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## FROM THE PEN OF THE EDITOR

**I**N A RECENT Wednesday night Bible Study, we considered the subject of *Laying on Hands*. I would like to share some thoughts from that service, along with added thoughts.

In Genesis 48, we read how Joseph brought his two sons to his father after Jacob had come into the land of Egypt, and how Jacob laid his hands on them, laying his right hand on Ephraim's head. Joseph objected because Ephraim was the younger of the two. Jacob let him know he knew that, and proceeded to tell what the younger son and his seed would do in the future. Then he said what the eldest son and his seed would do in the future. Then in verse 20 we read, "And he [Jacob] blessed them that day."

In Numbers 27:18-23 we read of how God instructed Moses to take Joshua and set him before "Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. ... And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses," thus showing Israel that Joshua had been given authority to help rule.

In Deuteronomy 34:9, after Moses had died and the children of Israel had observed 30 days of mourning, we read, "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses."

Sacrificial offerings did not have their origin with the Mosaic law. It only directed specifically how such offerings should be made by those under it. Cain and Abel, Noah and Abraham offered sacrifices, but we do not read of just how they went about it. Nothing is said about them laying on hands, if it was an animal sacrifice.

After the children of Israel came out of Egypt, we read in Leviticus 1, where the Lord gave Moses instructions as to how an Israelite was to go about making an offering of an animal: "If his offering be a burnt sacrifice, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him" (verses 3, 4). Then Aaron's sons shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about the altar—verse 5.

On the Day of Atonement: "Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness" (Leviticus 16:21, 22). This was a type of Jesus' forgiving us of all our sins and not remembering them against us anymore.

Here I will quote from R. R. Byrum's book, *Shadows of Good Things*: "Come with me in imagination to the ancient brazen altar and witness the observance of the elaborate details of this offering. Let us stand here at the east side of the altar just inside the gate of the court. Here comes an earnest-appearing Israelite leading a bullock by a halter. A priest robed in white linen garments approaches him and directs him with the animal to the north side of the altar.

"The offerer here solemnly places his hand upon the bullock in token of his identifying himself with it that it may suffer in his stead, that it may die for his sins, that its life may be poured out that his may be retained. Then he slowly reaches for and unsheaths a large knife provided for the purpose. With one quick stroke he cuts the bullock's throat and it falls prostrate and quivering upon the ground. While it struggles in the throes of death, the skillful hand of the priest holds to the wound a vessel provided for the purpose to catch the blood, ... the priest carries the blood to the altar, where it is dashed or sprinkled over the altar to symbolize the important fact that this life is given to God for atonement." The laying on of his hands makes it personal.

When we come to the New Covenant, all animal sacrifices have ceased; yet, we find that the practice of laying on of hands continues. In Matthew 9:18 we find a "certain ruler" coming to Jesus saying, "My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live." In Mark 10:13-16 we find little children brought to Him, "And he took them up in his arms, and put his hands upon them, and blessed them." In Luke 4:40 we read, "Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them."

In Acts 6 we read of seven men being chosen to look after certain widows and children, "Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them." Later Philip went to Samaria and had a real revival. Souls were saved and baptized, sick were healed, devils were cast out, and there was great joy there. The apostles heard of this and sent Peter and John to Samaria. After they arrived, "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:17).

After Saul was converted, he went on into Damascus. He was three days without sight and fasted those days. Jesus said to Ananias, "Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth, And hath seen a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hands on him, that he might receive his sight." Ananias did as the Lord told him—Acts 9:11-17.

While the saints at Antioch fasted and ministered to the people, "the Holy

### ABOUT THE COVER

The Holy Bible has been all but eliminated from our national conscience and we as a society are suffering the consequences. America's constitution was built on biblical principles. The Bible is still filled with "instructions worth following." If we as a nation do indeed follow biblical truths, then and only then can we expect God to continue to bless America.

