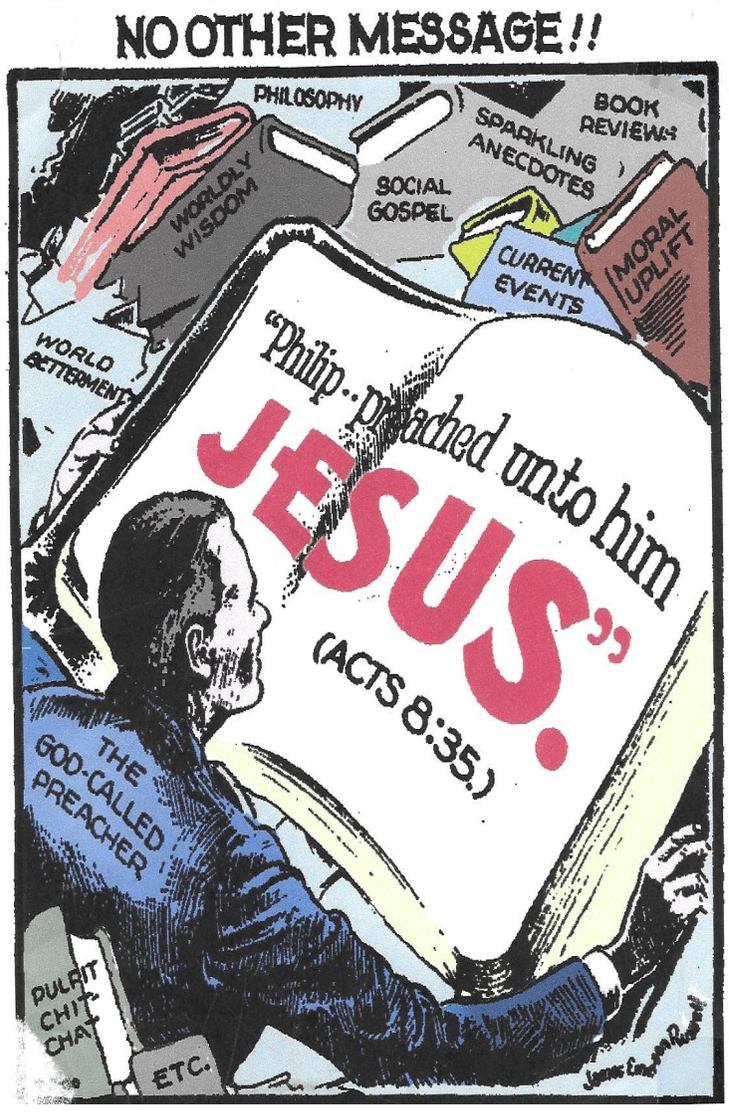
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Take Heed To Thyself and the Doctrine

Bro. O.F Fauss

There are many people TODAY who do not want to hear a preacher say anything about doctrine. But I say that if any preacher preaches the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, he will have to preach the doctrine of the Bible. The Apostle Paul here exhorts a young preacher, whose name is Timothy, to take heed first unto himself and then unto the doctrine. It is not a doctrine, but the doctrine. There is estimated to be about fourteen hun-dred different sects, creeds or denominations in the world today, but I am glad to say that above it all there is still the doctrine of the Bible. I praise God for God-called men who are not afraid to declare the doctrine in the face of men and devils, the doctrine which if one believes and obeys, will bring deliverance to a soul who for a lifetime has been in bondage.

We find the apostle again exhorting another young minister by saying, "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2: 1). This minister's name was Titus. I am sure he was a fine preacher who was not afraid to do as he was instructed. To speak the things which become sound doctrine means there is a doctrine that is sound, something that has a sound foundation. Friends, this doctrine which we preach unto you from God's holy Word, the Bible, is founded upon the surest foundation in all the world: it is founded upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ the chief corner stone. This can never be moved. The very gates of hell shall not prevail against it. All the skeptics and agnostics, modernists and infidels, with all their own ideas of human reasonings, logic and science, combined with all the mixture of their supposed-to-be high cultured brains, has never or never will shake this foundation.

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Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Hello Christian Friends
It was great to see many of you at the Western Ky Youth Conference. We had a wonderful time in these services people returned to God others were filled with the Holy Ghost. It was a great time of fellowship and the preaching of the word of God.

My daughter prayed through and has been enjoying and praising God since the conference.
When the conference ended we were already looking forward to next year. This may be the greatest and last opportunity for us to reach the lost. Many things are happening and we can see that we are upon the very last days. Our desire is to wake up those who are still asleep. Reach out to everyone you know pass this newspaper on to them. There is a major change in the government in the United States, but major changes are also taking place in many governments of the world, these changes are also scriptural. When politicians blunder, when society struggles with issues of justice and freedom, just remember that the we will soon be governed by Jesus Christ. The spirit of the anti-christ is already in the world. Although this satanic influence will be felt around the world. Jesus Christ, is the one who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth", We need to trust the Lord with all our heart and lean not to our own understanding in all our ways acknowledge Him and He will direct our paths. Prov 3:5-6

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All who believe in Christ, have hope in him, that hope will take us through the times that are to come upon us. When trouble comes—and it comes to all of us sooner or later, we generally can't do much about our circumstances. We can't wave our hands and make it go away But there is one thing we can do. It's what Peter mentions in 1 Peter 4:19 In the midst of our troubles, we can commit ourselves to our faithful Creator. Nothing is more important than committing yourself to God and that is where our strength lies. Bro Jr Tingle

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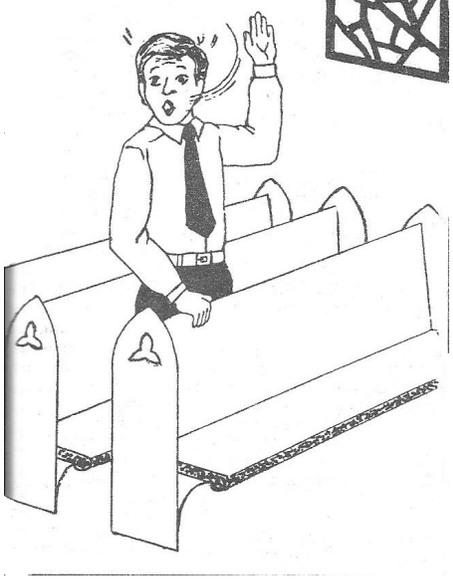
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There's MORE to being saved than *EASY BELIEVISM*



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 BELEVISM. 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 permapress clothes, microwave 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 Saviour? 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 Saviour". 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 W H A T ???

