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OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Weighed In The Balance

Weighed in the balance of justice true,
Sinful the path thou hast trod;
Weighed and found wanting—will it be you?
Weighed by the word of God.

Weighed and found wanting,
Weighed and found wanting,
Rejected at heaven's door.

There it will hurt like a wounding dart
When this dread answer shall fall:
"Weighed and found wanting"; 'twill pierce thy heart
At the last judgment call.
Weighed by the word which is given now,
Search it and know thou art pure;
Unto its mandates in meekness bow,
Then thou shalt be secure.
At the tribunal where Christ is judge,
Where every deed is made known,
"Weighed and found wanting" each guilty soul
Stands there before His throne.

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CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus, a name above all names.

There is only one thing that we cannot do for this great mission of Jesus and his church—we cannot get rid of our responsibility. We're not in heaven yet so Jesus wants you and me to tell

others about the love of Jesus and his desire for them to be saved. Someone once said, "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care!" Sure, there are terrible sinners out there, There are lost and condemned sinners in our world, lost and condemned like we were.

There are people around us who disrespect Christ and his Church, just like we would if Jesus hadn't found us one by one. There was a man who had a flock of 100 sheep. One of those sheep wandered off on its own, far away from the others. In such a large flock, that one sheep would not be missed—except by someone who really cared about it. Surely this shepherd wouldn't have gone bankrupt if he had written off one lost sheep. But the very thought of this one lost sheep out there all alone, facing certain death by becoming some hungry lion's next meal—that was a thought this loving shepherd simply could not bear. So what does he do? He leaves the 99 and goes out on a search and rescue mission. He combs the hillsides. He looks behind every rock. He pokes his staff into every bramble bush—all the while calling out the sheep's name. No matter how long it takes, no matter how tired and worn out this shepherd gets, he won't quit until he finds that one lost sheep. When that happens, the Shepherd does not beat it in anger. No, this Shepherd, who carried its loss on his heart, now joyfully carries it home on his shoulders. When he arrives, he has to share his joy with all his friends and neighbors. You know who the Shepherd is. This is the Lord Jesus Christ. What greater way could there ever be to love our Jesus back than by reaching out with his love to every lost soul One lost soul—that one troubled kid or relative who doesn't have Jesus; that one person next door to us bent on self-destruction who doesn't have Jesus. With Jesus' love, no sacrifice is too great to win that one lost soul for him. With Jesus' love—that every member would never stop inviting that one troubled sinner to church, Bible class, and Sunday School, and then warmly welcome them when they do come to be with Jesus. oh, that every last one of us will seek out that one lost sheep who has fallen away and strayed from Jesus' side. our school or in our neighborhood who doesn't have Jesus;

Jesus left the 99 behind to rescue you and me. Now he asks us to love others like he loved us. He asks us to be his tools to seek and save those lost sheep who are still without him.

LORD, TEACH ME WHAT IT COST YOU TO MAKE A SINNER WHOLE

AND TEACH ME, SAVIOR; TEACH ME THE VALUE OF ONE SOUL

~ Bro. Junior Tingle

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By Ralph M. McGuire

Questions & Answers

"Thou believest there is one God; thou doest well: The devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:19,20).

What does it Really mean to Believe ?

There is a vast difference between professional "belief" and a positive working "faith" in Jesus Christ. Tradition has taken its toll in our present generation, with men reducing the Christian experience to a mere recitation of the Apostles' Creed or just a profession of religion. The Apostles' Creed along with catechisms and confirmations are a substitute for the ultimate joys of the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. Apostle Paul found "believers" at Ephesus who were professed bġqagnjq, having been baptized of John the Baptist, and yet they were found ignorant of a Holy Ghost baptism.

MANY GODS

There are many, many gods that are set up in the temples of worship, but there is only one true and living God. Baal's prophets and their followers were believers in worship and quite sincere. They built altars unto their god and prayed most sincerely at those altars. However, the difference between Elijah's altar and his prayer was his direct connection with heaven. Elijah "believed" that his God was alive and would answer by fire. There are gods of gold and silver, and there are gods in form of human flesh. There are gods sitting on the "priestly" thrones that are receiving the glory that belongs to Jesus Christ alone. It is a common belief by many that "as long as you believe in something and as long as you are sincere, you are safe." However the Scripture said, "But if our gospel (apostles' doctrine) be hid, it is hid to them that are lost" (II Corinthians 4:3).

"...the Christian experience is likened unto a man who finds a buried treasure..."

Almost everyone believes something. One will worship the sun, another the stars, and yet another the woods and nature. We have "believers" who have followed "self styled Evangelical" prophets who declare a philosophical and political gospel estranged from the Holy Bible. Paul said "But though we or, an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed (Galatians 1:8)

There are also the Evangelicals who have made a "confession of Christ," saying "I accept Christ," or "I now believe," and through affirmation have settled down to profession of religion alone. "Believing" in the Church or dogma and tradition of that Church cannot save a soul. It is Jesus Christ that saves).through faith in His name, through repentance, and water baptism in His name, and receiving the Holy Ghost.'

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" ... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved"

(Acts 16:31). In Christ's great commission He gave command for men to go and teach the nations. Firstly they should "observe all things" whatsoever He spake unto them. Secondly they should baptize believers in water by immersion in His name. Then He solemnly warned in His last words before ascending, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues" (Mark 16:16-17).

