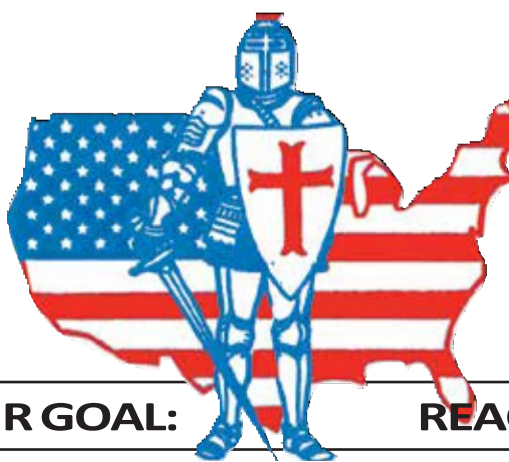




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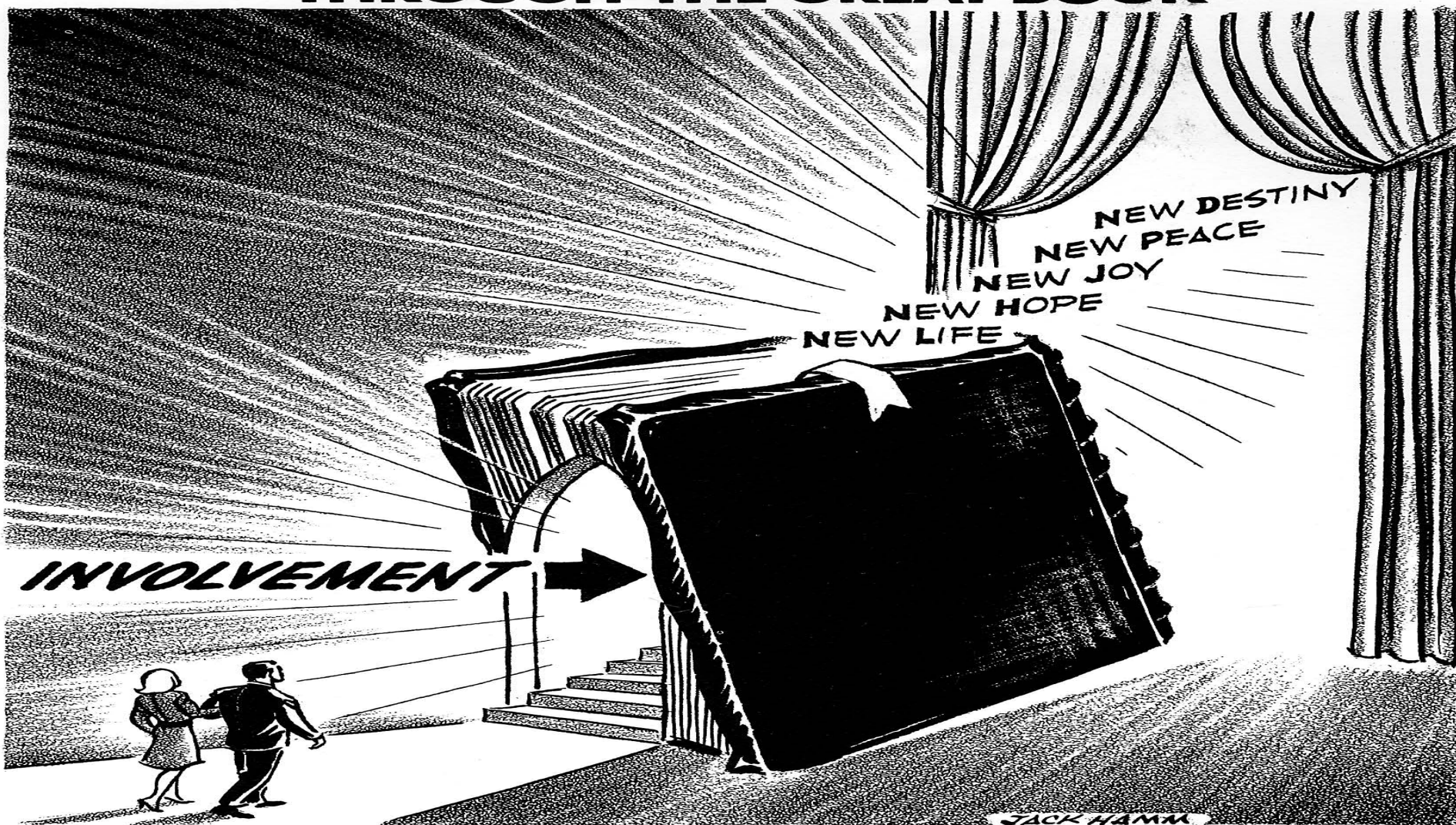
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CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Greetings to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ We are living in very uncertain times. Everywhere I turn in print, on the radio, friends, family, everyone is talking about this coronavirus and the unrest and violence .

Fears are rising all around the world. People who have never felt anxious before are suddenly weighed down with worry and are not sure what to do next. Schools are closed, travel is banned events canceled, even churches with more than 250 people have to close their doors. People are looking for answers and help People are at a loss when they're motivated by fear and uncertainty.

In these uncertain times, the Bible assures us that there are some truths that we can know for certain. The early church was no stranger to plagues, epidemics, and mass hysteria. They experienced their fair share of uncertainty and even panic. So, in 1 John 5, the apostle John directs believers' attention to things we can be certain about even in uncertain times truths that cannot be denied and will never change. Given the current climate of fear and uncertainty, I thought today would be a good day to focus on the things we can be sure of.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we can know that we have eternal life. God has gone on record in His Word offering eternal life 1 John 5:11-12

We can also be certain about our prayers.

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him (1 John 5:14-15 .

Another truth of which we can be sure is that God hears and answers our prayers. Now more than ever, Christians ought to be responding not in panic, but in prayer. We have so much to pray about. We need to pray for our leaders. We need to pray for decision makers. We need to pray for governments around the world. We need to pray for the people who are already afflicted by this virus. We need to pray for those who are especially vulnerable—the elderly, those who are already sick, or have immune deficiencies, the lost. In uncertain times, it so essential that Christians choose prayer over panic! And when we pray, we can be certain that God is listening. We know that he hears us because we know His word is true.

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**Question:**

Where did God begin? (Where did God come from?)

Answer:

God has no beginning. He simply exists and is described in the Scriptures as being everlasting to everlasting.

– Psalm 90:1-2

1. Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God.

Question :

What did Jesus' death accomplish for man?

Answer:

It brought about the redemption of man and also allowed the reconciliation of all things in Christ.

Colossians 1:20

And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Questions & Answers

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.
Prov 16:16

Question:

What is meant by Baptism of the Holy Ghost?

Answer:

It is a unique experience by which God's Spirit comes to dwell in the heart of the believer. The first demonstration of this outpouring in the New Testament was on the day of Pentecost, providing fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.

Joel 2:28-29

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophecy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days I will pour out My Spirit.