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 your belief. 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 lets us know 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 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 the New Testament plan of Salvation which is found in Acts 2:38

What about Romans 10:9? "If thou shalt con-fess 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, out a church of saved individuals. We know this because he addressed them as brethren in 1 Corinthians 12: 1.

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 either 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 ow 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 to God always.

Was he saved by doing all 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 . . **(con't page 5)**



Bro. David Gray

Questions & Answers

Is Wine in Moderation Taught in the Scripture?

QUESTION:

A school friend of mine first witnessed to me about the Lord, but when I was baptized in Jesus' name and received the Holy Ghost he says I went into false doctrine. I know what I have is of God and is scriptural, and he can never move me. But he also says that we are wrong to preach against the drinking of wine, that drinking wine in moderation is taught in the Bible. He says that wine is a completely natural food and good for you. He quotes I Timothy 5:23 and says that Jesus drank wine. My pastor cannot give me a clear scriptural answer and suggested I write you. Can you help me?

ANSWER:

The teaching that it is all right for Christians to drink an alcoholic beverage, whether it is called wine or any other name, rests upon a very flimsy foundation indeed. In the first place, the words translated "wine" in Scripture (yayin, tiyros, etc.) do not of themselves indicate an intoxicating or alcoholic drink, but are used interchangeably for both fresh, unfermented grape juice and for fermented wine. Only by reading the context are we able to determine whether the wine referred to was fermented and alcoholic or unfermented and nonalcoholic. Isaiah 65:8 speaks of wine being "in the cluster," that is, fresh and unfermented. Other places where wine is spoken of as nonalcoholic are Isaiah 16:10; Jeremiah 48:33;Joel 3:18; Amos 9:13. Everywhere in Scripture where the context reveals that the wine spoken of is fermented or alcoholic, it is condemned. The Book of Proverbs gives us some examples: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. . . .
Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder (Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-32)

Priests (a type of Christians today, according to I Peter 2:5, 9) were forbidden to drink fermented wine when they ministered before the Lord, "lest ye die" (Leviticus 10:9) The Nazarites could not drink fermented wine (Numbers 6:3). They were people who separated themselves unto the Lord (another type of the Christian, II Corinthians 6:17). Kings, needing clear minds to function properly, were also warned against it (Proverbs 31:4). The first mention in the Bible of wine in its alcoholic state is when Noah got drunk (Genesis 9:21-24); the second is the shameful story of the daughters of Lot making him drunk to obtain children by him (Genesis 19:32-35). Other passages of Scripture that warn against wine in its fermented state are Genesis 49:12; Isaiah 5:11; 28:1, 7;Jeremiah 23:9. As for fermented wine being a natural food, nothing could be further from the truth. Bacteria from outside the grape must be introduced to produce fermentation. If the protective skin of the grape is not broken to permit these outside germs to come into contact with the juicy contents this process cannot take place. If the skin remains intact, the grape eventually shrivels and becomes a raisin. This is the natural process, not the permitting of alien bacteria to come into contact with the pure grape juice, producing alcohol. God never made fermented, alcoholic wine. The process of fermentation is a process of decay from the original, natural state of the grape juice. Bible scholars know that the Jews skillfully preserved the unfermented wine of the grape so that it was protected from being contaminated with bacteria and could be kept over long periods of time. This process was well known from ancient times.

There IS More To Being Saved Than Easy Believism

By Daniel Mena

" 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! Act,: 2:38 is where the the 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 onto-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).

I SHALL BE SATISFIED

THE ABOVE TITLE is part of a stirring, faith-filled statement made by the Psalmist David (Psalm 17: 15). It is fraught with both meaning and implication. The Psalmist definitely declared that at some future time he would be satisfied. And, by speaking of satisfaction in the future tense, he just as definitely implied that he was not, at that time, satisfied.

If the gaining of perfect satisfaction were possible in this life, surely, David would have been satisfied. He had been richly blessed of God, both materially and spiritually. Notice some of these blessings.

David was a talented musician. There is a deep sense of contentment to be found in music. Yet, though David could play the harp so skillfully as to drive the evil spirit from the heart of Saul, he did not find perfect satisfaction in music.

David was wise, accomplished, and a man of admirable qualities. While still a mere youth he had slain the formidable giant Goliath. Because of this, Saul made him a leader in his army, and it was not long until the women of Israel were singing, " ... Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." These successes led to his being dearly beloved by all Israel. But perfect satisfaction is not found in accomplishment, in being loved, or in anything so elusive as worldly fame.

As King of Israel, David was fabulously wealthy. He dwelled in a house ceiled with cedar, hung with draperies of scarlet, and resplendently decorated with gold. But do riches bring contentment and satisfaction? Never! The satiation, with its kindred sense of utter boredom, which often accompanies great wealth, has driven many to the brink of despair, and caused others to take their own lives.

Best of all, David had a personal experience with God that far surpassed that of his contemporaries. He wrote many anointed psalms, in which he clearly expressed this intimate relationship with God.

In spite of all these things, David said, in substance, "I must look forward to some future day for the satisfaction that my soul desires."

Not many Spirit-filled Christians have the material possessions that David had. But we do have a far greater spiritual experience. There is nothing to be desired more in this life, than to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and to enjoy the attendant blessings of such an experience. Still, though we have received all this from God, there is a longing in our hearts for something more. We, as was David, are not entirely satisfied.

Is the captive eagle, chained to the earth, ever satisfied? No! He is out of his sphere. He longs to feel the wind in his mighty wings, and soar to the heights. He will never be satisfied to be an earthling. He inherently knows that he is in a place where he does not belong. So, it is with the Christian. He is no earthling. His place is yonder "in the blue" with his glorious Lord. And until every fetter is broken, until every bond is shaken off, and he "wings" his way to heaven, he will not be fully satisfied.