To believe is to believe the gospel of repentance and the gospel of water baptism in His name. To believe is to believe and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

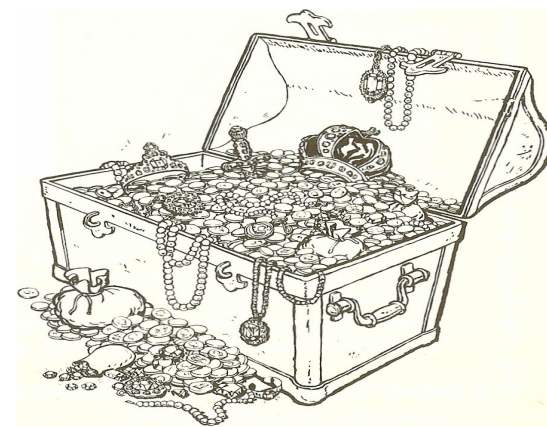
The true believer will also believe in the cross and be willing to bear its shame and load. Likewise he will accept the message of separation. Believers will hate the world of sin and adorn the doctrine of holiness.

THE BURIEDED TREASURE

Jesus gave a parable on true salvation. In the parable Jesus shows the Christian experience is likened unto a man who finds a buried treasure on a tract of land. He sells everything that he possesses and returns to possess the land and then digs to possess the treasure. This is a beautiful type of a man who comes under the exposure of truth. He views the treasure, counts the cost, pays the price, and returns to dig out the treasure. The man steeped in "beliefism" merely views the treasure, but he does not pay the price or "dig" for the treasure. Salvation must not be cheapened or be made too simple. It requires digging with persistence and determination to find God. Only those who are genuinely sincere find Him.

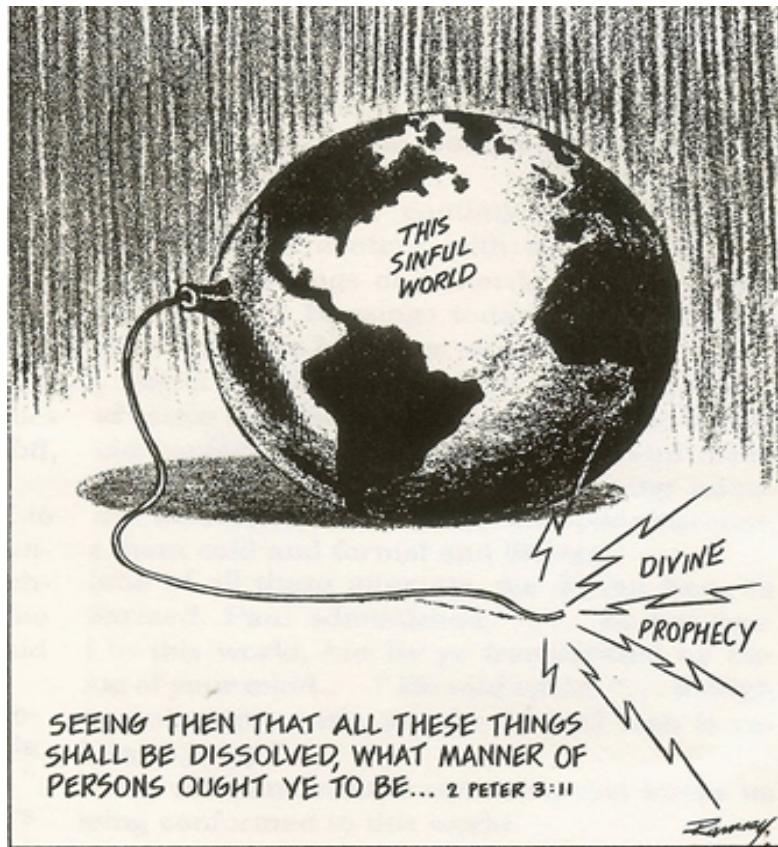
"But as many as received him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1:12).

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20).



BE NOT CONFORMED

By Arthur L. Clanton



THE WORD "CONFORMED" is a familiar one: But perhaps to make Paul's meaning a little clearer, the admonition could read: "Be not made like unto this world." The phrase brings into view an outside force or pressure. The Apostle did not say, "Do not become like unto the world." This would have presupposed the working of an inward process. His words, "Be not conformed," reveal that something on the outside, or some person or being, is trying to make the Christian like the world.

Of course, when we speak of the world in this sense, we mean worldly people, the worldly scheme of things, sin, iniquity, and evil- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life. So what Paul is trying to tell us is this: "Don't let anybody or anything make you like the ungodly people of this world, make you like you were before you were saved, or make you turn from Christ to the beggarly elements of this present world.

You who love God have not always lived as you are now living. Perhaps you have been saved for a long time, but can you still remember how you once lived?

I have been a Pentecostal child of God for thirty- eight years, but I can still remember putting a cigarette between my lips, lighting it, puffing it, and inhaling the smoke. I recall drinking, though I did not have this habit to the extent that some of you had.

I can remember using profanity. I can remember lying. It didn't bother me to lie, just as it didn't bother you. If a lie was convenient, I told it, and then did not lie awake at night regretting it. Many of you can remember doing all these things.

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But wouldn't it seem strange now to smoke a cigarette? Can you imagine yourself drinking a can of beer? Or lying? Or using profanity? Thank God, we don't do those things anymore! What a wonderful time it was, when He came and wrought a change in our lives. The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." God has cleaned us up; He has come into our lives and has changed us. He has made us righteous and holy. He has given us new hearts and new minds. We don't think or feel as do those in the world. We meditate upon the things of God. During our wakeful moments in the night seasons we visualize heaven, with its gates of pearl and streets of gold, where we shall forever be with Jesus. To sum it all up, we are different. We are no longer what we used to be. We no longer go the ways of the world. We do not live as we once lived, and the way that most people still live.

