the heart with a new vivid reality.

We have just seen the power of the United Nations Organizations to rule the world when the super powers agreed to work together. President George Bush stated that Iraq was the first test for the "New World Order". We have entered a new era in history! How far are we from a world government with Anti-Christ at it's head?

The political stage is set for his appearing, the communications system needed to number and monitor every human being is in place, economically the world is ready, and morally the time for judgment seems long overdue.

Adherents to the "New Age" philosophy say that their leader is here now, and prepared to take authority and lead the world to peace when the right moment comes. Millions of spiritually hungry people of all ages are being drawn into the "New Age" philosophy on a global scale. The New Ager rejects the God of the Bible and makes himself his own God.

Through the Scriptures we know that Anti-Christ will come, but he will not bring peace. Rather, his appearance will mark the beginning of troubles such as the world has never known. The seven years of tribulation will end with the battle of Armageddon of which our Lord Jesus Christ will emerge the victor and establish His kingdom forever!

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When we consider our nation once called "Christian America" we are shocked. Our religious freedom is being stripped from us. We are speeding down the same path as Sodom and Gomorrah. The "Gay agenda" is unbelievably aggressive and militant. Political leaders are afraid to resist them. The homosexual community is proposing laws that would give them unbridled license to force their lifestyle upon all

One item in an ordinance presently proposed to the city of Portland calls for a government-approved "preaching program" for area churches that would show the value and acceptability of the homosexual lifestyle!

IN A TIME WHEN WE CAN OBSERVE THEM FIRSTHAND



*I'm getting ready to leave this world
I'm getting ready for those gates of pearl
Keeping my record right
Praying both day and night
I'm getting ready to leave this world*

It is enough to make every self-respecting citizen tremble with fear.

Have we heard too many sermons to be stirred again? Are we too full to be affected by conditions around us? Will nothing awake the church to the true fervor of Pentecost? Some are alarmed and crying out. Some are plunging into the battle with all their heart and resources while many are not moved at all.

May God give us discerning hearts like Jeremiah who cried, "Let tears run down like a river day and night; Give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease. Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord:

Left up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children,"

May the Church awake and rise to its fullness! May our eyes be bathed in tears and our hearts poured out before God in prayer and fasting until once again God bares His arm and visits this nation with great revival

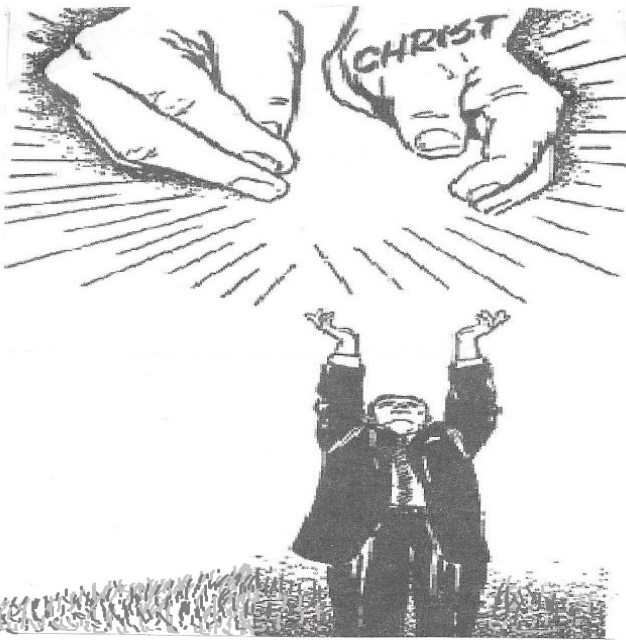
Let us determine at all costs to rediscover the kind of praying and believing that moves kingdoms! The times require it! Surely it is now or never, and if the compassion of Calvary can possess our hearts we will make it now!! Tomorrow will be too late!



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CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR

We live in a Christian civilization (at least we call it that). By the ordinary standards of life we have good reason for calling it a Christian civilization. It was founded on Christian principles. The laws of the land, the very form of government, the ideas of justice and social responsibility under which we live are founded upon the teachings of Jesus Christ. Further than that, Christianity is the religion, at least nominally, of the majority of our nation. Ours is a Christian civilization



not only in name but in thinking as well. We talk about the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our literature is filled with references to Him and to His word. We talk about an abundant life, (borrowing the phrase from Him) and think of it as a way of life which He expounded. We talk freely about the establishment of His Kingdom upon earth. And yet, with all our talk about His way and His teachings, we pay very little attention to Christ Himself. Certainly we pay very little attention to Christ as the Saviour. This is true not only in the life of the nation as a whole, but even within our religious life. We see Christ as a man and we rejoice, for it is a picture of splendid humanity. We see Him as a servant and as a leader of men.