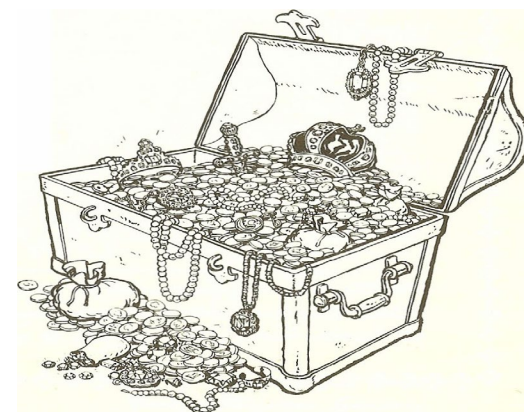
Ezekiel 36:26-27

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them.

“Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil”

Prov 3:7



The Family Altar

Deuteronomy 6: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and thou risest up."

These words have been echoing down through the ages, clapping as thunder and stirring hearts of concerned parents everywhere. There is no greater time than now for family altars to be established in every Christian home. The pressure of the outside world, the influence of the schools, and the devilish spirit of the last days calls for a new consecration upon every parent to once more set up the most important facet of the home, the Family Altar.

The Family Altar is a place where the Bible is read, questions are asked, discussions are held; then time for an old fashioned prayer meeting. Never should a child be sent out the door in the morning to face a cold, ungodly world, with-out first having a time of prayer and knowing God is with him.

Children are self-willed and ignorant to the teachings of the Bible. They will never instinctively develop into saints. While their secular education must not be forgotten, their religious training must be first and most diligent God's ways and truths should not only be taught but the utmost diligence must be used to help them understand them

This is sometimes a difficult task for parents, and it requires much patience, much prudence, and much judgment But God will be with you and will supply what you lack. "The most precious legacy you can leave your children is a thoroughly sound Christian education This will never be finally and forever forgotten; for the worst and most distant aberration from God, some early light struck out in the early years of childhood, will leap like a live spark from memory, as was the case with John Newton When a prodigal at the helm in a tempestuous sea the text, forgotten for years, but taught him by his mother in the nursery, was the first on which turned his everlasting and happy destiny." Some people may say, "Oh, let the church do it," or, "I'm too busy," or "It's not all that important" But the Bible admonishes, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" It also tells us to teach when we get up in the morning, while we are walking down the street, going on a trip, or lying down at night Speaking about little things, I once heard the story of a mighty oak standing on the hillside. It had been struck by lightning 14 times and had battled hundreds of storms, yet there it stood in majestic dignity. A few years later, the tree, once so stately and majestic, was dead. When asked what had happened to the beautiful old oak tree, a countryman told the story. An army of ants had attacked the tree. The tiny creatures first burrowed under the bark, then gradually worked their way into the tree's heart At last the great oak, which had weathered the storms and lightning fell before the tiny ants. Zechariah 4: 10 asks, "Who hath despised the day of small things?" Little things make up the important things. Hearts have been broken because of little things.



fortunes have been made by attending to the smallest details. Don't minimize the little things. Remember, next time you think, "We won't do it today." "There is too much to be done, we'll make up for it tomorrow." There may never be a tomorrow.

You are helping mold a life for God What we teach them today depends a lot on what they will be tomorrow. Let us fall on our knees and pray for God to give us wisdom to bring up our children in the way He would have us to do. I remember my childhood days.

Never a day passed but what my father or mother would awaken us six children at six in the morning for prayer and Bible study. A lot of the truths I hold dear to my heart were planted there in those early morning Bible studies. I'll never forget the sound of my parents praying and crying unto God for their children. I owe a lot to my mother and father for taking time out and sacrificing a little "flesh" so I could be saved today.

Not only be saved, but also know what it means to travail in prayer and feel that sweet communication with Jesus. He was made a little more real to me because of our family altar.

Like Hannah of old, let us teach our children the way of the Lord. Let us create an atmosphere of prayer in our home and let Jesus feel welcome at all times. This can only come by having a Family Altar.

by Joy Haney

God's Sovereign Law For His Church

By Stanley W. Chambers

I want to speak of God's sovereign law, not for the world, but for His church.

The word "sovereign" means "a royal command; greatest in rank, authority or power; supreme."

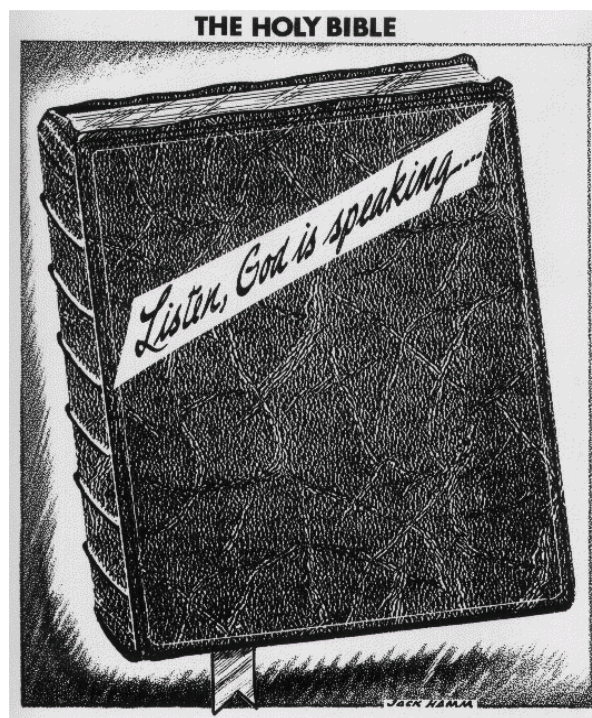
Back in the days of Daniel and the Hebrew children, King Nebuchadnezzar signed a decree. It was a sovereign decree, it was a royal command that anyone who would not bow down and worship the king's image should be cast into a furnace of fire. Another king, Darius, also signed a decree, a royal command, a sovereign law, that anyone making a petition to any god except the king himself would be cast into a den of lions. Those were solemn, supreme, royal commands. God also has a sovereign, supreme, royal command for the church today. And that sovereign law says, "If ye fulfill the royal law of God ... Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well." You shall give the .. same consideration to your neighbor that you do to yourself. Then this becomes God's sovereign law, the royal law of God. Jesus said that His people would be recognized in the world by the fact that they loved one another.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

There is a parable in the second chapter of James. The theme of the chapter is something that is plaguing the world today. Prejudice, partiality, favoritism, discrimination the same spirits that are rocking the world today-are contained as the theme of this chapter. Discrimination is a popular subject today.

We have discrimination among the races, discrimination among the sexes, discrimination in age, and discrimination in nationalities. The world is being plagued with all of these kinds of discrimination today.

For some reason or other, James thought the church was going to be plagued with these things, because he devoted a chapter to it.



These spirits shake homes. These spirits shake large corporations. These spirits shake political parties. They shake nations and they shake churches. Yes, the spirit of partiality, favoritism and discrimination shakes churches.