Satan Would Conform the Individual Christian

There is one who does not like the change that came into our lives, and that one is Satan. He would like nothing better than to conform us to the world to make us live like the ungodly, the way we once lived. He would like to make us smoke again, drink again, curse again, lie again, and do again all those wicked things we did before we were saved. Conformity is woven into the very warp and woof of our society. I am supposed to drink Pepsi Cola because some movie personality says it is better than others. Or I am expected to eat Wheaties because because some movie personality says it is better than others.

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Or I am expected to eat Wheaties because some famous athlete breakfasts on them every morning. Everyone is urged to be just like everyone else. In recent times degenerate designers in London decreed that women wear mini skirts. This devilish style spread throughout most of the world, and women everywhere felt that they must follow the fad. (Thank God for our Pentecostal women who still believe in modesty!) In seeking to conform us, Satan often works through human beings. Someone says, "Oh, come on; everybody else is doing it." At such a time, the Christian should reply, "No, not quite everybody." It is true that most people conform to the world, but, thank God, there are some who do not.

Preachers are Urged to Conform

Satan also tries desperately to get Pentecostal preachers to conform-to preach another gospel, which, as Paul declares, is not really another. The devil would have us preach a "this world only" gospel like that preached by liberal ministers of our day.

Most of you are familiar with the Bible account of Micaiah, the prophet of long ago. The story began when Ahab, king of Israel visited Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, and invited him to unite Judah's army with Israel's, and retake Ramoth-gilead. Jehoshaphat was willing, but before he entered into the military endeavor, he wanted to hear from God. Ahab gathered together four hundred of his prophets, and, as one man, they said, "Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king." But Jehoshaphat was not satisfied with the message of these prophets. Something about it did not ring true. He asked Ahab, "Is there not here a prophet of the Lord besides, that we may inquire of him?" Ahab replied, "There is one man, Micaiah, . . . but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. ... " Jehoshaphat insisted that Micaiah be called. And the messenger who went for him urged the prophet, " ... let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good." But Micaiah declared, " ... what the Lord saith unto me, that will I speak."

I like that! It should be the "battle cry" of every preacher among us. It is all right to get ideas from books, but a Pentecostal preacher should never get too busy or too lazy to pray for a message from God.

Yes, Satan would conform us preachers. A young college student walked up to his Pentecostal pastor recently, and appealed to him to preach with less dogmatism. The student said, "As soon as young people hear the tone in your voice which implies that you have a settled conviction, they turn you off, dial you out. The mood today is one of dialogue."

I am convinced that, in some things, we need to be dogmatic. The way to heaven is straight and unchangeable. There is only one way. When we preachers are accused of being narrow, perhaps it will be good to remember that the way to heaven is said to be narrow.

A renowned evangelist recently made this statement: "You can attend some churches for a whole year, and not hear the word 'sin' mentioned once." Satan would be delighted to so conform our preachers that they, too, would refrain from preaching against sin. We need to preach

morality, we need to preach cleanness, we need to tell people how to live. We need to warn our young people against situational ethics, or the so-called new morality, lest they be taken in the snares of Satan.

Not too long ago there was a young, able Pentecostal minister among us. He preached the gospel truth just as it is, in the pulpit and on the radio. He wrote articles for Pentecostal magazines on water baptism, speaking with tongues, etc. But for some reason he allowed Satan to conform him. Now he ministers in a denominational church, no longer preaching the truth. May this serve as a warning.

The devil is out to conform us preachers.

More than twenty years ago I was preaching one Wednesday evening in the church of which I was pastor. A well-dressed man slipped in after the service began, and took notes while I preached. During the benediction, he slipped out. A few days later I received a letter from New Orleans, which read something like this:

DEAR SIR:

I am the pastor of two - - - churches in this city. A few nights back I was in your church, and took notes on your sermon, entitled 'Thorns.' On last Sunday I took the liberty of preaching it in both my churches. My people spoke highly of it. By the way, would you like to be a preacher? I am a close friend of the Bishop. We have several good churches open in Louisiana, and I shall be happy to speak to the Bishop in your behalf. I did not accept this invitation. I could not visualize myself being this kind of preacher. How could I stand in the pulpit and preach a social gospel instead of the true gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I simply could not conform to the preaching of a formal, liberal message that denies all the fundamentals we love.

Thank God for all Oneness Pentecostal preachers! We have only one message, the full gospel truth, and we refuse to allow Satan to conform us.

**"Whenever you find
yourself on the side of the
majority, it is time to
reform ."**



I Am With YOU

I am with you when things are going good, when the way is bright and clear,
I am with you my child when life looks bleak, and your vision is blurred with tears.

I am with you when Happiness fills your heart, when the sun is shining bright,
I am by you're side when you feel alone, and you're surrounded by darkest night.

I am with you when you have many friends, when others for you care,
I am always with you when you're alone, your loneliness to share.

I am with you when you're radiant with health, when you don't lack at thing,
I am next to you when you're in pain,
I am there to comfort bring.

My child, I will always be there for you, remember that I care,
Remember that you're not alone,
I am there to your sorrows share!

I will always be with you til the end of the world, I'll be there each step of the way,
I am with you every moment, each hour,
and each 'and every day.