Too often we stop right there. Certainly it is time that we go beyond our thought of Christ as the human leader and see Him more clearly as one who, according to the announcement before His birth, should "save His people from their sins." Hallelujah!

You will notice in the Scripture (John 1 :20), John the Baptist is shown pointing out the Christ to two of His disciples as He passed them on the road. He might have pointed Him out as "that carpenter from Nazareth about whom we are hearing so much." He might have pointed Him out as that mysterious teacher I recently baptized in the Jordan. John had heard the voice of God saying, "This is my beloved Son." As he saw Him pass, he said to his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world!" Praise His Name!

It is that picture of Him that I want you to see today Jesus as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. It is very easy for us to see the sin of the world in these dark days. We simply look off across the Atlantic Ocean to the things that are taking place over there, off across the Pacific Ocean to the things in the Far East and at home. Here we see an appalling picture of the sin of the world. Certainly the things which are going on today are sin. One who can see the modern war machines being devised to blast out the lives of millions and millions of men, and fail to see sin, must have a distorted concept of what sin is. It is easy enough, of course, as we see all that, to blame it on Stalin, and others. However, it is not the fault of Stalin. He is only the immediate cause of trouble, and behind him there stretch generation after generation, century after century, of sin, of greed and lust for power generation after generation century after century of teaching of hatred and the instilling into minds of youth a distorted picture of the highest and best in

life It is not one man's sin that is causing the chaos of today, but the sins of countless millions that have gone before sowing the seed as they have gone, which has ripened in our day into this terrible state of sin and unrest.

In our thought today of Christ as the Saviour, we must see not only this sin of men and nations but the same tendencies, the same greed, and the same lust in lives of individuals here at home. When John spoke of "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" he was including himself and including you and me. For the things which you and I do and say, and our failure to live in the spirit of Jesus Christ is a part of the sin of the world This though is not just the darkness of sin in the distance which is in our hearts. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Here is Christ, the Lamb without spot and blemish: In this thought of the Saviour it is not just Jesus of Nazareth that we see. Jesus of Nazareth could set an example of life on earth. He could give expression to the world's finest moral code. He could be the leader and teacher of men, but in this thought He becomes not only Jesus of Nazareth, but THE CHRIST. He is the perfect one the One who was tempted in all points just as we are and yet without sin.

And so He stands out in radiant beauty against the dark background of the world's sin-the Son of God who has been given for the sin of man. A traveler visiting a village in Norway was shown, as are all travelers in that part of the world, the village church. As he looked at it he noticed high up on the stonework of the tower the carved figure of a lamb. He inquired of his guide what the significance of it was. The guide told him that when the workmen were building the tower one of the men lost his hold and fell from the scaffolding. can't page 10

CHRIST, THE SAVIOUR

His fellow workmen rushed down to the ground and expected to find him mangled and probably dead but were surprised to find the man seemingly well and hearty. His explanation was that at the moment when he fell a shepherd was leading his flock of sheep past the base of the tower and he fell right onto the flock, landing squarely on top of a lamb. The lamb was crushed to death but the workman was saved. In gratitude, he climbed back up to his place on the tower and there carved at the spot from which he had fallen the figure of the lamb which had saved his life.

The Lamb of God, by sacrificing his life, has made Salvation possible for us. Now the picture of Christ the Saviour is complete. He who knew no sin, He who was perfect in Himself and upon whom no stain of guilt was found and no sentence of death had been passed, went out to take our place upon the cross, dying there on Calvary's Hill that your sin and mine might be taken away. Perhaps it is not a PLEASANT picture for us and yet it is a GLORIOUS TRUTH. Perhaps it is not easy for us to understand and yet it is a God-given fact that Christ died on the cross that the sin of the world might be taken away, and that the guilt might be removed from all who believe on Him.

Go back for a moment to the text and notice the first word of it, "Behold." We walk up and down the picture galleries of life and the pictures we pass along the way become so commonplace that we think little of them. How often you and I walk back and forth past the Christ the Saviour, how often we hear mention of Him as the Saviour without paying any attention at all or giving thought to what the Saviour means to us. But I say to You, stop, behold, BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD. It was meant for you. Young People, let us march on to victory in Christ, bearing the burden with Him, and giving our lives a living sacrifice for Christ and the Church.