David's hope was in the resurrection. Said he, "I shall be satisfied when I awake .... " This is also the Christian's hope. We shall arise, and shall look upon the face of the One who is the fairest of ten thousand to our souls Then, in company with David and the innumerable host of the redeemed, we shall lift our voices and praise God for perfect satisfaction.



SACRIFICE

By Elton Sermon

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1).

To OFFER OURSELVES as a living sacrifice is not an easy task. Great sacrifices are not made overnight or on the spur of the moment. Men do not forsake homes, friends, and churches for mission fields without first making smaller sacrifices in the past. There will be no weaklings that will finish the race.

At the time we were saved, God laid upon us many responsibilities. We became servants of the Lord and assumed our share of the responsibility of carrying on the Lord's work here on earth.

Paul declared that we should offer ourselves as a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable unto God. Paul's writings state, after we have sacrificed, after we have suffered for the cause of Christ, we have nothing to boast of; for this is only the reasonable service of a child of God. There are many things in the world that we, as saints of God, cannot do. It adds up to a continued battle against the flesh and the will of man. We, therefore, bring ourselves into submission to the Spirit and will of God.

To offer ourselves as a living sacrifice is not an easy task. To sacrifice goes against the wants and desires of this old man, the flesh. The important things in life demand the greatest sacrifices.

By far, a saint's greatest qualification is that of complete consecration and full submission to the will of God. We may be a talented musician, a good singer, or an eloquent speaker; but without the sacrifices it takes for consecration, our talents are wholly useless to the Lord. A man may have but few talents, but if he is willing to pay the price of consecration, the Lord can use him mightily in His Kingdom. A fully consecrated life is one that is a living sacrifice, that is holy and that is acceptable unto God.

Why is sacrifice so important? If we are going to be outstanding leaders and saints for Christ, we must first taste of the hardships and sufferings of sacrificing. We then can use wisdom in directing others down the path of life.

We must place ourselves in the position of a leader through sacrifice. Rev. Ralph V. Reynolds once said, "The words of Jesus should keep ringing over and over in our heart until they become a great driving force and compelling influence throughout our life; 'I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.'" Unless we are willing to lose our lives for others, we can never be greatly used in saving souls. We must have a proper understanding of the cross, a clear vision of the harvest field, and a deep love for Christ. We must be more than ready to lay all on the altar and die, if necessary, that others might live. This can never come to pass if our lives have not been disciplined to self-denial by sacrifices in the past. Our ambitions and motives should be to do the will of the Master. We should seek to be found faithful regardless of the cost. Certainly this will take sacrifice. Great sacrifices are not made overnight or on the spur of the moment. A person cannot lay down his life for the gospel unless he has practiced lesser sacrifices earlier in his life.

A life of sacrifice is similiar to farming. New ground, which is the life itself, must be plowed with salvation. It must then be planted with a sincere will to live and work for Christ. This must be cultivated by prayer, fasting, and dedication, plus a portion of our money and time. A harvest of souls will be the reward.

The questions may be asked: What is sacrifice? Why do people sacrifice? Sacrifice is self-denial. There are many ways to sacrifice. True sacrifice goes against the flesh. Sacrificing is not always enjoyment. It takes a self-starter, one who needs no pushing or priming, with a well-disciplined life to pay the greater sacrifices for the more important things of life. The greater the sacrifice, the greater will be the work accomplished for the Lord.

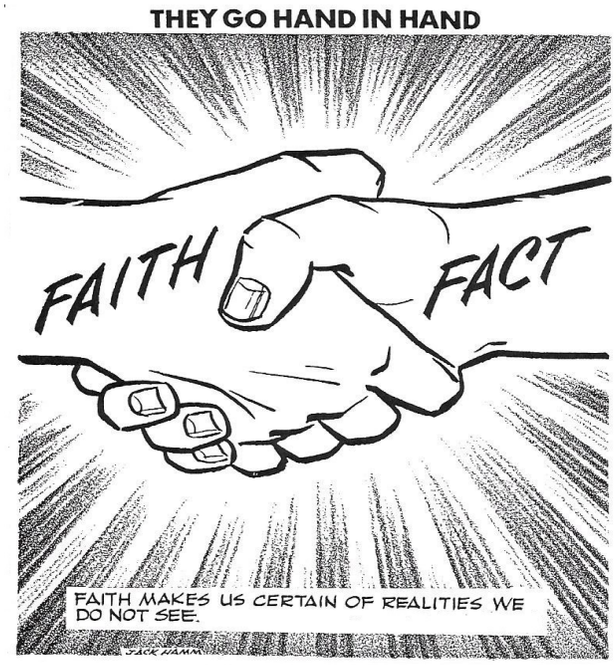
Sacrifice is a form of worship. The heathen of the jungles, the American Indians and others sacrificed through fear as a means of worship to satisfy their gods. We sacrifice time, money, and ourselves (through love) to the Lord so we may be acceptable before him. We appreciate more the things we obtain if we obtain them through sacrifice. A life without sacrifices is a life that will not reach its aim or goals. We all must sacrifice. Deciding to sacrifice is half the battle.

Only those who cross the finish line with victory will receive the reward. The prize will be well worth all our sacrifices and sufferings. When the battles are over, we will be glad we fought. When the race is over, we will be glad that we ran.

Take Heed To Thyself and the Doctrine

I have been told by some people that we have no foundation to what we are preaching. If you are here tonight, friend, and will just stay with us, we hope by the help and grace of God to prove to you that we are preaching to you the most sound doctrine or gospel that this world has ever heard or ever will hear. This was started on the Day of Pentecost, and the devil has been busy for two thousand years since trying to find some scheme to overthrow it. I am glad to say it still stands just the same as it did when God started this wonderful message of repentance and remission of sins in His name. It was to be proclaimed among all nations beginning at Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.

We find Paul writing to the Romans, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye be-came the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17, 18). The doctrine which was preached by the apostle, when obeyed from the heart had a wonderful effect, you will have to admit. We see here that when the Romans obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which the apostles preached unto them, it made them free from sin. That is wonderful to be made free from sin, and the person who will fall out with a doctrine which will do that for a man is all wrong. The apostle said in Galatians 1:15, 16; "When it pleased God, who sep-arated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." Here he told us that he didn't have time to go and ask somebody for a four, eight or twelve year course in the seminary to learn how to preach. He always had a message to preach, not so much theology, but abundant "knee-ology." Listen at-Paul speak again, "But 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). And then he told us that he wasn't ashamed of what he preached for it was the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believed (Romans 1:16). I believe the Apostle Paul preached the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible doctrine which will put a person into the kingdom of God. Not only did Paul preach it, but all the rest of the apostles and preachers of the Early Church of the New Testament preached the same thing.