He Is!

When you are the neediest, He is the most sufficient.
When you are completely helpless, He is most able.
When you feel totally dependent, He is absolutely dependable.
When you are the weakest, He is the most able.
When you are the most alone, He is intimately present.
When you feel you are the least, He is the greatest!
When you feel the most useless, He is preparing you.
When it is darkest, He is the only Light you need.
When you feel the least secure, He is your Rock and Fortress.
When you are the most humble, He is most gracious.
When you say that you cannot, remember that He can!

" God has a plan for your life.

The enemy has a plan for your life.

Be ready for both and be wise enough to know the difference."

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Moment by Moment

Never a trial that He is not there;
Never a burden that He doth not bear;
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment I'm under His care.
Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a tear-drop, and never a moan,
Never a danger but there, on the throne,
Moment by moment, He thinks of His own.
Never a weakness that He doth not feel;
Never a sickness that He cannot heal,
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus, my Saviour, abides with me still.

—Daniel W. Whittle

WISE MEN

**STILL
SEEK
HIM**

**Christianity is
not just going
to church;
it is also about
encouraging one
another and
building each
other up.**

Yield Yourselves Unto God"—Rom. 6:13



By JACK A.
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AUTOMATION VERSUS WORK

Today much is said about auto-mation. Any idea that eliminates physical or mental work is heralded as an advancement. Decisions are left to the specialists, who are push-button addicts, trained to prescribe the standard remedy. In a legal matter the individual automatically confers with his attorney. If the car refuses to operate efficiently, it is rushed to the mechanic. The electrician, plumber, butcher, baker and "candle-stick maker" have a functional part in our everyday life. Even thinking has largely become an art employed only by the philosopher. What has happened to the old-fashioned part of the gospel known as work? Today we are told an individual is saved by merely believing or accepting. These are overworked words or excuses for doing nothing. Genuine believing is an actual experience that leads to a greater faith and understanding of God. But the test of believing is the work it produces. Yes, work is old-fashioned - just as old-fashioned as God.

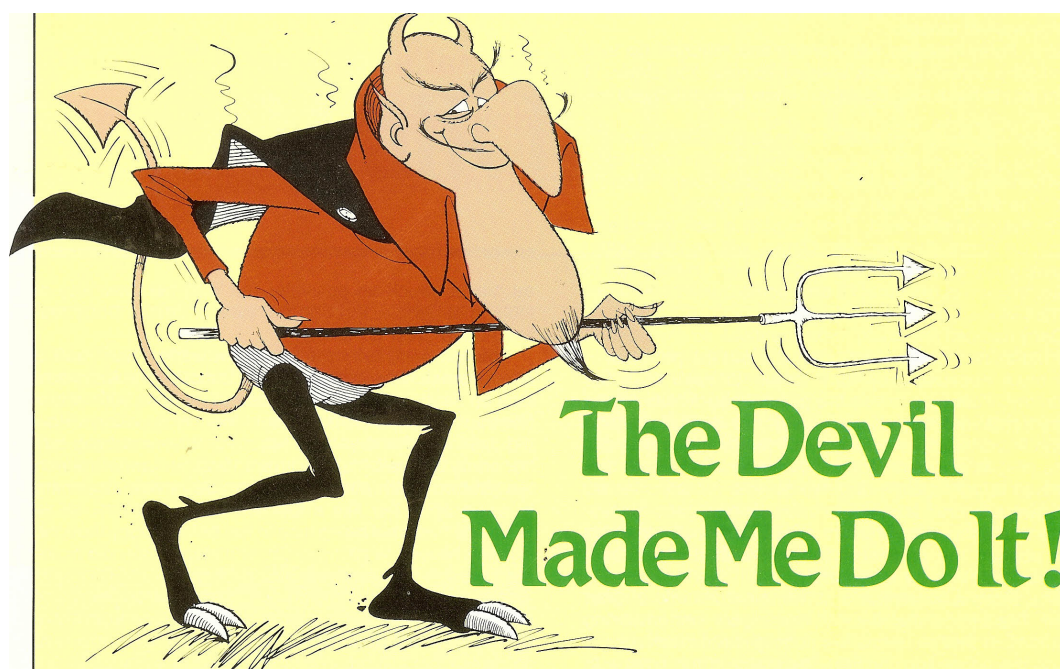
Some who quote Hebrews 13: 8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and forever," do not believe that we can receive the experience that He gave the apostles. God is not inconsistent; why should we be? If He gave the Holy Ghost experience to the apostles and to the early church, why should men today accept anything less? This experience was not given theoretically, or accepted by faith; the profound evidence - the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit 'Of God gave the utterance was witnessed, and noised abroad. This experience is not given to the slothful. The apostles tarried ten days to receive the Holy Ghost. Ten days of praying and crying out to God. They were not afraid to work. The standard remedy given to the sin-sick heart is to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and accept Him as your personal Saviour." But how to accomplish this goal is the question which has been answered in a hundred different ways. Some tell us we are saved by our faith; 'Others say it is our works that save us, To accept Christ we must accept His Word.