By J.R. Wiggin

A Wind, A Gourd and a Worm *By Pt Elder*

Often times we may wonder what the will of God is for our lives. We search for answers by fasting and praying and in God's Word, but when God's answer comes, we sometimes wish to ignore it. If all conditions are to our liking then it is full speed ahead; we are ready to obey Jesus. If they are not what we want, it is time to get out of God's range. We are off on our own journey.

That's what Jonah did. He loved God and desired to do right, but his fear and pride caused him to rebel from doing the will of God. He may have been afraid of the people of Nineveh because of their brutal and oppressive reputation. He certainly did not feel kindly toward them. So when God sent him there to preach judgment, he declined and went the opposite direction. (Oh, what needless pain we bear!)

God knew the souls of Nineveh needed to hear the truth preached, and he chose Jonah as the vessel to deliver His message.

Like Nineveh, our world is also an evil place. It is so wicked that we must lock our doors both at home and in our automobiles. Many people have bars on their windows and burglar alarms in their homes and cars. We are living in a time when we are told to avoid certain areas of our cities, to guard ourselves at all times, and plead God's mercy at signal lights, stop signs, and A.T.M. machines.

To be without the Holy Ghost would be dreadful in a decent world, but to be without Him in the sinful world is a horror! But we can get so involved protecting ourselves that we become consumed with fear and fail to reach "our" Nineveh the people to whom God has sent us with His message. If we rebel as Jonah did, we could be thrown overboard into the dark, stormy waters, and maybe God would allow us to end up in misery in a "fish's stomach." In the belly of the large fish God prepared for him, Jonah began to confess his sin and acknowledge God's will. The fish took him to shore and deposited him.

Jonah wiped himself off. He decided that God's way was a lot easier. He then traveled back to Nineveh, and he preached in the city one of the greatest revivals recorded in the Bible.

But Jonah still battled his flesh; he considered the people of Nineveh unworthy of God's grace. He could not understand why God had mercy on such an enemy of God's people.

Do we sometimes question God calling us to witness to people in the world we live in today? Do we become angry with God and pray foolishly? Our crowded world is full of crime and immorality; many people are self-centered, miserable, confused, and unhappy. Is this our Nineveh?

God has given us the comfort of a gourd to protect us from the heat that Satan would like to destroy us with. We are to love and cherish truth, but at the same time we must have compassion on our lost and dying people in our world. If we are selfish and full of pride, God may send a wind and worm to destroy our comforts as well.

God loved Jonah and had much mercy on him. He was not trying to hurt Jonah or to bring him discomfort, but He wanted to use him to reach others. And He wanted to show him that He would have mercy on whosoever will turn to Him in repentance.

Perhaps Jonah thought the city too evil to benefit from his message of judgment, but our Lord saw the hearts of the people and responded to their repentance.

May God help us not to run from His will. May He give us give us courage and strength to reach our Nineveh each day with His message of love and grace. We must not be blinded by the sins of the people but see and love people even as Jesus loves us.

A Bunch of Sweet Peas

Gathered from Psalm 23

Possession "The Lord is my Shepherd
Provision. I shall not want
Position He maketh me to lie down
Privilege.....In green pastures
Preservation.. .He restoreth my soul
Progress He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness
Peace.....I will fear no evil
Presence.....Thou art with me
Preparation ..Thou preparest a table
before me
Plenty. My cup runneth over
Pursuit .. Goodness and mercy shall follow
me
Prospect. . . I will dwell in the house of
the Lord forever

I would rather

STAND WITH GOD

and be judged by the world
than stand

with the world and be judged by God.

God speaks to
those who take
time to listen,
and He listens to
those who take
time to pray

When life
gives you more
than you
can stand
Kneel

Thought Provoking Gems



Sin Will

Sin will always take you farther that you
want to go!

Sin will always keep you longer than you
want to stay!

Sin will always cost you more than you are
able to pay!

Sin will only let you go when you turn to
God and pray!

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DECEPTION

Old Satan's walking to and fro
Throughout the earth today.
He has a purpose in his mind,
To see who he can sway.
He's cunning in his fine attire,
Looks just like you and me;
And while he does a crafty work,
He blinds eyes so they can't see.
The things that used to look so wrong,
Somehow they now look right.
It's strange how things can turn about By Satan's
power and might.
A multitude of precious souls
That one time stood foursquare Have fallen in his
awful trap ...
But still are unaware.
He paints a lovely picture
For the clouded eyes to see,
And makes his victims think
That he just suits them to a T.
He leads on down a rocky road,
But makes them think it's rosy.
And while he sees his plan at work,
He nestles up so cozy.
If we are playing in his fire,
We surely will be burned.
Don't think he'll ever let you go; Small chance for
a return.
Deception is an awful doom.
It tightly holds its grip.
It's like the spider in a web-
The victim now is whipped.