In the parable in the second chapter of James, the only difference mentioned between the two men is their appearance. One wore a gold ring on his finger, and expensive clothing. So he was told, "We have a special seat over here for you because you look nice, like someone we want in our church. You look like you might have some money and prestige, so we'd like to have you sit up here on this special seat."

The second man wore vile raiment and was very poor. And they said, "You go over there in the corner, or sit here on the floor." The only difference between him and the other man, so far as was known, was his poor appearance. But he was put down in a low seat.

No consideration was given to the heart and the spirit of the two men.

That first man who looked so nice and was dressed so expensively may have been the worst adulterer in the town. He may have been a "God robber." He may have been the biggest hypocrite around. He may have been an under-miner (one who gets underneath and tears out the foundation of good things.) But he was put on a pinnacle because he looked nice.

The poor man may have been God-fearing. He may have been a praying man, a loving man. He may have been real, genuine and honest. But he was put down on the floor or in a corner where nobody could see him. Perhaps someone said, "You're not going to have much of a church with that kind of people."

Sometimes today we want the well-dressed man to be part of our church. We want the one who lives in the beautiful home, drives the big automobile, has a big income, and is prominent in the community. If that is what we're trying to build a church out of, it won't work. It won't work! Regardless of men's position in life, regardless of what their apparel may be, we can build churches, strong churches, only with God-loving men, with praying men, with men rich in faith. It is entirely possible for us to tolerate some, and exalt some, and cast out others. God give us a love for men and women. God give us a love for souls, regardless of who they are or how they look, how they're dressed, how they behave, God help us to love them.

Too many times we assume the position of judging. Perhaps a certain preacher preaches too long. Maybe he gets too demonstrative. So we'll push him over in the corner and put him down. We say, "We don't need you; you're not our kind of preacher."

And then there's the other fellow who is not so demonstrative. He's not what we might consider unusual in the pulpit. And we say, "You're too conservative. You're not spiritual enough for me; you get over here in the corner."

Prejudice! Respect of persons! Did God make us judges of one another? And did He tell us to put one up and put one down? Did He tell us to judge men by their demonstration, by their actions, by their words? God judges men by their hearts and by their fruits. He never did tell us to judge men by the way they look.

God's royal law says, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Love is a spirit. It gets hold of people and makes them do strange things. Someone in love may be with you but he's not paying any attention to what you are saying or what you are doing. He's thinking about

s o m e b o d y across town or somewhere in another state that he is in love with.

The people of God also do strange things when they fall in love with Him. You know what they do? They love their enemies. Oh, you mean their friends? No, anyone can love his friends; it takes a real Christian to love his enemies.

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God's Sovereign Law For His Church *(continued)*

People with Christian love are kind to their false accusers. They pray for those who despite-fully use them. Real love transcends all natural feelings to do otherwise. Your natural feelings say hate your enemies, but the real love of God says love them. With real love, you don't care whether a man is dressed poorly or richly; you treat them both alike, because each one has a soul that needs to be saved. Real love binds you to other people, whether far or near. You don't have to be around them all the time to love them. Real love transcends all distance barriers.

When we as individuals, as officials, as ministers, as an organization, become too big to love, we will die. Let's get just as big as God will let us get, but, along with our bigness, let's retain our love for one another. When we get so big that we quit loving one another, we are too big.

What is the importance of love? James pointed it out. He said, it is so important that if you don't love, you are guilty of breaking the whole law. One guilt means violation or transgression of the whole law. So we can't afford to drop one point of that law, or we become guilty of all of it. Love is to the Christian what skin is to the body; it keeps infection out, it keeps the germs out. I can cut one portion of my body until it bleeds. What have I done? I have broken the skin. If that isn't properly taken care of, it will cause infection in the body. And infection, if it is not taken care of, will destroy the whole body. That's how vital love is to us. Oh God, don't let us "break the skin." Help us to keep out those things that will cause spiritual infection in us; those things that will infect the whole body if not controlled. I can allow my foot to become infected, and say, "Well, that's just my foot." But if that infection is not controlled, if it's not caught in time, it can destroy my whole body. And there are infections that get into the body of Christ, and seek to destroy it.

We can let pride get in our hearts, and think there's nobody quite as good as we are. We are the best; we are supreme. Be careful, infection is going to set in. False claims, a "life inconsistent with our preaching, a professed holiness (only professed, not possessed), and lots of other things will cause infection to set in. Paul said, "I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." That ought to be the cry and heartthrob of every preacher.

Why are we hurt, why are we wounded, when another one errs, or falls into sin? It's because we love the body, and the body has been wounded. Why are we hurt, when someone plays the hypocrite? Because the body has been wounded. Why are we hurt, why do we feel so badly when we see hatred in someone else's heart? Because the body that we are a part of has been wounded.

God give us as good a code of ethics as lawyers and doctors have. Not very many of them have the Holy Ghost, but they have something everybody needs—a respect for one another. They differ, they don't always agree, but they never cross one another up. Doctors do not advertise, they do not try to outdo one another. You can hardly make them contradict one another, even when they want to. Oh God, give us a love and a respect for one another!

Let us consider the opposite of love for just a moment, and that's hatred. This is the kind of spirit that separates companions, that separates families, that separates individuals, and that separates churches. It is a terrible spirit.

"Well, Lord, how am I doing? Lord, how am I getting along as a Christian?" If you love your brother, if you love your neighbor, if you love people, if you love God with a genuine love, you're doing well.

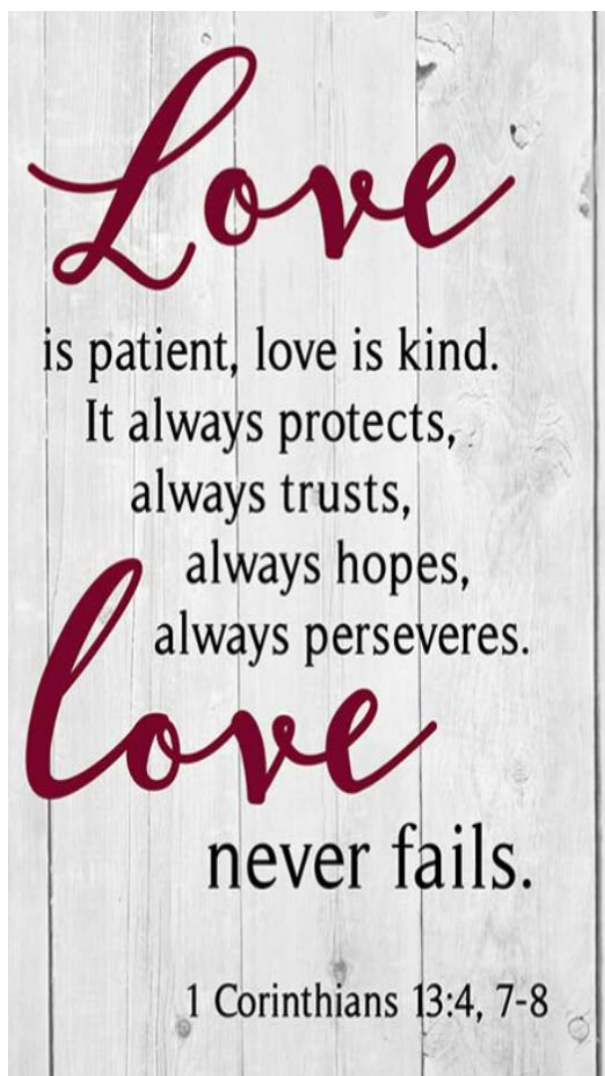
Romans 12:9 says, "Let love be without dissimulation." This means without hypocrisy. When you say, "I love you," mean it with all your heart. If you have respect of person in your heart, if you have prejudice in there, if you have hatred in there, you commit sin.