Today we have preachers who are also preaching the same message as was proclaimed in the early days as recorded in the Book of Acts. The best part of it is that it's having the same effect on those who believe and obey it. If some don't believe it, it is true nevertheless. Their unbelief does not change the doctrine of God's Word.

Of the Thessalonians, Paul told us, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance" (I Thessalonians 1 :5). The gospel preached in the early days was not with great words of man's wisdom or some highbrow expressions, but in power and in the Holy Ghost. There was no need to be mistaken about it, for it also came in much assurance. In the next verse we read: "And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord." Friends, to follow the Lord you must follow the apostles. When you doubt the words and preaching of the apostles, you deny the Word of God. To refuse to hear the apostles is to refuse the voice of the Holy Ghost.

We also read in I Corinthians 4:16, 17, that we are commanded to follow the apostles. The Apostle Paul preached the same thing everywhere he went. The doc-trine he preached at Corinth was the same as that he preached at Rome. Yes, and it was still the same the night at the Philippian jail-with only about thirty-nine stripes on his back, with his feet in the stocks. His doctrine had not changed; the Philippian Church or assembly was established upon the same doctrine by hearing the same gospel. In Paul's writing to Timothy (I Timothy 1:1-3), he commanded that fine young evangelist, "to charge some that they teach no other doctrine." Where was this charge to be given? At Ephesus, and Paul be-sought Timothy to abide there for that very purpose, that they teach no other doctrine. Now let us see what doctrine was preached at Ephesus, for it must without a doubt be the doctrine. If it proves to be contrary to our theory or our way of thinking, let us be honest with ourselves and God, and believe that doctrine to be the New Testament doctrine to save those who believe. When we are brought face to face with facts and a Bible record which no spiritual person will dare to deny, let us say "yes to God," and then proclaim fear-lessly and uncompromisingly that same doctrine. Many today reject the thought of a revelation. If you come to some people and try to tell them of the gospel which comes only by revelation, they think you a fanatic.

But I declare unto you, if you take revelations out of your Christian experience, you will find the darkest path you have ever trod. We all were bound by sin and headed toward a devil's hell until God let a revelation of truth and light fall across our path. Everything we have or ever will have from God came by revelation. God's very name Jehovah, means "the self-existent One who reveals Himself." He is a God of revelation. No man knoweth God save he to whom the Son will reveal Him.

Now let us come back to the doctrine preached at Ephesus, the only doctrine to be preached. To get this information, let us read the report of the first revival ever held at Ephesus by the Apostle Paul. Read Acts 19:1-6, for there we have a perfect report. "And it came to pass." (I am so glad it did come to pass, for it has shut the mouth of infidels forever.) "Paul. .. came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"(Page 8)

Take Heed To Thyself and the Doctrine continued

The first text of the apostle was about the baptism of the Holy Ghost. "And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." They had never heard there was such an experience for them. The next question the apostle asked them was concerning their baptism. Learning that they were followers of John the Baptist, Paul told them how John preached that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost.

After hearing this wonderful message, "They were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." Remember this happened only twenty-two years after the Day of Pentecost. For twenty-two years the doctrine of Pentecost had not changed. The same message proclaimed by the Apostle Peter on that day was still Paul's message at Ephesus. About ten years later Paul instructs Timothy to charge those at Ephesus to teach no other doctrine. He also told Tim-othy to take heed unto himself; by so doing he would save himself and those who would hear him (I Tim-othy 4:16). We have proved that Paul preached the same gospel everywhere he preached. He wrote to the ·Galatians, when they were believing something else, that there was no other gospel. He was so sure he preached the gospel, the only doctrine of God, that he 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). Paul wanted the saints and preachers of his day to know that there was no other way. He was bold to preach them the doctrine, and then he was doubly bold to de-fend what he preached. He knew that in these last days the true doctrine would be denied. Therefore he said in Galatians 1:9, "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

Brethren, there is no other doctrine or gospel for us today. Therefore, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine" (I Timothy 4:16).

Let Everything that hath breath praise the Lord



Take A Stand

Edmund Burke said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to. 'do nothing.'

The Bible says "Choose-make a choice, decide, declare what side you are on, without being ashamed" (Rom. 1:16).

America is the last stronghold of spiritual freedom on earth the citizens who are devoted and dedicated to the teachings of God and His Son Jesus Christ, are the only resources for the lasting preservation of our religious heritage, and welfare.

Here is a good Christian checklist. How would you answer the following questions?

1. Do I pray for a spiritual awakening throughout America? (II Chron. 7:14).
2. Am I a registered voter and do I en-courage other Christians to register and vote?
3. Do I study, pray and attend worship services as required by Heb. 10:25?
4. Am I actively involved in helping to select and elect Godly Christian candidates?
5. Do I vote faithfully in every election for the best qualified candidates, regardless of Party?

Each one of us must learn how his or her actions, life, and testimony can be best effective, as witnesses and representatives of Christ.

TAKE A STAND, and Do It Now!!

God still speaks to those who take time to listen

Righteousness ... exalteth a Nation

Born and built upon the basic principles of truth and righteousness, the United States of America has been blessed by our God during her short 200-year history as no other nation.

Truly, America is too young to die; she must look to God and liverighteousness will exalt her, and truth will sustain her. Faith will pro-vide for her, and victory can be assured through the obedience of the Scriptures (II Chron. 7:14).

The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of peace and happiness, originated first with God and recognized by our pioneer leaders.

The signers of the famous Declaration of Independence avowed firm reliance on the protection and guidance of Divine providence. Our prayer now is, may it ever continue.

George Washington prayed that God would keep the United States in His Holy protection and under His leadership.

Abraham Lincoln, in the famous Get-tysburg address, declared that our nation was indeed under God.

Pioneers through the years, who were devoted to God and righteousness have stressed tl,e great importance of Divine recognition and leadership in domestic and national matters.