He did not come to this earth to set forth an indefinite plan, having a hundred interpretations. He did not discard a factual law which said, "Thou shalt," and "Thou shalt not," the actual requirement of an individual, without giving something better, and even more definite. The door was not opened, only to be closed by confusion, which is the result of patented, push-button Gnosticism. Peter declared, in no uncertain terms, the requirements of salvation, when the question was asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" They were convicted of their sins and wanted to know the remedy: Peter told them, step by step, what they must do, in **Acts 2: 38:** "Then Peter said unto them, (1) Repent, (2) and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, (3) and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Peter presented a **SIMPLE** plan. Simple, first of all, because it did not contain vague phrases, but rather an outlined, definite plan of salvation. The veil of the Temple had been rent in twain; signifying that no more was God or His plan to be hidden in deep mysteries. Secondly, it was simple because it contained actual experiences.. Nor was the High Priest the only one who could feel the Shekinah presence of God.

Let us analyze each step to show the actual experience involved: **Repentance**-Repentance is not a ritual. It is a heart-felt cleansing, or emptying out process. This experience is so prominent that many have thought it to be all that God has for us.

Water Baptism-To fully accept Christ, 'one must be baptized in His name. This is an experience for believers only, administered by immersion in water. Romans 6: 4 says, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism unto death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." But unless repentance has preceded baptism, it becomes merely an ordinance rather than an experience. In Romans 6: 4 this experience is compared with the death and resurrection of our Lord. If we die out to the sin and lusts of the world, we then become victors, walking in newness of life, having our sins forgiven. The Baptism of the **Holy Ghost**-This is an infilling experience. Christ did not leave the earth without promising the Holy Ghost. Acts 1: 4, 5 states, "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Let just see what happened at Jerusalem. Acts 2:4 declares, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." They did not merely believe that they had received the Holy Ghost, but they had the definite experience, evidenced by their speaking in other tongues.

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Millions have laughed at the comedian's line about the woman who says, "The devil made me do it. .. he sneaked up behind me and said, 'Say, look at that dress in the window but satan is not laughable; one of his greatest tricks has been to get people to think of him as a ridiculous character in a red jump suit until they laughed him out of their minds.

Some time' ago there was a story written about "raising the devil." It noted that "after years of being dismissed or ignored, the devil is making a startling comeback." Satan worship is worldwide: there is a First Church of Satan in San Francisco, and the so-called satanic bible outsells the Holy Bible on some campuses.

Tragically, many young Christians think temptation is gone forever when they do reject Satan and turn to the Lord. It's the greatest life when you're in tune with God, but the Christian life is also the hardest because you're out of step with the world and the devil. Jesus never promised to take away struggle and temptation; "In the world you shall have tribulation," He said, "but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

There are several things we need to know in facing temptation. First, we need to know what to expect. Jesus Himself was "led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil" (Luke 4: 1-2). Remember that temptation itself is not sin-yielding is! Temptations, too, often follow a spiritual high

Automation Versus Work (Continued)

We must accept all of His Word, or none. To accept repentance and reject -water baptism would not remove the sin in our lives. Or to be baptized before we have repented would be useless. John the Baptist preached that it took both to cleanse from sin. "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins." Mark 1: 4.

To accept both water baptism and repentance, and refuse the Holy Ghost experience, would make the other two steps ineffective. The purpose of repentance and baptism was to lead to the infilling of the Holy Ghost. John merely prepared the way of the Lord.

John stated, in Mark 1: 8,

"I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

To receive the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, requires genuine effort. But the price you pay is cheap, compared to the wonderful experience you receive. Don't be satisfied with anything less than the best that God has for you.

" Jesus' temptation came right after the Holy Ghost descended on Him at His baptism. If our faith was not tested, it wouldn't grow.

We also need to know our enemy. It is not God who tempts us. James 1: 13 teaches us that "God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man." But there is a spiritual enemy who in the Bible is called "the tempter" (Matthew 4:3), "the devil" or "Satan." It has been said that Satan is "an active, powerful, intelligent personality unceasingly working for the destruction of all humanity, transcending and controlling the kingdoms of this world, and the second most powerful force at loose in the universe."

Nor must we fool with the devil. He is not an occult toy. Satan is a real, negative death force who seeks to divide men from God, themselves and their fellow men. Nearly all the terms used in the Bible about him are negative: devil means "the accuser," Satan refers to "the enemy," and Beelzebub is the "Lord of the Flies."

We often make two great errors in dealing with Satan. One is making too little of him by blaming other forces for our problems. The other mistake is to make too much of Satan, to blame everything on him. (continued next page)

The Devil made Me Do It (continued)

While Satan has the power to tempt, he cannot make us yield. The Scripture teaches that "every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed" (James 1 :14). Someday God will hold us responsible; each one of us shall "give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). Then we won't be able to blame the devil. And part of the sickness of our society is that we have lost this sense of personal responsibility.

In facing temptation we must also know our resources. We are not fighting on our own. The heart of the gospel is that "Christ died for our sins" (Romans 5:8), and that He came to this world to "destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8). When we receive the Holy Ghost into our lives, enthrone Him as Lord, trust in His redeeming blood, discipline ourselves to walk in Him, and learn to look to Him in times of temptation, then sin will not have dominion over us!

Don't try to face temptation on your own. As a little boy said, "When the devil comes knocking at my door, I just send Jesus to answer it!"

We also need to know a strategy for handling temptation. First of all, anticipate temptation! Make a list of your weak points, be they lust, laziness, covetousness, procrastination. Then watch those times when you're idle or overtired and most likely to get in trouble. Stay away from the old hangouts and the crowd which feeds your temptation. Watch, pray and be vigilant!

And then, resist the devil. Temptation must be resisted at the very beginning. First, it comes as a thought ... then an imagination ... then a desire ... then an act. If you wait until you're ready to commit the act, it's too late! Discipline the beginnings and the ends will take care of themselves.