Speaking of the works of the flesh, Paul said, "They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." And one of those things is hatred.

Jesus gave us a parable of ten virgins. All ten had lamps, all ten were looking for the bridegroom, all ten slumbered and slept, all ten heard the cry, "The bridegroom is coming," all ten rose to meet the bridegroom and trimmed their lamps. All ten of them wanted into the marriage supper. But that's where the parallel ends. Five of them are called wise because they were filled-filled with the Spirit. In their vessels they had enough oil to keep their lamps burning. The other five are called foolish because they didn't have enough oil. They let the Spirit ebb from their lives until they lost their light. So they said, "We'll borrow some oil from the others," but the wise virgins said, "Nothing doing; this is every man for himself, if we give you some, we may not have enough. You go buy your own as we did." While they were gone, the bridegroom came and they were left out. They knocked on that door, and I believe they pounded and almost wore their knuckles bare, trying to get into the marriage supper, but they could not make it. And if we let the love of God ease out of our hearts, and lose our love for one another, there is no way that we can make it. We'll never make it through the portals with prejudice, respect of persons or discrimination.

I think we need to promote unity among ourselves. When we speak ill of one another, or in a derogatory way of one another we do dishonor to our own body.

God help us to move into that position of oneness where we really, genuinely, truly love one another. Oh God, make us one in Christ! I propose to you the kind of love that's patient and without envy; the kind of love that's not proud or self-elated; the kind that does not behave itself discourteously. Such love does not cherish evil, but it keeps a good account of the good. It rejoices not at the downfall of an enemy or a competitor, but gladly hails his success. It is hopeful, trusting and forbearing. For such, there is no law, for they need none. They have fulfilled God's Sovereign Law.



Life Still Has Meaning

*If there is a future there is time for mending
Time to see your troubles coming to an ending.
Life is never hopeless however great your sorrow
If you're looking forward to a new tomorrow.
If there is time for praying then there is time for hoping
When through doubt and darkness you are blindly groping.
though the heart be heavy and hurt you may be feeling
If there is time for praying there is time for healing.
So if through your window there is a new day breaking
Thank God for the promise, though mind and soul be aching,
If with harvest over there is grain enough for gleaning
There is a new tomorrow and life still has meaning.*

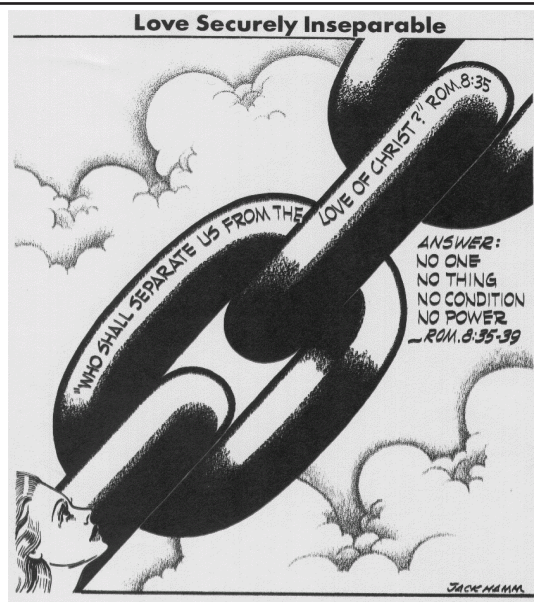
The Bible Doesn't Need to be rewritten : Just Reread

One thing you can give and still keep...is your word.

One who lacks the courage to start has already finished.

The 10 commandments are not multiple choice.

"A faith that hasn't been tested can't be trusted."



One

*One word can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream;
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald Spring.*

*One smile can bring a friendship,
One handclasp can lift a soul;
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One cheer can obtain a goal.*

*One vote can change a Nation,
One sunbeam can lift a room;
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.
One look can change two lives;
One kiss can make love bloom.*

*One step must start each journey,
One word must start each prayer;
One hope can raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.*

*One voice can speak with wisdom,
One heart can know what's true;
One life can make a difference,
One life is me and you....*

By Shawnee Kellie

It's Up To You

*Have you made someone happy,
or made someone sad ?
What have you done with the day
that you had?
God gave it to you to do just as
you would.
Did you do what was wicked or
do what was good?
Did you hand out a smile,
or give'em a frown?
Did you lift someone up or push
someone down?
Did you lighten some load,
or some progress impede?
Did you look for a rose,
or just gather a weed?
What did you do with your
beautiful day?
God gave it to you,
did you throw it away?*

Faith is like radar that sees through the fog the reality of things at a distance that the human eye cannot see." (Corrie Ten Boom)

**Sometimes when you are in a dark place
you think you've been buried,
but actually you've been planted.**

Today

*The past leers accusingly over my shoulder
This you did or didn't do
That you should or shouldn't have.
But the one-way street that life is
Allows no recall nor return,
Let me bend to this nagging,
Let me weep with vain remorse
Then yesterdays arrogant thief
will rob me of TODAY !*

By Nona Freeman

By J.R Ensey

Jesus, the Christ

The coming of Jesus divided history into two distinct sections: B.C. and A.D. The nations recognize time from His birth. printing annual calendars to reflect how many years the world has come from that night when the angels sang. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour. which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2: 11).

Since Jesus Christ made such an impact upon the world. a person might think that all peoples would know about Him. would recognize His name. and explain His mission on earth. But it is not so. On the contrary. the vast majority of people today live in spiritual ignorance. It is said that one-half of all people have not heard of Him. And among many of those who claim to believe in Him. controversy often blurs His person and work. Scholars dissect His words. weigh His inflections. and question His authority. If those who claim to be His disciples are unclear about Him and His mission. how shall the world understand who He is or what His purpose is?