## THE WAY OF TRUTH

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Ghost said, 'Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.' And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:2, 3). Paul found 12 disciples at Ephesus who had not received the Spirit. After Paul explained some things to them, he laid his hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. Paul laid his hands on the father of Publius who was sick of a fever and a bloody flux, and prayed for him and he was healed—Acts 28:8. Paul wrote Timothy, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" (I Timothy 4:14).

James did not say the elders should lay hands on the sick in James 5:14, 15; but we do read in Mark 16:18, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

From these passages of scripture, it is evident that the laying on of hands was very important in various phases of the gospel. In some, it was in connection with receiving the Spirit; in others, it was conveying added power; in others, it was showing confidence in the individual and the support of the church. Whatever God instructs to be done is not to be taken lightly. †

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# ONE NATION UNDER GOD

## Patriotic Poems

### THERE SHE STANDS

Wanda Maples

There she stands!  
Her colors bravely blowing,  
Her illumination glowing  
Through dark and gloomy cloud,  
Lofty and beautiful and proud.

There she stands!  
Symbol of peace and friendship,  
Symbol of love and kinship,  
Symbol of justice and freedom,  
Hope for the betterment of man.

There she stands!  
Cause for the brave,  
Cause for the grave,  
Reason for the free,  
Reason for the refugee.

There she stands!  
Pride in her colors,  
Worth in her banners,  
Beauty in her waves,  
Grandeur engraved.

There she stands!  
The flag of good and right,  
The flag of strength and might,  
The flag that many have died for,  
The flag of peace or war.

There she stands!  
May the God of justice guide her  
And the reason of men preserve her,  
And the good of all love her,  
And the brave forever defend her.

### THE LAND OF LIBERTY

Author Unknown

I love my country's pine-clad hills,  
Her thousand bright and gushing rills,  
Her sunshine and her storms;  
Her rough and rugged rocks that rear  
Their hoary heads high in the air  
In wild, fantastic forms.

I love her rivers, deep and wide,  
Those mighty streams that seaward glide  
To seek the ocean's breast;  
Her smiling fields, her pleasant vales,  
Her shady dells, her flow'ry dales,  
The haunts of peaceful rest.

I love her forests, dark and lone,  
For there the wild bird's merry tone  
I hear from morn till night;

And there are lovelier flowers I ween,  
Than e'er in Eastern lands were seen,  
In varied colors bright.

Her forests and her valleys fair,  
Her flowers that scent the morning air—  
All have their charms for me;  
But more I love my country's name,  
Those words that echo deathless fame,  
"The Land of Liberty."

### AMERICA

Anonymous

Be thankful for America ...  
For all the beauties of the land,  
For every state where freedom rings,  
The blessings found on every hand.

Be thankful for America ...  
The flag that waves so proudly, too,  
The country that means so much to us,  
Protecting us in all we do.

Be thankful for America ...  
In humbleness we pray,  
Please God, watch over our dear land  
And keep it safe from day to day.

### A NATION'S STRENGTH

Ralph Waldo Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it mighty to defy  
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;  
The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck its luster down  
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly ...  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky. †

# SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AS A CONGREGATION

**T**HERE WERE a few saints living in the Hagerstown area in 1935-36. A minister by the name of E. Arnold Hoffman moved to Hagerstown and became acquainted with some of these saints, and they started having cottage prayer meetings. He later moved to Baltimore and came up to be with them in Sunday afternoon services. Attendance ran between 15 and 30. After several months, he became acquainted with Bro. Earl E. Marquiss, who lived in Illinois but had relatives in Hagerstown. "I realized the potential for the growth of the church. Since I heard that he had relatives here who would help him get the work started, I resigned the leadership in his favor."



*Congregation in the building at 626-628 Salem Ave.*

Bro. Marquiss came to Hagerstown for a revival on June 24, 1937. July 22, Bro. Gene (his middle name being Eugene) and family left for Hagerstown. The following Sunday, July 25, 1937, the saints became an organized congregation of the Church of God, with Sunday School attendance being around 35 to 40 members.