Now, in these last days, the righteousness of Almighty God, the Version, the Biblical Church of the Living God is challenged, denied and ignored by atheistic, secular humanism-and it's happening in the USA today.

They banished the Bible from the schoolroom, and they disallowed prayer to be practiced.

The ancient landmarks were re-moved and the enemy has rushed in like a flood. Bible truth and consecrated holy living is made light of. The devil has worked to destroy Christ and Christianity. Yet, thank God, where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound.

The divine promise is still in force, "If His people will pray, seek His face, do His will, obey His commands, then He will save, supply and heal the land."

That's a promise! Truly, righteousness does exalt a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Critical Days-Powerful Church

By C.M.Becton

"His foundation is in the holy mountains. The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, 0 city of God" (Psalm 87: 1-3).

No one would hesitate to declare that as this year draws closer to an end, the. world still struggles with major problems. We have come through critical times, but there are yet critical days ahead. But all is not hopeless. The church, not an organization, not a denomination, but "the city of God," is yet powerful. Let us keep in mind what the psalmist said of Zion: "Glorious things are spoken of thee."

The question going around in many areas is, What is the pur-pose of the church in today's world? Some tell us that the church no longer has purpose and therefore will pass away entirely in a few years. Some feel that the church should serve as a good-natured and kindly institution that tolerates things as they are, perhaps only engendering hope and advocating only mild changes that are compatible with its vested interests. The church has been relegated by some to a cultural backwater, where it is supposed to paddle around in contentment that it is merely allowed to exist.

Some tell us that the church should do more to promote law and order and to safeguard prop-erty values. Others say that it is valuable only to the faint of heart-timid women and effemi-nate men, the sad and the dying. It has been said that the Christian church is decaying and that it has nothing to say and is on its way out. Many people are saying that, whatever the church's purpose, it is not accomplishing it.

All this negative thinking about the church and its purpose comes from those who do not understand its nature. They certainly do not know the Lord, who is the founder of the church and who loves the church so much that He "gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Neither do they know the history of the church or its foundation. Most have only the slightest idea of what Jesus meant when He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16: 18). But to us who know the Lord Jesus, the church is still the most powerful force for good in the world. It has an impact on our culture, and its place in the world is secure! It will not suc-cumb to the challenging eruptions of evil. nor will the intimidation of political ideologies deter it in its mission of preaching the gospel.

As time passes. things change. Nothing in life really stays the same. But the church with its firm foundation gives us an eternal perspective. It was built by God to bring us into the kingdom of God. It is the church that links humani-ty to things that will last forever.

I read once of a small church building located on the coast of England. The building was com-pletely destroyed by a howling. raging storm. The people were not able to rebuild, so they had to find another place to worship. After some time a representative from the British admiralty came to the minister and asked him if the people were going to rebuild the church. When the minister explained their financial problems, the admiral replied, "If you do not rebuild it, we will. That spire is on all our charts and maps. It is the landmark by which the ships steer their courses."

The church is a landmark for us; from the depth of its founda-tion to the tip of its steeple. every-thing in it points upward to God. to the eternal by which we chart our course on life's sea.

The other day I came across a paragraph written by Albert Einstein concerning the place of the church in today's world: "Being a lover of freedom, when the revolution came in Germany I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing that they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no-the universities were immediately silenced.

Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the uni-versities. were silenced in a few short weeks. Then I looked to the individual writers. who as literary guides of our nation had Written much and often concerning the place of freedom in modem life; but they, too. were mute. Only the church stood squarely across the path of the dictator's campaign for suppressing the truth."

What an observation by a renowned scientist on the subject of human rights in a critical moment in the history of the world. When freedom is being dis-cussed by many in high places, the church must not only defend human freedom sternly but also demand justice for all. The ground is level at the foot of the Cross.

Today the world feels the pres-sures to divide at a time when we live close together. Conflicts flare up between nations and within nations. Wars have a continuous presence in our world. Who and what can bring peace? Politics cannot do it; money cannot do it; physical force has been tried. and it cannot do it. The church, how-ever, has more than a part of the answer-it has the full answer.

In the writings of Jude, we are exhorted to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." People have turned toward Eastern mysticism. drugs, and secularized Christian-ity. There is a trend away from God in North America. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that public schools can teach about religion but they cannot teach religion itself.

Many social and political groups aggressively oppose biblical Christianity and its moral teaching. The church must not make a retreat in these critical days, however. for only it can meet the needs of people.

In a few weeks we will stand on the threshold of a new year. Hope. optimism. realism. and honesty can be reborn in us through the church. We can link hands with those from the past. our honored dead who contended for this faith, and we can resolve that these Christians shall not have died in vain. We can also resolve that the church under God will continue in the power and the work for which God has created it.

The church has survived for nineteen centuries with an unchanged mission: to point peo-ple to the redeeming grace of God as revealed in Christ. The busi-ness of the church is to exalt Jesus, the church's one foundation.

I know of no other force that changes lives as Jesus does. He came to seek and to save. His mis-s ion is now the mission of the church.

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Critical Days-Powerful Church continued

We are to preach the gospel to everyone. No person is so sinful that he cannot be saved by Jesus Christ. "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1: 18).

The sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary is the foundation of the church's message. The church proclaims the powerful meaning of the Cross. an empty tomb in a garden, and the risen Savior who has the keys to set us free from sin and its con-sequences-hell and death. "I am he that liveth. and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Revelation 1: 18).

This church possesses the divine power needed for these critical days. But there is only one way for you to have access to this power. There is only one way you can have peace in times of storm. There is only one way you can be saved. What can you do? The apostle Peter gave the answer on the day the church came into exis-tence: "Then Peter said unto them. 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).

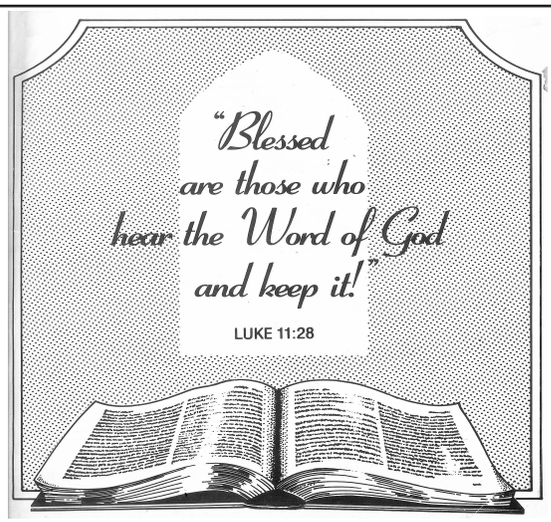
And this same message with God's promise is given to you today. "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39).