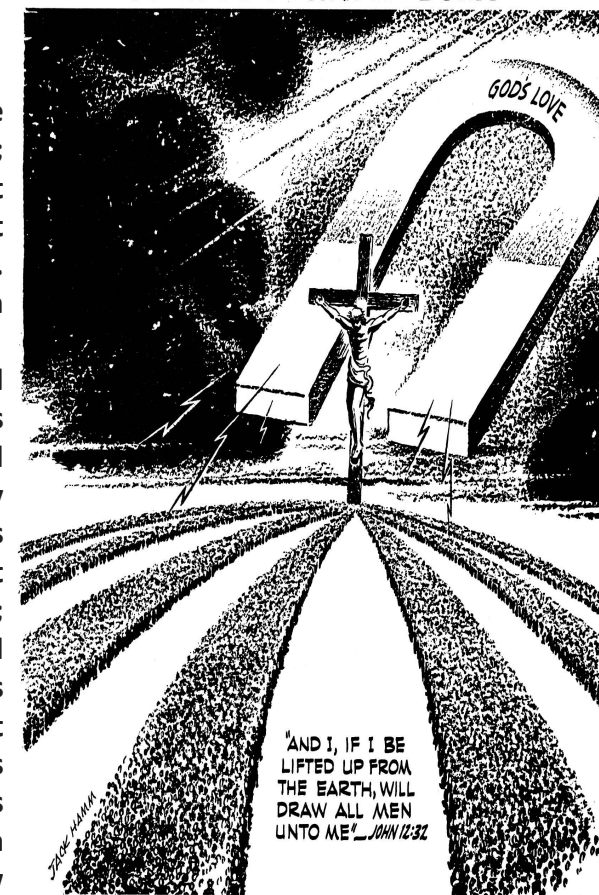
Christianity is about a relationship with Jesus Christ rather than a religious observance or a philosophy of life. This relationship cannot be understood merely by logical conclusions. Natural laws of physics do not apply. for Jesus Christ is beyond the material world or our finite abilities. "He was in the world. and the world was made by him. and the world knew him not" (John 1: 10).

Only by faith can we grasp and appropriate the meaning of Christ's life. death. and resurrection. Faith transcends history—either secular or biblical. Faith lifts Jesus out of the pages of the past. brings Him into the present. and projects Him into the future. He transcends time: "Before Abraham was. I am" (John 8:58)

He did not say. "I was" or "will be" but "I am"—the present tense. Confucius was; Buddha was; Mohammed was but Jesus is the "I Am!" Yet history alone does not prove His deity. That is left to our faith. The Bible records and affirms. experience en-fleshes and confirms. but only faith decides and embraces.

Among philosophers. historians. and nominal Christians the question still is: "Who was Jesus Christ?" Drawing on biblical revelations. confirmed by two thousand years of history. and realized by personal experience. Apostolic Christians emphatically proclaim that Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. He is unique in the universe and time; He came as man and yet He was God; He was God and yet He was man. He was both God and God's means of redeeming fallen, sinful mankind. Christ the Son of God was indwelt by God II Corinthians 5:19; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 10:5). He spoke as God (John 7:46) and He spoke as man (John 19:28). He knew why He was in the world (Luke 2:49). and He completed the work for which He was sent (John 17:4; 19:30).

As the Son of God. He qualified perfectly as the mediator between God and men. Paul wrote of "the man Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 2:5. emphasis added). but then he called Jesus "the only wise God" (I Timothy 1: 17). A man could not mediate between a horse and a monkey because he has the nature of neither. Nor could he mediate between a horse and a man because he does not have the nature of both. A true mediator must have the qualities of both entities. That is why Jesus fully qualifies as our mediator: He has the attributes of both God and man! As Bishop Morris Golder stated. "There is none like Jesus! He came. but He was already here. He went away. but He never left. He became a man. but He did not cease to be God. He was the Creator who became the creature. but He did not cease to be the Creator. He was the first who became the last. but He did not cease to be the first." Indeed. Paul made virtually the same assertion in Philippians 2:5-11:



[Christ] made himself of no reputation. and took upon him the form of a servant. and was made in the likeness of men ... he humbled himself."

God did not cease to be God because He was "found in fashion as a man." but He revealed Himself as a loving Savior and Redeemer (Psalm 113:6; Isaiah 43:3-11; I Timothy 2:3; II Timothy 2: 10; Psalm 78:35; Isaiah 63: 16).

The flesh was a veil for the shekinah (Hebrews 10:20)' a shroud for His glory. The self-humbling was not an abdication but a revelation: "Who being the brightness of his glory. and the express image of his person" (Hebrews 1:3). God has the prerogative to represent Himself in any way He should desire. Being sovereign. He can take any course of action that does not conflict with His divine nature (Numbers 23: 19; James 1:13).

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Jesus, The Christ

How can Jesus be both the Father and the Son as stated in Isaiah 9:6? How can He be both the Lamb and the High Priest. both the purchaser and the price. both the root and the offspring of David? The answer is found in the marvel and wonder of the Incarnation.

Paul wrote to Timothy: "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel" (II Timothy 2:8. emphasis added). These two statements about Jesus Christ reveals that He was a true man; as a man He descended from David. and as a man God raised Him from the dead. Frank Ewart. an early twentieth-century advocate of the oneness of God. often said that even though we know in whom we have believed. there still remains a certain measure of wonder about Him. Perhaps it is enough now to humbly proclaim Him as "my Lord and my God" (John 20:28). One day. however. our questions about the mystery of the Incarnation will be answered. for we shall see Him as he is. "For now we see through a glass. darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known" (I Corinthians 13: 12). Truly Jesus Christ of the Gospels. Jesus Christ of history. the crucified and risen Jesus. and the divine-human Jesus is the most blessed person in history and in our lives. He is the only solution to the terrible destruction of sin and death. the only inspiration for a holy life. and the only Source of joy and peace. Systems of human wisdom will come and go. kingdoms and empires will rise and fall. but Jesus Christ will always be "the way. the truth. and the life" (John 14:6).

A Most Important Voice Today



IN JOURNEYINGS OFTEN ...

The itinerate evangelist is too often taken for granted and unappreciated. Not intentionally, of course. The fact is that this ministry among us has seldom been given its rightful place and respect.

Were it not for the man who is willing to uproot his family and be "in journeyings often" who would freshen our pulpits and challenge our faith for revivals? Who would inspire our congregations to new heights of victory? Who would minister to us those things which God has committed to the evangelistic ministry?

The fresh voice, the new face, the call to deeper involvement is still sorely needed among our churches.

What can pastors do to encourage this ministry? First they can use those men who are on the field full-time. It is good to use a fellow pastor when an evangelist is not available or when a particular need can be met by that pastor's particular ministry. Secondly, he can help insure the perpetuation of the evangelist's efforts by doing his best for him financially. No man should be compelled to leave the field because of insufficient offerings.

In this day of high prices one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars a week or more is not overpaying the evangelist. Granted, all churches cannot give that much but all should do their very best to see that the evangelist and his family are well taken care of.

Thirdly, he can give the evangelist "elbow room" to operate his ministry while conducting a revival in his church. Not all ministers conduct services alike, preach alike, or use the same methods. In the bounds of scripture and ethics the evangelist should be given freedom.

May God give us more men committed to this ministry and grant us the wisdom to put it in its proper perspective.

Bought With A Price

Bought with a price, O what a price!

'Twas Jesus' precious Blood,
That bought our pardon, cleansed
our sin

And brought us nigh to God.
'Twas not the blood of calves or
goats,

That bought our pardon free,
But Jesus Christ's most precious
Blood,

Shed forth at Calvary.
For gold or silver would not do,
Redemption's price to pay;
Naught but the precious Blood of
Christ

Could wash our sins away.
No other Name, no other way,
For sin could e'er atone;
So Jesus shed His precious Blood
Which saves, and His alone.