This July we observe our 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organized congregation. At present there is one remaining person in our congregation who was a part of that service on July 25, Sis. Lucille Twila Marquiss, Bro. Marquiss' youngest daughter. She was given her middle name out of respect for Twila Ludwig, who was a missionary in Kenya, East Africa, for many years. After Sis. Lucille graduated from high school, she came to work in *The Way of Truth* print shop; later she was moved to the *Truth for Youth School* where she faith-



*Church choir around 1950*

fully served for many years, retiring when her health would no longer let her carry the load of principal.

The first building the church bought had been used for other purposes for a number of years. It was located at 626-628 Salem Avenue in the West End of the city and the mortgage was \$2,500. The 626 part was used as a parsonage, and the 628 side of the building was used for services. Later the back part of the building was used for the print shop. The radio work was started in 1937-38, and the first issue of *The Way of Truth* paper was dated January 1943.



*Chapel at Linganore Ave. & Hammond St.*

The congregation outgrew the hall and moved into a new chapel on the corner of Linganore Avenue and Hammond Street. Bro. Fossie Arch of Grand Cayman preached the first message in the new building on August 10, 1952, with 160 in Sunday School. The following Sunday, Pastor Earl E. Marquiss preached the dedication.

We held our first service in our new house of worship at 12819 Point Salem Road on October 22, 2000, with Pastor Alvin A. Craig, bringing the message. The building was dedicated the following July 7, 2001, with Bro. James Arch, pastor in George Town, Grand Cayman, preaching the dedication message.

Thank the Lord for His blessings on the congregation through these many years. Thank the Lord for every soul that has been saved through the efforts of the congregation, every answer to prayer, including those who have been healed. Thank the Lord for every saint who has gone on to be with the Lord.

May the congregation continue to hold up the blood-stained banner and never lose the approval of the Lord. †

—Alvin A. Craig



*Present Chapel since 2000*

## HAGERSTOWN SPRING REVIVAL

April 16-21, 2013

We thank the Lord for the blessings we received during our spring revival with Bro. James Arch from Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. We were glad to have had both he and his wife, Sis. Lois, with us during these services.

Bro. James encouraged the saints to keep pressing on the upward way, while appealing to the lost as well. Every message was Spirit-filled, and we believe the church was edified and encouraged. May the Lord continue to bless Bro. James as he preaches the Word of the Lord.

Below are the titles of the messages and other information for ordering:

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## INSTRUCTIONS WORTH FOLLOWING

### Spring Revival Message by Bro. James Arch

**I** AM THANKFUL to be back in service tonight and to see those of you who are here. It's good to know that there are those who still love the Lord and love to serve Him. As the chairman said awhile ago, "God's way is still the best way." I am sure if you're a Christian, you've tried both ways. You've tried the road of sin and found that its prospects all deceive, but when you're serving the Lord, joy abounds more than you can believe. It's a wonderful life. I tell the church at home all the time, don't let anyone cause you to hang your head. Hold it up high, and tell the world you're a Christian. It's a wonderful thing to be in God's family, to be a part of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. So we're thankful to be back in the house of the Lord and to see those of you who are here—the children, young people, and the older ones as well. It's always a blessing to see people who go to the house of the Lord to worship Him.

I will be speaking to you from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans. I will be speaking on the subject of, "Instructions Worth Following"; or if I were to put another title it would be, "Practices that Make for Good Living," and I will be reading a text taken from the 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm.



Psalm 24:1-5, "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."

I keep reminding people all the time that we are not in heaven yet. We are sojourners headed toward heaven, but as long as we're here we're going to have to put forth effort to continue on with the Lord. If you look at things around you in this world, you might get discouraged, but if you will put your heart and mind on the things of God, you will see what God has in store for everyone of us. Thank God, He has never failed one who has put his trust in Him.