We can resist the devil as Jesus did, by speaking to him by name. At the first sign of temptation, say, "Satan, in the name of Jesus, go away!"

" Using Jesus' name reminds us that we're not strong enough and that we're depending on Him. Now Satan will know that he's not dealing with weak you and me but with the One who defeated him at the cross. Then say, as Jesus did, "It is written ... " and quote a verse of Scripture that applies to that particular temptation. (This is why it's so important to memorize some Scripture passages that bear on your weak points.)

Then, focus on Jesus. Draw a mental picture of yourself as you think God wants you to be. Hold onto that picture, and stop struggling. Don't try to struggle with the powers of darkness past these first three steps. It's time to let God step in and battle. At this point He will always step in and provide a way out—perhaps through a phone call, a letter, someone you meet, something to do. Look for God's way out; take it; pass through temptation and thank Him right away!

Finally, if you do fail, you need to know how to recover. If you sin, don't let guilt overwhelm you. Confess that sin, get up and start moving again! The Apostle John was writing to Christians when he said, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1 :9).

Today, crown Christ as Lord of your life. Keep your mind on Him, not because He may execute you, but because He was executed for you, because He loved you and because He died to forgive you.

Let that living Christ reign in your life and sin shall not have dominion over you!

We do not err because truth is difficult to see. It is visible at a glance. We err because this is more comfortable Alexander Solzhenitsyn

People often claim to hunger for truth, but seldom like the taste when it's served up. George R.R. Martin

\$ \$ I Can Get It Wholesale \$ \$

DO THE WORDS of this title sound familiar? In our Western world, we have seen the so-called discount houses springing up everywhere, from the large cities to the smallest villages. And the wise modern shopper seems determined not to pay the list price for anything.

On a typical Saturday morning, one may see shoppers driving from one end of town to the other, hands filled with coupons, taking advantage of special items in different stores, with little or no concern for the time involved, or the expenses incurred in "chasing" these bargains.

The wise merchandiser has learned the value of slogans and motivating "come-ons" in selling his wares.

Common sayings like these are read or heard daily: Pay Less, Discount Prices, Clearance Sale, Bargain Counter, Bonus Days, and I Can Get It for You Wholesale. Yes, people do not want to pay the full price.

A feeling kindred to this has permeated much of our judicial system. Vandals, hoodlums, thieves and murderers go about their destructive ways, with little or no fear of having to pay the full price for their crimes. They know that somewhere there is an attorney who can get them a discounted" sentence.

This same terrible evil has been noted in the church world. "Religious shoppers" go from church to church in pursuit of the "best buys, the discounts," where they may find a hireling merchandiser (preacher) who promises to "get it for them wholesale." They seek a place where they won't have to be holy.

Beware of the "religious broker" who tells you that it will cost you less at his place: that women may cut their hair, and that those burdensome holiness standards are carry-overs from a previous age. Beware! What may look like a bargain now may have a "balloon note" that will come due some day without notice.

There are those who imply, by their actions, that if people are not saved to some extent, they may be lost in a measure. But we must declare to eternity-bound souls that people are either saved or lost. Nothing short of the new birth experience of repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and a continued holy life will suffice when we stand at the "check out" counter of eternity.

Let us not forget that Jesus paid the full price for our salvation. He drank the whole cup. There were no discounts. The price tag may have seemed extremely high, but we were valuable to Him. He considered His church and His people worth every sacrifice.

If you are unprepared today for Jesus' coming, as a result of searching for a religious "discount," cease such searching, and pay the full price. One day you will stand before Jesus the Judge. His decision concerning your eternal destiny will be final. There will be no reprieve, no extension, no appeal. We are told in His Word: "... the wages of sin is death." At the judgment, the sinner will pay the full price. "

Remember this: Eternal life in heaven is cheap at any cost. But no one can get it for you wholesale.

Look back & Thank God. Look forward & Trust God

Words of Wisdom

Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realizing you were the prisoner.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire? –

If you're broken-hearted today, God has good news that says "weeping may endure for the night but joy comes in the morning". –

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. –

When you start going through life saying "I can," you will! It's that simple....



The Mystery of God in Jesus Christ

By Robert Sabin

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: 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" 1 Timothy 3:16

YOU WILL never hear more truth than what you just read from the Book of I Timothy.

The history of man reads much like a popular "who dunit" mystery story. The most recent chapter was conducted in the courts of California, where a (and I emphasize a and not the verdict was rendered: "The origins of man and his universe must be from henceforth taught on a tentative basis. No more dogma from either the scientific end or the religious end of the question. If evolution is taught [in other words, that chance and time combined to bring about all things; if that is taught, and it certainly will be], it must be presented as a theory and not as a fact"-at least so said the Superior Court of California. Creation, on the other hand, cannot be presented in the classroom at all, and so the mystery continues. Who made us?

Where did we come from? Where did everything come from? Is there a supreme being? What is He like? Is He a he? Or as some think, perhaps a she or even a they, or is it more proper? Or is the supreme being impersonal, as someone has said, a force, a principle, or perhaps just a property of chemicals.