Author Unknown

Mountains Of Life

Standing on a mountain top along the path of life, we can look out over the hills and valleys of our yesterdays and survey those that lie ahead. There is no way to go back and re-walk this path.

Past experiences, pleasant or unpleasant, remain behind us. But from them we can gain faith and courage to scale the mountains that loom on the horizon of our tomorrows. We are climbers. We ascend to heavenly places with beauty beyond compare. Often the height is frightening and our bodies ache, yet faith keeps us climbing. Not even the most difficult mountain can impede our onward, upward progress.

The high mountains extending into the clouds, wearing halos of heaven, challenge us. Mentally we wander along the steep slopes until our strength is gone, but the voice of God breathes new life into our weary souls.,

"Get thee up into the high mountain. .. lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say ... Behold your God!" (Isaiah 40:9)
"Remember not the former things ... behold, I will do a new thing" (Isaiah 43:18-19).
"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. Isaiah 40:4

The promises from God prepare our hearts for any mountain top, valley, or hillside experience along life's way. As the sun faithfully comes up each morning,

God's compassion shines new and fresh across life's range. Each day brings strength and renewal. Looking back we see a tall peak piercing the cloud that was climbed slowly and desperately. We passed death and heartache in the midst of howling winds, snow and icy peaks. With an aching heart, we inched our way toward the top. Some of our friends rounded the bend above us. There they sat out of our sight on a heavenly hill watching as we climbed nearer. Clutching the promissory note' from our Lord tightly in our hearts "I go to prepare a place for you," we were inspired to keep climbing. After every mountain comes a valley. Some are pleasant and refreshing. Some are filled with fears. After a valley of weeping, we can look back and see the wells and refreshing pools our tears have made. Standing at a low point, we can see small hills around us.

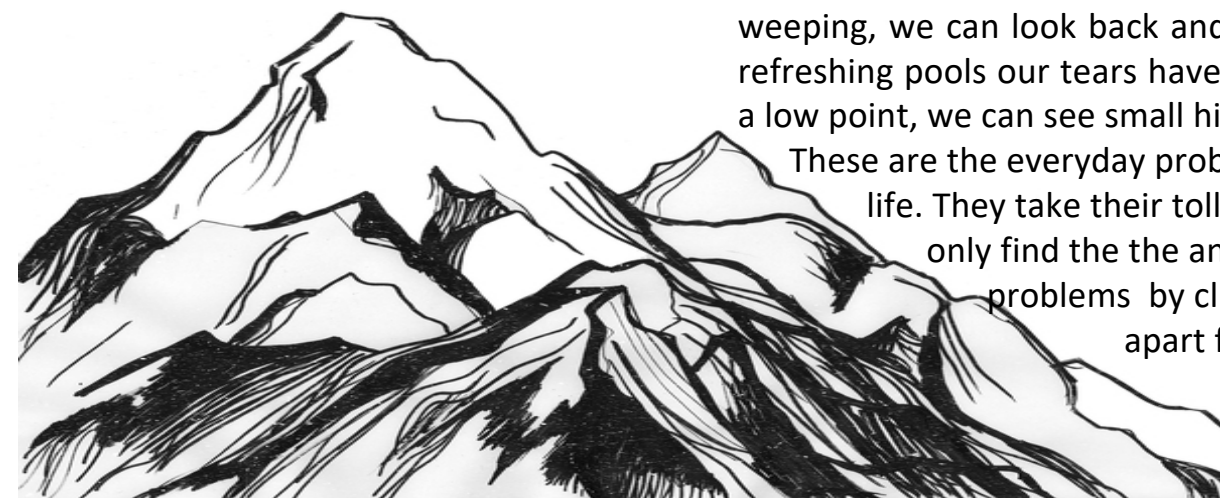
These are the everyday problems, the cares of life. They take their toll on us. We can only find the answer for these problems by climbing a mountain apart from the crowd.

The yellow peak in the distance promises a new experience unknowingly, we set forth to climb the mountain of sickness. The path goes straight up with a narrow, winding trail with no protective railing. The height brings strong winds. Only close friends and loved ones keep us on our feet. Finally, the top comes into sight, and once there we understand this experience.

Yesterday's mountains are reminders of victories and defeats, successes and failures. Tomorrow may bring a higher and more difficult range, but we have past experiences and equipment to aid our climb.

Remembering the strong winds, cold snowy peaks, hills of daily problems and the mountains we could not climb alone, we review the lessons of faith. In our helplessness and despair, we can reach out to God and know His strong grasp will bring us safely over the mountains of this life.

by Estelle Raines



Teach Thy Children Diligently

Teach What?

Teach the family that "The LORD our God is one LORD." Teach them to "fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life ..." (Deuteronomy 6:2).

We cannot transfer our own personal experience to our children. Each generation must seek its own first-hand experience. But if we will teach the Word diligently to our children, a hunger for God will form in their hearts.

Gideon asked the angel of the Lord, "Where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of. ..." (Judges 6: 13). The lack of any supernatural experience in his own generation was in contrast to the teaching from his father and the accounts of past moves of God.

This is what produced the hunger and burden that propelled Gideon to his own experience and to the great actions he is now remembered for.

Timothy was highly recommended to the Apostle Paul in Acts 16:1-2. Why was he such a fine young man? Years later Paul still remembered "the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice ..." (II Timothy 1:5).

"Where is the God of Elijah?" was the cry of Elisha as he found himself on his own for the first time after years of learning at the feet of Elijah. "Where is the God of the apostles?" will be the cry of our children if we will diligently teach them apostolic doctrine, apostolic experience, and apostolic standards. We must still echo the dying pledge of Joshua: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). Joshua 4:6-7 Deut 6:20-21

by G.W.Hassebrock



WHAT is the greatest commandment? Jesus stated, "The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." But the passage He was reciting, Deuteronomy Chapter 6, goes on to add: "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." Verses 7, 8, and 9 tell us to teach diligently when we sit in the house, when we walk by the way, when we lie down, and when we rise up. The Word of God is to be written on our gatepost and hung as signs on our walls.

Our children must know the Word of the Lord. We are so busy that we rush to the meeting, stop by the market, on to the second job, then another trip. This is the fastest moving generation in history. But we must not let the demands of time divert us and cloud our priorities.

Satan is doing all he can to destroy our homes and families. The world is teaching our children everything else but the Word of God. We are deluged on all sides with humanism, immorality, pleasure-seeking, and secularism. The public schools are certainly no help to us. Television is screaming for the attention of the children of our generation. But in spite of all of this pressure from all sides, we must hold fast to our convictions.

We are determined to keep the training of our children a high priority; we are determined we will teach our children the Word of God.

Teach How?

Teach by Example. Example is the first means of training up a child. The little toddler that is too young for a rigid formal classroom has already learned much more than many would suspect just by copying the example of his parents. Teach Personally. From Abraham to Isaac, to Jacob, to Joseph-these godly men must have spent many evenings by the campfire in front of the tent telling and retelling the stories of God's dealing, passing on the divine instructions, and preserving the spiritual heritage.