There is a song we sing quite often, which says—

*My heart can sing when I pause to remember,  
A heartache here is but a stepping stone;  
Along a trail that's winding always upward,  
This troubled world is not my final home.*

*But until then my heart will go on singing,  
Until then with joy I'll carry on,  
Until the day my eyes behold the city,  
Until the day God calls me home.*

*The things of earth will dim and lose their value,  
If we recall they're borrowed for awhile;  
And things of earth that cause the heart to trem-  
ble,  
Remembered there will only bring a smile.*

*This weary world with all its toil and struggle,  
May take its toll of misery and strife;  
The soul of man is like a waiting falcon,  
When it's released, it's destined for the skies.*

What a thrill it will be when we behold that beautiful, old city awaiting those who are faithful and true to God! I trust everyone of us here will make it through. I trust we will "be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that [we] may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Paul went on to say that we must do all in our power and might to stand, and having done all, to stand. So we have something to do in order to make it through to heaven. We have to make it through ourselves. We cannot rely on someone else to do that for us.

I want to leave a few tips with you to help you to enjoy life, especially the Christian life:

*Accept the fact that there are things we cannot change.* In this world, you will find that to be a fact. There are some things we cannot change. All we can do is to keep on going, and ask the Lord to give us grace, courage, and boldness with each passing day.

*Accept the fact that fretting and worrying never solves a problem.* I need to accept that as much as anyone else. Jesus told us in Matthew 11:22, "Have faith in God." Think about the things He does for the very birds of the air. "Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. ... O ye of little faith?" Jesus tried to tell us to have faith in God. That's what we really need—faith to take us through.

*Refuse to envy others for their fortune in life.* Don't worry about those; keep going!

*Admire the wonders of God's creative world.* It never ceases to amaze me. The Psalmist said, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." The human body is a mystery. People live to be 100 years old and older and their hearts are still beating that God placed there. What a mystery! What a wonder it is in what God has done in this creative world! We don't really enjoy it enough. I tell people in Cayman all the time, we're going so fast that we don't enjoy life enough. There is a natural life apart from the Christian life that we need to enjoy. God gave it to us. Enjoy this creative world. Look at it every day. It is a mystery, a wonder. God did it. Who but God could do this? So admire the wonders of God's creation, God's creative world.

*Occupy your mind with pure things.* Paul said, "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Keep our minds occupied with good things. Read the Bible. Read good books. Read about the heroes of faith. These will inspire our faith in God. I've been reading about Faith Stewart for the last few weeks. It is something to think of the faith that some others had. God is still real. We serve the same God they served, and He can still do the things that others cannot do. We don't know what God will do for us until we ask Him.

*Live one day at a time.* This is all we can do. Don't worry about 40 years from now. If we can accomplish that every 24 hours, we've done a good job. Live it for the Lord, and then we can lay our heads on our beds every night and say, "Thank you, Lord, we've had the victory."

I trust everyone had a victorious day today. What a beautiful day it was—the gentle breeze, the beautiful temperature, the sunshine. God did it for us.

*Envisage a successful voyage and aim for accomplishment.* It is only by the grace of God that you can do so. The Bible tells us, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." "Jesus signed my pardon, this I surely know; He took my place on Calv'ry so I won't have to go. All my life I'll give Him; He gave His for me, When He signed my pardon there on Calvary." Yes, the old rugged cross made the difference, Friends. Where would we be tonight without that old rugged cross? Jesus walked up the old hill of Golgotha, and was hung on that old cruel cross for you and me so that we could have a different life. He could change us around and give us something else no one

else could do for us. The old rugged cross did make a difference. Paul said, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." That is what God does. That is the miracle God does for people. Every time a soul is born of God, it's a miracle. It is just as much a miracle to keep him as it is to save him. So the Bible tells us, "All we like sheep have gone astray." That means "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Every one of us has sinned, and come short of the glory of God; but the good thing is, salvation is for the "whosoever will," and it is still available to whosoever will have it. What a presentation God has made to the world! So many don't seem to embrace it and don't seem to want it.