Never has the call from God to a confused world been more specific, and never has its message been more important. You are going to need Jesus Christ today, tomorrow. and always.

The coming year of ... holds untrodden paths leading to an unknown future. God's church is God's plan for you. Will you answer the call from God today by believing and obeying the gospel? If so, you will become a part of God's glorious church. "Glorious things are spoken of thee, 0 city of God" (Psalm 87:3).

And Then Cometh the Evening

When the cares of life o'erwhelm us
And the way is dark and drear.
Brothers, sisters, then take courage
For the night of rest draws near!
And when the burning sun goes down,
The star of hope shall rise,
And soon the morning's rosy tints
Will brighten all the skies;
Then gladly work while yet you may.
For soon shall come the rest
When God shall call from earth away;
He doeth all things best.



He Maketh No Mistake

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad to know,
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break,
I'll pin my faith, my all, in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight far too dim,
But come what may,
I'll simply trust and leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift,
And plain it all He'll make,
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.
—A. M. Overton, 1932

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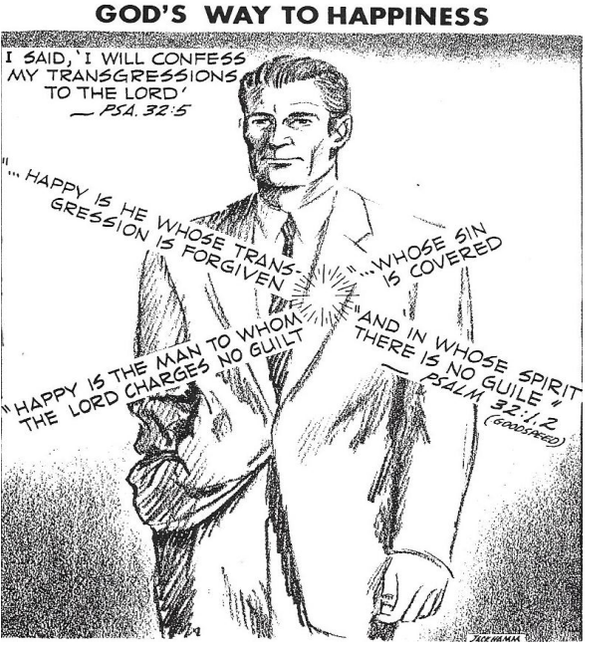
"The mistakes of my life have been many,
The sins of my heart have been more,
And I scarce can see for weeping,
But I'll knock at the open door.

I know I am weak and sinful,
It comes to me more and more,
But as the dear Saviour bids me come in.
I'll enter the open door."
—Author unknown

Words

Words full of power
Words full of might,
Words piercing darkness
Words casting light,
Words softly whispered
Words strong and bold,
Words of the prophets
Messiah foretold,
Words bringing fire
Words bringing rain,
Words healing wounds
Words easing pain,
Words bringing hope
Words loud and clear,
Words of God's kingdom
Present and near,
Words of King Jesus
That abide evermore
The Word holds the key
To unlock heaven's door.
Mark TinJum

For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Prov 2:6



Every Day Is A New Experience

THE APOSTLE PAUL once said, " ... now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6:2). This no doubt refers to the gospel day in which we live, but I want to bring it down a little closer to us. I want to think of this twenty-four hour day I am living up right now.

Notice these memorable words in Joshua 3:4, " ... ye have not passed this way heretofore." Tomorrow, I shall face a new day. I have plans for that day which may never be fulfilled, and the reason is, I have not passed that way before. It is a new day, a new experience, for me. Many days have passed during my life time, but this particular one is to be something new. Every moment of the day will be something new for me, something I have never experienced before. The things I do and the things I say will all be new to me. I will open my eyes to a new experience.

With that thought in mind, and not knowing just what the day may bring forth, why should I not face this day with a new determination as to my destiny. Why should I not face this day with a new dedication of my life to the work that the Master has given me to accomplish.

Since this day is a new day. in my life, and I have never seen it before, why not anticipate the really joyous things of this day?

I believe that the children of Israel awoke on that particular morning of the crossing of the Jordan River with the highest expectations. Just think! This is the day! The day of deliverance! This is the day we have looked forward to. We are going to cross the River of Jordan, into our inheritance at last. Oh, glorious day!

But be careful, Israel! Keep your eyes on the ark of God. You have not passed this way before. This is a new route. This is a new experience. This is a new day.

The same can be said of us. This is TODAY. All other days fade into insignificance. This is a day when new opportunities are afforded, a day to live, a day to take advantage of. To live today is my glorious privilege. The sun that is shining so brightly says, "This is a new day I'm going forth as a bridegroom, coming out of my chamber, and rejoicing as a strong man to run a race" (Psalm 19:5).

Just think! Even as the sun is shining, and going forth with great light, the heavenly Bridegroom is soon coming forth from His chamber, and, as the strong man rejoicing in the race, He will call for His church. They will go up with a shout, and with the sound of the trumpet.

Let us take advantage of this day. Ask yourself the question: "What will I do with this day? I have not passed this way before. But I must keep my eyes on the ark of God. He will lead me safely on. At His word, the flood waters will part, and I can pass through on dry ground." I face this day fresh with the Spirit of God, renewed in my spirit. I tackle the problems of today with renewed vigor. The ark of God leads on. Yesterday is gone forever, tomorrow has not arrived. But I live today. This is that day. This is a new experience for me. God leads me forth.

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, as was spoken of by Paul the great apostle. God has given me these twenty-four hours to press toward that mark. Each moment counts, and tells me that if I can live one minute above sin, I can live two, and then I can live sixty, and then I can live for twenty-four hours.

And, after all is said and done, I can live this life only one day at a time. Thank God who gives the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, and who makes those hours, and minutes and seconds count for eternity.