Or in the words of a theologian of modern repute, is He "the ground of our being"? And then the ultimate questions: Do we really care? Does it matter at all? The Revelation of God Since the mystery is millennia old, we conclude today that it does matter, and we do care. It matters much to us. In fact, it is of primary importance; it supersedes all other concerns of ours. We have concluded that there is a God! He has revealed himself.

he can be known, located. He is not just a cosmic blur. And what makes us think that we can know? Briefly and without argument, the Bible is God's revelation of Himself and how He relates to His creation and to man in particular. Now, let us stop for a moment. How can we really know anything? Some say the best way to know anything is by reason, or rationalism. So, like Rodin's thinker, we pose and meditate. But how much information do we really have about God in our minds? We find that conclusions based upon rationalism alone have led man down: some strange, bizarre, religious paths.

We may feel that we can know by intuition. Here again, I may have intuitive feelings that there are men on Mars (not so, by the way), and you may intuitively feel that the center of the earth is populated by a strange breed of creatures. Both of us, in these cases, would be entirely wrong. We were led wrong by our intuitions. In this situation we can know that we are wrong by what science has discovered.

There is still another way we can know something, and that is by revelation: at least two kinds of revelation-a natural revelation or the created universe, and biblical revelation.

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The Bible tells us in Romans the first chapter that we can know about God. He can be understood by the things that He has made, even His eternal power and Godhead. The psalmist tells us that the "heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork" (Psalm 19:1).

We find that God's Word is indeed revealed to us in the created universe He has made, but it is a distorted universe. It has been distorted by the fall of mankind, by sin. It does not depict in total accuracy God's true nature. The scientists have certainly reached different conclusions about God by what they have seen in the universe.

May I tell you right now that some scientists have indeed declared that there is a God. Wernher Von Braun, the rocket expert stated: "I believe in immortal soul. Science has proved that nothing disintegrates into nothingness. Life and soul therefore cannot disintegrate into nothingness and so we are immortal." Albert Einstein said, "For this, the man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless is not merely unfortunate but almost disqualified for life." A physicist, George Davis wrote, "If a universe could create itself, it would embody the powers of a creator and we should be forced to conclude that the universe itself is God." Sir Isaac Newton, the famous mathematician, said, "I do not know what I appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore, diverting myself and now and then finding a smoother pebble, or a prettier than ordinary shell, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me." The great astronomer, Johann Kepler, said these words: "I gave myself over to my rapture, I tremble, my blood leaps, God has waited 6,000 years for a looker on to His work. His wisdom is infinite. That of which we are ignorant is contained in Him as well as the little that we know."

Yes, these scientists concluded that there is a God.

Now let me quote from one of the leading evolutionists of our day: "The ultimate mystery [in other words, the mystery of creation] is beyond the reach of scientific investigation and probably of the human mind. The origin of the cosmos and the casual principles of its history remain unexplained and inaccessible to science. The first cause is not known, and I suspect that it never will be known to living man. We may, if we are so inclined, worship it in our own ways, but we are 'certainly not able to comprehend' it" (George Gaylord Simpson, noted evolutionist). He declared that it is impossible for man, by his mind alone, even the world, to conclude anything about the first cause. And so, we are left (thank God we are not destitute) to look at what God has revealed to us about Himself in His Word.

The way in which we can come to the know

The Mystery of Jesus Christ

Who is God? What is He like? Who is Jesus Christ? What is He like? Is He different from God? Is He God?

Let us consider this central question of the person of Jesus Christ. Why is it important to know about Jesus Christ? The reason is that He claimed to be the Savior of the world and others claimed this position for Him also. But He could not be the Savior if He is not also God, the Creator of the universe.

Where shall we look for the answer? At the most authenticated literature that is known to the human race, the Word of God.

First of all, let me tell you that there are two clusters of scriptural passages in the Bible, in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. One cluster has to do with the person of God, the Creator. The other cluster has to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.

To some, these scriptural verses seem to be mutually exclusive. Not everyone you know believes Jesus is who He claimed to be.

Some think He is our elder brother who pre-existed in an ante-mortal world and then was born into this mortal existence to undergo a period of probation.

Others think He is one of a family of god-beings. Others think He is an angel, the highest created being perhaps, but a demigod, not really the mighty God. And still others think He is a prophet, along with Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed and others. What does the Bible claim Him to be?

The Oneness of God

Let us look first of all at that first cluster of scriptural passages, those verses of Scripture that have to do with God's absolute, indivisible oneness.

The Bible rings out in Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD." In Malachi 2:10: "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?" Isaiah 46:9: "For I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me." Isaiah 42:8: "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, Neither my praise to graven images."

In Isaiah 43:10-14, the Lord Jehovah said, "I am he" not "we are they." But "I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour." In Isaiah 44:6, Jehovah, the King of Israel, says: "I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." There is no eternal progression of gods=no successive revelation of gods-"beside me there is no God." Isaiah 44:8: "Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any."

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Now who is speaking in all of these verses? Jehovah God. Whenever we find the word Lord in all capitals, L-O-R-D, in the King James Version, it represents the Hebrew tetragrammaton, that four letter, four consonant word in the Hebrew language which has been translated Jehovah, the most sacred that Jehovah is speaking in all of these instances in the Old Testament telling us that He is absolutely one.

In Isaiah 45:21 we read, "Who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me." That one God was absolutely alone in creation. Malachi 2:10:

"Hath not one God created us?" And Isaiah 44:24 declares unequivocally, "I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself." Malachi 3:6: "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

So we find that the Lord was absolutely alone, in creation. No collateral person; were with Him.

The Old Testament also declares to us that no other one was ever to be brought into being to be God.