Gracie B. Allen

Think On These Things

A Tract Is

**A silent missionary
A faithful missionary
A sower of God's Word
A tireless worker
A continuous worker
A very economical worker
A worker that repeats many times
A worker that never angers
A worker that never contradicts
itself
A worker that, may touch
multitudes
A worker that can go anywhere
A worker that, stays on the job
A worker that needs no education
A worker that is fearless
A worker that goes where you
cannot
A worker that needs no salary
A worker that never gets sick
A worker that needs no building
A worker that, is easily available
A worker that heeds no opposition
A worker that, travels in pockets
A worker that persists in calling
A worker that always is obedient
A worker that speaks many
languages
A worker that takes no offerings
A worker that, has much patience
A worker that depends on the Holy
Ghost..**

Hope And Reason

**An atheist has a reason, but no hope
for his reason.**

**A hypocrite has a hope, but no
reason for his hope.**

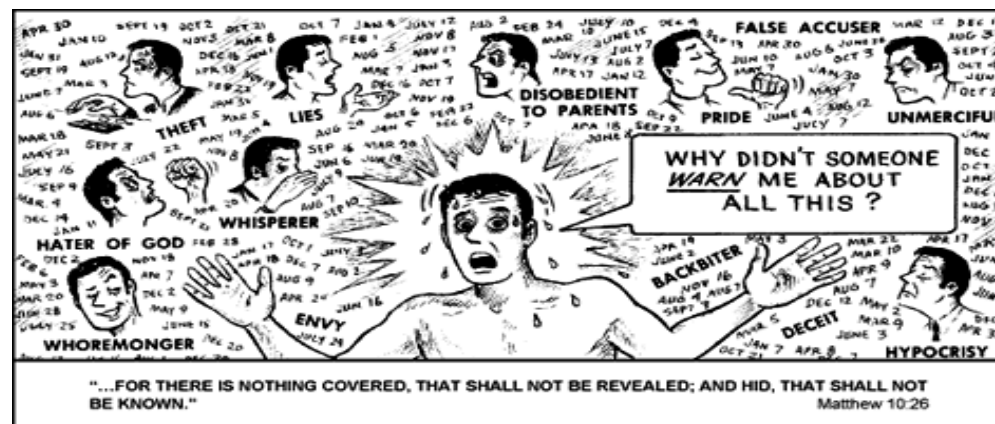
**A Christian has a reason for his
hope, and a hope for his reason.**

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart" (Psalm 27:14).

Have you ever considered the impact of the printed page upon your life? Our opinions are molded, our character is formed, our very attitude toward life is determined largely by what we read.

How can we evangelize the world in the space of one generation? I am convinced that we could never send out enough missionaries. But there must be a way. I have come to the conclusion: the only way we are going to be able to carry out the Great Commission, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,' will be by means of the printed page. By the systematic use of the printed page we shall be able to enter many homes and thus reach every individual with the Gospel message. The printed page is deathless: you can destroy one, but the press can reproduce millions. As often as it is martyred it is raised. It can enter doors locked to the evangelist; it preaches in the factory, the train, the kitchen; it visits the school and the jail; it whispers in the ear of the dying.

Please share this with someone today. you may save a soul !



It Depends On You

**If you want to be rich - give!
If you want to be poor-grasp!
If you want to be needy-hoard!
If you want abundance-scatter!**

Martin Luther said, " I was born to fight devils

and factions. It is my business to remove obstructions, to cut down thorns, to fill up quagmires, and to open and make straight paths; but if I must have failings, let me rather speak the truth with too much severity, than once to act the hypocrite and conceal the truth

He Has Made Me Glad Psalms 92:4-5

I am so glad for the simplicity of salvation (Acts 2:38)
I am so glad God says His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path (Ps. 119:105).
I am so glad God says, "All things, what-soever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22).
I am so glad God said that if we rebuke (scold) Satan, he will flee from us (James 4:7).
I am so glad "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).
I am so glad God said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20).
I am so glad God said, "Fear not; I will help thee" (Isa. 41:13).
I am so glad God said, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18).
I am so glad that "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31; see also Psa. 27:1).
I am so glad that when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him (Isa. 59:19).
I am so glad we are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ (I Pet. 1:18-19).



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