My destination is determined by how I use this day that God has given me. Today I shall take time to talk to Him, believing that He hears. I shall spend part of this day reading His Word, to know what He has willed for me today. I shall contemplate His greatness and magnificence. Surely He is that great God who can carry me through these twenty-four hours of my earthly journey.

This day I shall live for Him and serve Him. This is a new experience for me. I have not passed this way before.

Bro R.J Underwood



Words Of Wisdom

I believe the secret of knowing the power of the Gospel is to be willing to go all the way with the Lord. I believe a man who is on the fence cannot enjoy the things of God. I believe when he tries to be betwixt and between, he gets into an awful mess

R.G. LeTourneau

God's Voice

I have listened to God in His temple;
I've caught His voice in the crowd.
I have heard Him speak when the breakers
Were booming long and loud.
Where the winds play soft in the tree tops
My Father has talked to me,
But I never have heard Him clearer
Than I did at my mother's knee.
God, make me the man of her vision,
And purge me of selfishness!
God, keep me true to your standards,
And help me to live to bless!
Onward to a holy press
Of the days that used to be,
And make me a pilgrim forever
Humbled at my mother's knee!

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A LETTER TO AN ASPIRIN COMPANY

Dear Sir:

You manufacture aspirins that relieve suffering, colds, and fevers. The mixture used in your tablets makes it possible for people to get out of bed and fight off headaches, bad nerves, and muscle spasms. I have noticed these tablets work wonders on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and especially well on Saturdays. BUT people who take them on Sundays seem to get no relief. They cannot get rid of their aches and pains and are not able to attend Sunday school and church.

Is it possible for you to examine your tablet and put in it an ingredient that will work on Sundays?

Thank you,
Concerned Pastor

What Can The Church Offer?

A Pastor was asked this question, "What does the church have to offer which I cannot get elsewhere?" The Pastor made this wise and all sufficient answer: "The church offers you Jesus Christ, and He is not offered to you anywhere else in the world ...

Thought Provoking Gems

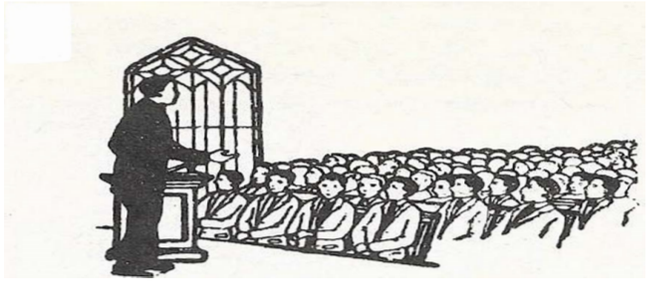
The Two Mothers

**Long, long ago so I have been told,
Two saints once met on the street paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown," said one to the other,
"I see that on earth, you too we a mother;
And I see by the sad expression: you wear,
You too have known sorrow and deepest despair."
"Ah yes," came the answer, "I once had a son,
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."
"But tell of your child." "Oh, I knew I was blest
From the moment I first held him close to my breast;
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah yes," sighed the other. "I felt the same way."
The former continued, "The first step he took,
So eager and breathless -the sweet startled look
Which came over his face ... he trusted me so."
"Ah yes," sighed the other. "How well do I know.·•
"But soon he had grown to a tall handsome boy,
So stalwart and kind, and it gave me such joy
To have him just walk down the street by my side."
"Ah yes," said the other. "I felt the same pride."
How often I shielded and spared him from pain,
And when he for others was so cruelly slain,
When they crucified him, and spat in his face,
How gladly would I have hung in his place!"
A moment of silence -"Oh, then you are she,
The mother of Christ!" ... and she fell on one knee,
But the blessed one raised her up drawing her near,
And kissed from the cheek of the woman, a tear.
"Tell me the name of the son you loved so.
That I may share your grief and your woe."
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
He was Judas Iscariot: I am his mother**

Anon

Advice For Spring Planting

First plant 5 rows of Peas:
Promptness, Preparedness, Perseverance,
Politeness and Prayer.
Next Plant 3 rows of Squash:
Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference.
then add five rows of Lettuce:
Let us be faithful, Let us be loyal, Let us be unselfish,
Let us be truthful, Let us love one another.
Finally, no garden is complete without turnips:
Turnip for church, Turnip with a smile, Turnip with a new idea, Turnip with determination.
Cultivate all year! -Selected



The Pastor

**If the pastor is young, they say he lacks experience.
If his hair is gray, he's too old for the young people.
If he has 5 or 6 children, he has too many. If he has no children, he's setting a bad example.
If he preaches from notes, he has canned sermons and is dry.
If his messages are extemporaneous,he is not deep.
If he is attentive to the poor people of the church, they claim he is playing to the grandstand.
If he pays attention to the wealthy, he is trying to be an aristocrat.
If he never uses illustrations, he is neglecting the Bible.
If he doesn't use enough stories, he is not clear.
If he condemns wrong, he's cranky.
If he doesn't preach against sin, they say he's a compromiser.
If he preaches the truth, he's offensive.
If he doesn't preach the truth, he is a hypocrite.
If he fails to please everybody, he's hurting the church and ought to leave.
If he does please everybody, he has no convictions.
If he drives an old car, he shames his congregation.
If he drives a new car, he is setting his affections on earthly things.
If he preaches all the time, the people get tired of hearing one man.
If he invites guest preachers, he's shunning his responsibility.
If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary. If he receives a small salary ... well, then,
If he invites guest preachers, he's shirking his responsibility.
If he receives a large salary, he is mercenary. If he receives a small salary ... well, then, they say it proves he isn't worth much anyway!**

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WITHOUT DELAY!

Fred D. Jarvis

A heathen world now lost in sin Must be our deep concern.
We must be moved to earnest prayer, Our hearts with passion burn.
Why should we preach to hardened hearts And countless times retell
That truth that they have oft refused While heathen go to hell.
Why should we preach a thousand times To those within the fold,
And leave a thousand million souls Unreached, unsought, untold.
In distant lands these millions die, But friends, we are to blame
That they have never heard the truth Of how the Saviour came.
While millions in their lost estate In darkness groan and grope,
We must proclaim the Saviour's Name, He is their only hope.
0 Christian friends, let us arise
With speed the Gospel tell.
We must not let these dying souls
Go to a heathen hell.
We must in haste reach every land,
The near and far away.
These millions must be told of Christ, Must bear without delay.