Let me tell you, Friends, salvation is real, and it is a special gift we should hold on to. In times like these, it is good to turn to the Bible and find comfort and hope. When you can't find it anywhere else, you can find it in this. This is real; this is living. "The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword." Many have been saved as a result of exploring this Word, and God touched their hearts, and they were converted to Christ; many have been saved as a result of the testimonies of Christians; many have been saved as a result of the singing of songs, and the Spirit of God moved on them and they were saved. That is how God works. So it is good to be able to turn to His Word and find solutions, comfort, and strength. Even some of the Psalms were written when those writing them could express their needs and find answers in God. There are times in life when no one can help us but God. Many people have been brought closer to God while they were down in the valley. Don't get frightened when you get down in the valley. Sometimes God places us there to bring us back up and to make us what we could never have been before. It makes us better people. You see, the God on the mountain is still the God in the valley. The same God you have when everything is going smooth is the God who will go with you down in the valley. He's still there. So many people can recite the Bible and go through it from cover to cover, but they don't live it. This is for us to carry out and live. That is what the Word of God is for.

I suppose the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans is one of the best set of guidelines you'll find in the Bible. If you go home and read it over and try to live it out, let me tell you, you're going to change your life around. When Adam tried to hide from God, God pursued him. He called out to him, "Adam, where art thou?" That same question has been going down through the corridors of time. Sometimes we need to pause from our busy schedule in life and ask ourselves some questions; especially, "Where am I as a Christian? Am I as close to God as I should or could be? Am I doing the things God wants me to do? Am I being up and around for Him as I should?" These are some serious questions we need to ask ourselves.

Paul was the writer of the book of Romans. He said in the first chapter, "As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

So the first thing that Paul did was, he begged the church to see the need of sacrifice. He said in the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Our bodies are the temple of God. The body is where the real man lives. This is the house that the real man lives in. This is the house that houses the Holy Spirit in us. This is the tabernacle, and we must take care of it. There are those who claim that the body has nothing to do with it. That is not biblical. Let me tell you, the body is a big part of this. Keep it well, and see that all is well with our bodies. God made us for His glory; and the Bible tells us, "Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

What I am trying to say from this first verse from Romans 12 is, *your life for God is a sacrifice*. Sacrifice means "giving up one thing for another." When you give your heart to the Lord, it is not hard to give up the old sinful things of life and lay them down. That is the problem with the world today. Too many people don't want to be told how they're living. They don't want to hear the preaching of the gospel. Let me tell you, Friends, to have joy and peace and satisfaction in your heart, you have to give up a life of sin. Sacrifice those sinful things and turn your life over to God. Paul begged the brethren, "I beseech you therefore, brethren [speaking to Christians], by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

*Paul also admonished the brethren not to let the world rule their lives*. Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." The world is having a pull on God's people today. From all angles there is a strong force out there in the world, My Beloved Friends. You have to be strong in the Lord so that you don't succumb to the suggestions of the devil and allow the world to mold you into its shape. Cut clean from the world. It is a clean-cut life. Thank God for those who believe in it and love it. I believe God has set a standard of dress for His people. That is why I believe the church must continue to uphold it, preach it, and teach it. The people must have it. It is a wonderful way to live. It is wonderful when you see people leave this old world of sin and dedicate their lives to God and are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

*Paul advised the brethren not to be overcome by conceit*. If you look in verse three of Romans 12 you will see, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." The Christian life is a humble life, and there is no place in the life of a Christian for exaltation or high-mindedness. Leave that to the world. There is no place in the family of God for those things at all.