The Lord said, "I am the first; I am the last; beside me there is no God." What about Jesus Christ? He claimed to be God, and the Bible claimed Him to be God. Colossians 1: 17 says, "He is before all things John the Baptist was physically older than Jesus Christ, and yet John said, "He was before me." I John 1:1 says, "That which was from the beginning." I John 2:13 tells us that He is the One "that is from the beginning." In John 17:5, Jesus said He was "before the world was." How about these things? It looks as if we have two beliefs which are mutually exclusive. If one is true, the other cannot be. If God is one, and He is alone, and was never to be succeeded by another person who would be God, and if Jesus Christ claimed to be God, then either He is an impostor, or He must be indeed that one God who revealed Himself in the Old Testament as Jehovah, the Creator of the universe.

Jesus Christ- God Manifest in Flesh

Well, the conflict that seems to exist melts away, and the mystery is resolved when we read what the Bible tells us about the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells us that the one true God, the Spirit, the Creator, the only divine being, invisible, was manifest in the flesh. I Timothy 3:16: "God was manifest in the flesh."

Colossians 2:9: "For it is in Christ that the complete being of the Godhead dwells embodied" (New English Bible). The King James Version reads, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Colossians 1:19, New English Bible: "For in him the complete being of God, by God's own choice came to be." And the words of Paul in the King James Version, of II Corinthians 5:19: "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

So the great God, the Creator of the universe, the only divine being, actually came into this world in the flesh or body of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 1 :23 makes it so plain: "Behold, a virgin ... shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

In John 14, Jesus talked with the disciples, speaking a bout the Father: "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" (John 14:7-9). Our Lord Jesus Christ possessed the attributes of God. He was omnipresent. He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). He said, "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" (John 3:13), declaring unto them that while He was here on earth, the Spirit that was in Him radiated out through Him to all known expanse. He possessed eternity. He said, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58). In Revelation 22:13, He said, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." How much like that is to Isaiah when Jehovah said, "I am the first and the last." Now Jesus says, "I am the first and the last." Are these two persons that are eliminating each other as potential deities? Absolutely not! The same person is speaking at two different times in the history of His revelation to mankind. He speaks to them as Jehovah of the Old Testament and then speaks to them as Jehovah manifest in the flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ, in the New Testament.

Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). Some will declare, "Since it was given unto Him, somebody had to give it unto Him." In John 12:45, the Bible declares that Jesus said, "He that seeth me seeth him that sent me."

Friends, He was not only the One to whom the power 'was given, but He also was the One who gave the power. He was the Priest and He was the Sacrifice; He was God and He was the incarnate God, the man Christ Jesus. You can behold the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. He had to be who He was to do what He did. What did He do? He came to save the world. He died for the sins of the world. He died to save you. End

Think On These Things

"Soft the Voice of Mercy Sounded"

Soft the voice of mercy sounded,
Sweet as music to the ear;
Grace abounds where sin abounded, This the
word that soothed our fear; Grace, the sweetest
sound we know, Grace to sinners here below.

Grace we sing, God's grace through Jesus; Grace,
the spring of peace to man; Grace, that from
each sorrow frees us; Grace, too high for thought
to scan; Grace, the theme of God's own love;
Grace, the theme all themes above.

~ By Thomas Kelly (1769-1854) ~

**“There is no life as complete as the life
that is lived by choice.”**

God's Grace

Ephesians 2:5

Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with
Christ, by (grace ye are saved;)

Ephesians 2:8

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of
yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man
should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ
Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we
should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made
nigh by the blood of Christ.
Oh the grace of God! We, who were far from God, are made
nigh through the blood of Christ Jesus!

What a blessing to know that we were sinners and now are called
Saints-- because we have been saved by grace through faith! it is
offered freely to ALL who will obey God's Word, in
repentance, baptism in Jesus name and the infilling of the Holy
Ghost Grace now abounds where sin abounded.

Oh, we can never be "good enough" for Heaven--but we are
made righteous because of Christ Jesus! Grace-- salvation
through Christ-- the most awesome gift bestowed to us all!

God's Invisible Breath

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."
And a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to
me!" And the thunder rolled across the
sky. But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see
you." And a star shone brightly.
But the man did not notice. And the man shouted,
"God, show me a miracle!" And a life was born.
But the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair.
"Touch me God, and let me know that you are here!"
Whereupon God reached down and touched the
man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and
walked on.

MORAL: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't
packaged the way you expect.

Author Unknown -

When God measures a man, he puts the
tape around the heart.

Faith means that you have peace even
when you don't have all the answers

Don't look where you fell, but
where you slipped.

Confessing your sins is no substitute
for forsaking them.

Those who walk with God reach their
destination.

If you don't like the way you
were born, try being born again.

A family altar can alter a family.

Don't wait for the hearse to take
you to church.

The Pit

A man fell into a pit and couldn't get himself out.
A subjective person came along and said, "I feel for you down there."
An objective person walked by and said, "It's logical that someone would fall
down there." A Pharisee said, "Only bad people fall into pits."
A mathematician calculated how deep the pit was.
A news reporter wanted the exclusive story on the pit.
A self-pitying person said, "You haven't seen anything until you've seen my pit."
A fire-and-brimstone preacher said, "You deserve your pit."
A Christian Scientist observed, "The pit is just in your mind."
A psychologist noted, "Your mother and father are to blame for your being in that
pit." A self-esteem therapist said, "Believe in yourself and you can get out of that
pit."
An optimist said, "Things could be worse."
A pessimist claimed, "Things will get worse."

**Jesus, seeing the man, took him by the hand and lifted
him out of the pit.**

Author Unknown -

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