The Lord said of Abraham in Genesis 18:19, "I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment."

"We must preserve our family altars; we must take advantage of daily Bible-reading times and Bible-story times. As fathers and mothers, we must make sure we have time to spend with our children.

Teach Diligently.

Let no opportunity pass. On the way to Sunday school, talk about the church, explain why we go, tell about the altar. Then as you make sure everyone has an offering to give, explain why we give; quote the verses of Scripture as you help your little boy fill out his own tithe envelope.

When you shake hands with the pastor, remind the children what the Scriptures teach about the ministry. On the way home, review the Sunday school lessons. Let the children retell the Bible stories at home, read the take home papers and quiz the children on the memory verses.

Teach Creatively. Find new ways to learn the Scriptures. Fill the toy box with Bible games. Keep the games and contest going among the children to memorize the most verses.

Give It All You've Got-And Then Some!

By T. F. Tenney

A PLAQUE sets in the window of my home. I t reads, "You only have one chance-give it all you've got!" The message is plain and clear. Life lived at its highest, demands man at his best. This is true in every enterprise, but especially in the kingdom of our God. Kingdom-minded men recognize yet another principle. There is a---"and then some"----spirit.

The proponents of cheap grace would have us believe that our spiritual kingdom is "free from rule." They tend to think that any requirements smack of legalism and are Old Testament sub-culture. Not so. As one writer said:

"If you think the Law was tough on the flesh, try these on for size the Law says that if you commit adultery you've sinned: Jesus taught if you look and lust, you've sinned in your heart. The Law promised retribution for the murderer; Jesus taught the presence of hatred in the heart is equivalent to murder. The Law demands one mile; grace says, 'Go two.' The Law says, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth; grace says, turn your cheek, give them your cloak when they take your coat. The Law says love your neighbor and hate your enemies; grace says love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good for those that hate you, pray for those who spitefully use you. Yes grace is demanding."

There is a second mile coat-plus-cloak spirit that must go with real New Testament Christianity. The Good Samaritan demonstrated this. Look at his record. He stopped; he ministered to the needs of a broken man; he put him on his own beast of burden, fixed up his wounds, gave him to drink, took him to an inn and paid for his keep. I would then say, "Sir, that's enough!"

The Good Samaritan had the "and then some" spirit. Just before he bade them farewell, he said, "Sir, if you spend any more than I've given you on this poor soul, I'll pay you when I come again

put it to work.

You will never be what God intended for you to be in His work if you only do what you have to. We must excel and go beyond. That is not the spirit of our day. The words of

Virginia Brasier in her little poem express it:

This is the age of the half-read page
And the quick hash and the mad dash
The bright night with the, nerves tight
The plane hop with the brief stop
The lamp tan in a short span
The "big shot" in a good spot
The brain strain and the heart pain
The cat nap til the spring snaps
And the fun's done

We are not called to short-cut theology. We are called to give our best-and then some. Often we hear the clamorous declare, "But there are so many faults in the church. How can I give it my best?" I simply say that the church at its worst is better than the world at its best. Who is any more miserable than prosperous worldlings?

Malcolm Muggeridge, Christian author and lecturer, made some observations about our time in an article published in the American Spectator. "Utopianism is, of course, a deep-rooted impulse in human beings; they have a congenial propensity to believe that somehow or other, at one time or another, a golden age will come." He went on to say, "After Eve's sin and Adam's connivance, man is a fallen creature capable of conceiving perfection, but by his very nature fated to be imperfect himself."

This is so true. In the midst of his perplexity man cries, "Nobody cares about me. I feel like a tiny, insignificant speck trapped in the turbulence of humanity, tossed back and forth by forces beyond my control." Living has lost its purpose because unre-generate man has nothing beyond himself to give himself to.

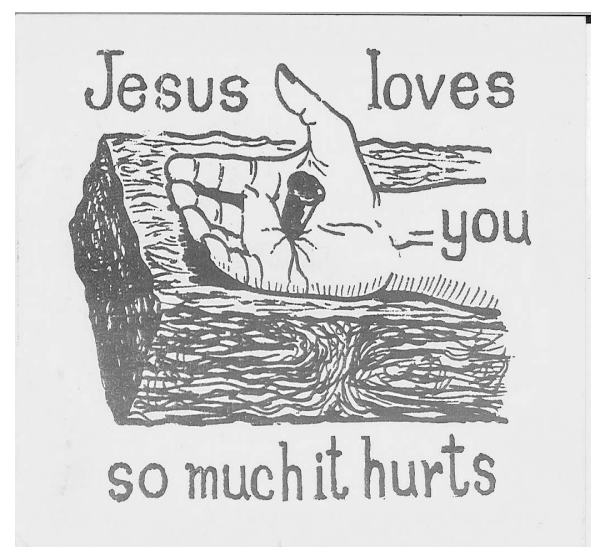
I lift up Jesus as the only answer. As one author said, "God did not call us to be celebrities, He called us to be servants!" Much of the world plays the game today of "who gets the credit." Success is defined by the "three S's-c-size, speed, and sound." Whoever does it the fastest and the biggest and makes the most noise about it is a success by worldly standards.

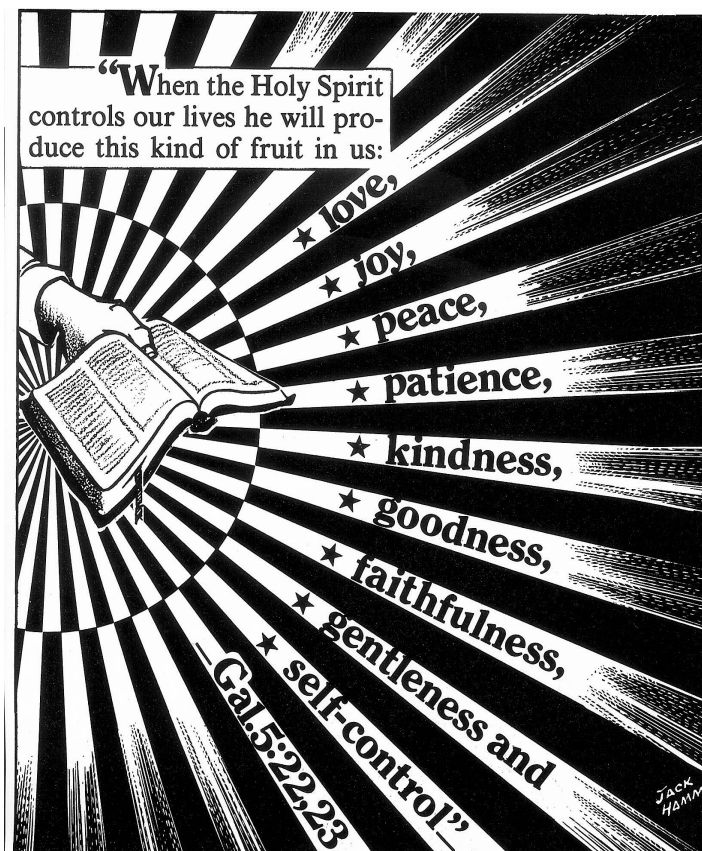
How different this is from the teachings of Jesus! We are taught that after delivering a full measure of service in labor, we are to acquiesce to our master and say, "I have done only that which it, was my duty to do."