*Paul reminded the brethren of the diversity that there is in the family*. Romans 12:4, 5, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Do you

realize that God can take a man or a woman from any part of this world and make them one in Christ? It doesn't matter where we come from, or what we have in life, God can clean up our lives and make us a part of His great family. What a wonder! It is a pleasure to surrender your life to Him and say, "Lord, have Your own way. Mold me and make me after Thy will." You will be surprised how God will deal and work in your life when you completely surrender it to Him. It is a wonderful way to live. "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Perhaps God's people don't live close enough to each other as they should live.

*Paul then talks about the diversity that's shown in the spiritual gifts*. Romans 12:6-8, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness." Paul covers a lot of ground here. We couldn't elaborate on all of these things tonight. It would take a lot of time. God has set a lot of diversity, not only in the world, but also in His family. Everyone doesn't do the same thing, but we're all one in Christ. Every member of the body of Christ is valuable in the sight of God. Everyone is precious to God. Everyone is needed in the family of God, and little is much when God is in it. Don't think that you are little in the sight of God. You may not be able to preach a message or sing a solo, but you can do something else the preacher cannot do. Let me tell you, Friends, everyone of us is valuable in the sight of God. It is like a wristwatch. Have you ever opened a watch and looked into the mechanism? Every wheel, little or big, plays its role, but they are all turning. The least little dust can stop a wheel from turning. A little friction can come into the body of Christ and cause problems. Let us all be true to God and be one in Him. Love one another with a pure heart fervently. That is what the Bible teaches.

*Paul emphasized the need of being equal in love, shunning evil, and to hold to that which is good*. Romans 12:9, "Let love be without dissimulation [without partiality]. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." What instructions to follow! This is good for the Christian and the non-Christian as well. Sometimes we buy something from the store and don't bother with reading the instructions. "Oh, I don't need that," some have said. They threw the instructions away and made a mess of the job. We need to read the instructions to know what to do. We need to read these instructions (the Bible). Yes, I don't need instructions to know how to put on a door lock. I know how to do that, for I have done so for a long, long time, but the first time I needed to do it, I needed the instructions. Once you get going with the Lord, you have daily instructions in His Word. You have something you can always look to. His Word will guide you, and it will never guide you wrong. What a set of instructions!

*Paul urged the necessity of seeing how to live in the world among others*. What a diversity of people we have



in this world! We have dispositions, temperaments, moods, and others I could mention. We're among seven billion people in this world. Everyone is competing to live. There are conflicts and conflicts everywhere you go. Do you know what verse 10 of Romans 12 says? "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." "Oh, Bro. James, this is revival." I know it is. Revival is for Christians, too. We need this. We need to remind ourselves of some things. None of us are lords. There are people in this world who are worshiping men. We have people in this world who are more devoted to a leader than they are to God, or to an organization than they are to God. That is a fact. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."

Do you know when you're a young Christian, older Christians might tell you things for your good that you might not understand what they mean? What they say might hurt you, but you have to love them. I was young at one time. I used to see a lot of older people. Do you know what they were doing? They were trying to instruct me in the right way. Although what they said may have been rough and strong, they were instructing in the right way. We have to love and thank them for it.

*Paul recommend highly the need of fervency in serving the Lord and what accompanies it.* Romans 12:11-13, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." Paul left nothing out in this 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. You know, some of my fondest memories are woven around childhood. Do you remember the song, "Suppertime"? Mother would stand at the old back door and call, "Come on home, Son, it's suppertime." I remember the old saints of God when we would go and visit them as children with our father and mother on Sunday afternoons. They would greet us with their arms of love, and they would have something on the table to eat. What love and affection it was during those days! Fifty and sixty years ago when people would get home from a trip, they would kneel down and thank God for safety. That is how I remember those days.

Some of us are nearing suppertime. One of these days we will be gone from here. One of these days all of us will be gone. The young people must carry on the work of the Lord. Young People, hold on to God. You have the best thing there is in this world. You don't know what you're escaping when you have God in your life. You are escaping the corruption in this old world. Hold on to God.