When you start perceiving time as a valuable asset, you will be motivated to not waste it.

Walk With God

When folks say that I walk alone,
With pity in their eyes,
I ever stand and stare at them
In wondering surprise,
Because they are too blind to see
That in each breathing clod,
In sun and ran in grass and trees,
I ever walk with God.

Edgar Daniel Kramer

Loveth

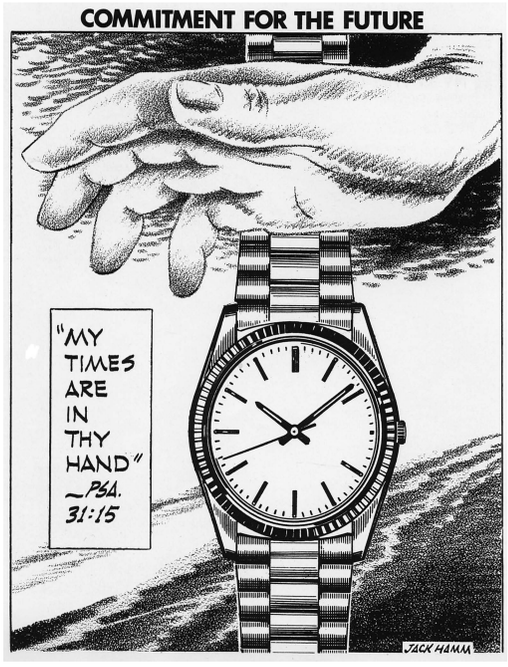
He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small,
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Thought Provoking Gems

MY PRAYER FOR OUR MINISTER

"Our Father, let me be a pillar of strength to help hold him up and not a thorn in his flesh to sap his strength, nor a burden on his back to pull him down. Let me support him without striving to possess him. Let me lift his hands without placing shackles around them.
Let me give him my help that he may devote more time in working for the salvation of others-and less time in gratifying my vanity.
Let me work for him as the pastor of all the members-and not compel him to spend precious time in brag-ging on me.
Let me be unselfish in what I do for him-and not selfish in demanding that he do more for me. Let me strive to serve him and the church more and be happy-as he serves me less and the church and others more." Convention Herald



Time Is

Time is
Too slow for those who wait,
Too swift for those who fear,
Too long for those who grieve,
Too short for those who rejoice,
But for those who love, time is Eternity.

Henry VanDyke

There Is A Time

By Walter E. Isenhour

There is a time to work and play,
A time to eat and sleep;
A time to study and to pray,
A time to laugh and week;
A time for fellowship that's sweet,
A time for sacred song;
But never is there time to treat
A human being wrong.

There is a time to lift men up
And help them on life's road;
A time to drain their bitter cup
And share their heave load;
A time to bless them with our grace
And boost them all along;
But never is there time and place
To treat our fellows wrong.

There is a time to help men seek
Our God who saves the soul;
A time to show them that the meek
Shall reach life's highest goal;
A time to help them turn aside
And leave the wicked throng;
But never did our God provide
A time to treat men wrong.

The Glory That Is God

It's the kind word softly spoken
And the friendly laughter heard,
It's the smile of proffered friendship
And the heavy burden shared,
It's the gently hand that guides us
As each weary mile we plod,
It's the splendor of His giving
And the glory that is God!

John McLeod

If we worry, we don't trust; if we trust, we don't worry.

THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

By: Rev. Leroy O'Kelley

In that day there shall be a fountain opened, in the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for SIN and UNCLEANNESS" (Zechariah 13: 1). Years ago as a boy, we studied in History about a man named Ponce de Leon. He was a Spaniard who came to Florida, I believe, seeking for a fountain of water, that if one drank from it, would stay young. But, sad to say, he failed to find it, for it didn't exist. But thanks be to God, there is a fountain of life mentioned at the start of this article that was prophesied 487 years before Christ. That fountain still exists. Read St. John 19:32-34. "Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the of the first and of the other which was crucified with Him and when they came to Jesus and saw that He was dead, they brake not His legs. But one of the soldiers, with a spear, pieced His side and forthwith came there out blood and water." GLORY TO GOD AND THE LAMB FOREVER!



Yes, friends, the soldier didn"t know he was fulfilling a scripture that was predicted many years before. This was and still is the Fountain of Life.

This is why Jesus said, "ye must be born of water and the Spirit or you won't enter the Kingdom" (/ Peter 1 :18-19).

We were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver or gold, but by the precious blood of Jesus--that came from that Fountain of Life. Jesus said in Revelation. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, come, and let him that is athirst, come, and whosoever will take of the WATER OF LIFE FREELY."

Remember, out of this fountain of life came water and blood. The Book of Leviticus states, "THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD." I John 1:7 says, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin." In Deut. 30: 19, we read, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you.

That I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore, choose life that both you and your seed might live."

This precious fountain of life is still open. Jesus is still standing with outstretched hands, saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Remember, we are not our own. We were bought with a precious price. Come while He waits for you.

We'll Get Through This

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

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

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

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

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

By Joanna Fuchs

The one who gets wisdom loves life

A Lamp for Jesus

By Helen Gleason

Let's be a lamp for Jesus
And spread His Light around
So many live in darkness
For the Savior they've not found
Light up the darkest corners
Of lonely people's minds
Tell them of His Salvation
So they'll be heaven bound
Let's keep our lamps with oil
Then our light will shine so bright
So Jesus will be seen in us
E'en on the darkest night
Let's be a lamp for Jesus
Bring hope to some each day
And tell of His great Salvation
To all who come our way
A lamp that shines for Jesus
Is what I want to be
And when I spread His Light around May He be all they see

What Christ Is To Us

The Shield from every dart;
The Balm for every smart;
The Sharer of each load;
Companion on the road.

The Door into the fold;
The Anchor that will hold;
The Shepherd of the sheep;
The Guardian of my sleep.

The Friend with Whom I talk;
The Way by which I walk;
The Light to show the way;
The Strength for every day.

The Source of my delight;
The Song to cheer the night;
The Thought that fills my mind;
The Best of All to find—is Jesus!

—Anonymous

What God Hath Promised!

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

—Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile

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