But oh, hopeful bliss, to think that some day we will graduate from His kingdom on earth to His kingdom in heaven with a "W.D. -Well Done" degree. That's worth giving your best to. There is but one failure: that is, not to be true to the best that's in use and then some!

Don't make excuses for why you can't get it done. Focus on all the reasons why you must make it happen.

Ralph Marston





In Loving You Give: In Giving You Love

IT IS SAID there is a village in Japan called "the place to leave your mother." In the old feudal days when a mother reached seventy years of age, she was brought to this mountain and left to die. It is told that one young man, carrying his aged mother to this place, found her breaking twigs as they went along. When he asked why she was doing this, she said she was afraid he might lose his way home. The broken branches were to guide him back. The young man was so touched by her love that he could not leave her, but carried her back to his home secretly, since it was against custom to care for an aged mother. She gave him wise counsel in his problems. Finally, friends seeking the source of his wisdom discovered that his aged mother was still with him. The young man confessed what he had done.

By official order, because of one son's devotion to his mother, the custom was abolished. I will mention the loving kindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness ... according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses ... so he was their Saviour. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. Isaiah 63:7-9

"By love serve one another."-Galatians 5:13

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.
Poet: Edgar Daniel Kramer

Do The Right

Courage, brother! do not stumble,
Tho thy path be dark as night;
There's a star to guide the humble -
Trust in God and do the right.

Let the road be dark and dreary,
And its end far out of sight,
Face it bravely! strong or weary -
Trust in God and do the right.

By: Norman Macleod

"The durable riches are only
found in God."

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Think On These Things

And Then Cometh the Evening

Is There A God?

If God made the universe, and folks say that is true,
If God created everything, including me and you,
If God is wise and knows all things because He has the power,
If He's aware of world events each day and every hour,
If God can see the world at large, the carnage man has done:
Destroying what is beautiful and calling destruction fun;
Murdering unborn children because they'll wreck their plans,
And wanting their education, having their own demands,
If God can be an honest God and let these things go by,
No wonder people are aghast and say, "God doesn't even try."
He actually isn't even there; He's just a Christian's crutch.
Their stories are all fables; they're really out of touch!"

But why blame God for what man does? Man has the will to choose.

If self is left in full control he's guaranteed to lose.
God is not pleased with what man does and time will prove He heard,
The cries of those in agony, God listened to each word.

The time of reckoning is at hand, the criminal will pay,
All mercy will be set aside on God's own judgment day.
The history of man's evil deeds will come before the light,
No earthly sanctions will be found, no place to hide in fright.

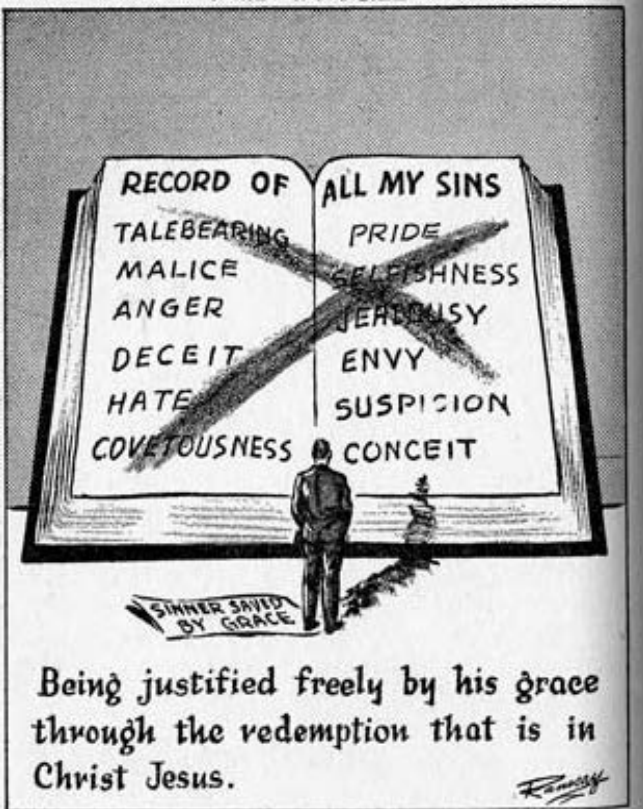
A lifelong time rejecting God will finally see its end,
You'll stand alone to face your fate with no one who'll befriend.

Yes! There's a God, He is alive! His plea to you is real,
While there's still time to save your soul, reply to His appeal.

Don't let your pride stand in your way or shame be your downfall,
Instead, release yourself to God; be still and hear His call.

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The Life of a Christian

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

1 Peter 2:9

The Christian does not spring full grown from the hand of God at conversion. Before him stretches a life of growth and learning, for he has but begun to walk to the heavenly city. It is no mistake that the experience of conversion is called "New birth" for it is but a birth into new life. Thenceforth the Christian must follow on to know the Lord and to be developed into the full measure of the stature of Christ.

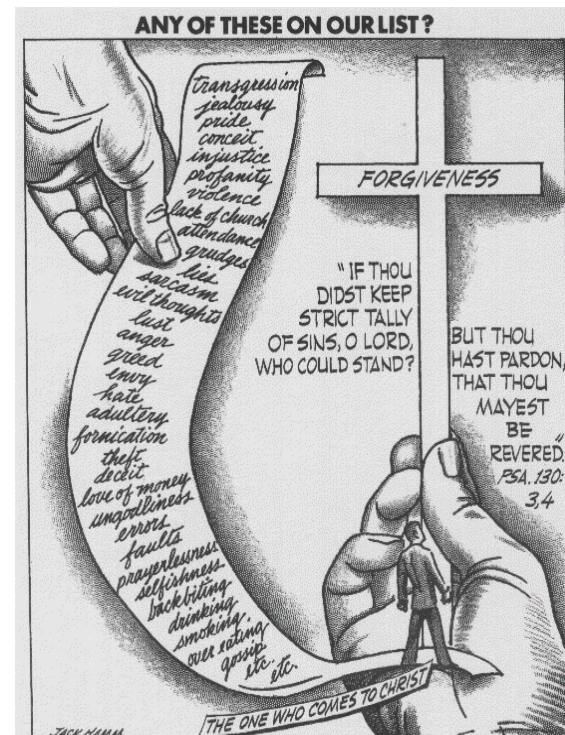
Tests and trials are bound to come; growth is attained only by training and exercise. Learning to live together is necessary; profiting by mistakes and failures is expected. Always before him the Christian must hold the challenge of Christian living and the duty of carrying the gospel to others. Someday life's trials will all be over. Let us live to the full while we have time!

When the cares of life
overwhelm 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.

by: Maria J. Dodge



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