*Paul told the brethren to pray for their persecutors.* Romans 12:14, "Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not." I tell the people at home that I am very blessed. Do you know what Jesus said? "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." I don't pay any mind to what people say about me. I get on with my life. I have a job to serve God, and what people say about Bro. James doesn't matter to me. I have to keep on going, Friends. Keep on going! This old ship (the church) is sailing. She is still sailing along. She is weather-beaten, her sails are torn, and

perhaps the weather is rough, but she is still sailing. There's a destination she's headed for. That destination is heaven. That is the home port for the church. Jesus is coming back one day to take her there. Only those who are blood-washed are going with Him, those who are His who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. Those who have died in Christ will rise first. That is what the Bible says. The home port is heaven.

*Paul told the brethren to be happy with those who are happy, and to hurt with those who hurt.* Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." There are a lot of people tonight in this world who are hurting. There are people in the church who are hurting. There are families who are hurting. I could stand here and preach messages on doctrine and on different subjects, but I have found in my ministry that the greatest need there is, is to try to reach the people with comfort, hope, and with strength, for in this world we're living in tonight, the devil is bidding high, and people are dropping out of the kingdom. People are falling away and succumbing to this old world for a little pleasure and dressing up with things on their bodies, thus forfeiting their walk with God. Yes, Paul says, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Verses 16 and 17 says, "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

*Paul begged them to try hard to live in peace.* I think I mentioned this the first night of this revival. Romans 12:18, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Sometimes you have to keep your mouth closed and run off to keep peace. I preach this at home, and I'm not stopping. I'm going to preach this. "As much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." We have to put forth an effort. It isn't just going to church. It is a life. "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." You cannot meet hostility with hostility. You'll have a war.

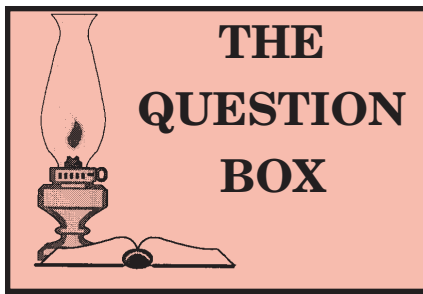
Let me tell you, Friends, if we're going to heaven, we'll have to believe these things. Show the world what a Christian is. Did you hear what I said? "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." My Beloved, what did I say tonight? Practices that make for good living.

I trust the Lord will help us as the body of Christ to stand on the Rock. "Firmly stand on the Rock, on the Rock of Christ alone." That is the only way we're going to make it. Let me remind you tonight, God's church is based on a Foundation, and that Foundation is not rubbish or rubble. Jesus Christ is that Rock, the Foundation. You can build on Him. All other ground is sinking sand.

Follow the Guideline, and you'll never go wrong. †

One who uses the Bible as his guide never loses his sense of direction.

Other books were given for our information, the Bible was given for our transformation.



*Answered by the Editor*

**Q**UESTION: Who wrote the books of the New Testament?—Anonymous

**A**NSWER: “The settlement of the New Testament canon was a gradual process. Each book was tried—not only by the usual methods of ascertaining the genuineness of a book, but in the fires of human need and experience. Beginning with the Gospels and then adding the Pauline epistles, the Acts, the general epistles, and Revelation, a collection of sacred Christian writings grew into a divine unit.

“The canon of the New Testament was not settled until three or four hundred years after the birth of Christ. Although many of the books of the New Testament were afterward disputed, the Council of Carthage in 397 A.D. published a list of books, then considered as genuine, which contain all the books of the New Testament as we have them today.”—D. O. Teasley.

There is a lot of disagreement in regard to not only who wrote the books but when they were written. Some supposed scholars date some as late as the second century, and at least one scholar dates some as late as the third.

Some agree that Luke wrote the book of Luke and Acts. Some agree that Paul wrote—or dictated—all the books from Romans to II Timothy, but not all. Seven letters are generally classified as “undisputed” expressing of Paul’s writing: Romans, I and II Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians, I Thessalonians, and Philemon. Six additional letters bearing Paul’s name do not currently enjoy the same consensus: Ephesians, Colossians, II Thessalonians, I and II Timothy, and Titus. A limited number of scholars believe Paul wrote Hebrews, most do not.

First John is accepted by many to be written by the Apostle. And some think it enough like the Gospel of John that they think he wrote it, too. Some claim he did not write II and III John.

Some think John the Apostle wrote Revelation, but most scholars today do not. James the Just is generally accepted as the author of the book of James. Jude is questioned.

A quote: “The epistles all share common theme, emphasis, vocabulary, and style; they exhibit a uniformity of doctrine concerning the Mosaic Law, Jesus, faith, and various other issues. All these letters easily fit into the chronology of Paul’s journeys depicted in Acts of the apostles.” (End of quote).

That being true, then why doubt that Paul was the author of all 13?—Editor

Who are the authors of the Books of the New Testament?

*Matthew:* The tradition that Matthew the tax collector is the author of Matthew began with Bishop Papias. By the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, the tradition of Matthew the tax collector being the author was widely accepted.

*Mark:* It is generally agreed that John Mark wrote the book of Mark and it was the first of the four gospels—written in the 50’s or early 60’s.

*Luke:* Biblical scholars are in wide agreement that the author of the Gospel of Luke, was Luke; also, that he wrote the *Book of Acts*.

*John:* “The disciple whom Jesus loved wrote these things.” Early church tradition identified him as John the Apostle.

*Romans:* Bible scholars agree it was written by the apostle Paul—as the first verse states.

*I and II Corinthians:* There is general agreement that Paul wrote both letters.

*Galatians:* Paul is the author.

*Ephesians:* Traditionally credited to Paul. 6:19, 20 seem to confirm that the writer is asking for prayer “that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds [chains]: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.” But there are some who question his authorship.

*Philippians:* Biblical scholars are in general agreement that it was written by Paul.

*Colossians:* Paul’s authorship was held by many in the early church theologians. It is evident that Colossians was written by the same one who wrote Ephesians, as they are so much alike. His authorship began to be questioned in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

*I Thessalonians:* Paul, the author. Thought to be the first written book of the New Testament, around the year 52 A.D. (Most scholars agree.)

*II Thessalonians:* Author: Paul. Written around 52-54 A.D.

*I Timothy:* Paul. In effect, he declares himself to be the author of this book in the first verse. In the third verse he speaks of giving instructions to Timothy: “As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.” Who other than Paul could have given Timothy such instructions? Despite this evidence, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century scholars question it.

*II Timothy:* Adam Clarke quotes a Dr. Paley as saying, “That this epistle was written while Paul was a prisoner is distinctly marked by the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of the first chapter: ‘Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner.’” See also verses 16 and 17.

*Titus:* Modern scholars say Paul did not write this book, in spite of the fact Paul says he left Titus in Crete to set things in order in the church. Paul’s authorship was undisputed in antiquity and was probably written about the same time he wrote First Timothy, as the two are similar.

*Philemon:* The author is Paul.

## THE (RE) DEFINING OF TONGUES: in-context study of glossolalia

By Bro. Curtis Edwards

(Part I)

**Hebrews:** Since the early days of the church, the authorship has been debated. In the 4<sup>th</sup> century, Jerome and Augustine, supported Paul's authorship, and as a result the church largely agreed to include Hebrews as the 14<sup>th</sup> letter of Paul. Those who think Paul was the author date it around 63 or 64 A.D.

**James:** It is generally accepted that James the Just, half-brother of Jesus, is the author. Martin Luther did not believe an apostle wrote it, and called it an "epistle of straw." He thought it conflicted Paul's teaching on justification, which does not when rightly understood.

**I Peter:** It is said by Eusebius (who was a Roman historian, and Christian—he became Bishop of Caesarea), "One epistle of Peter, called the first, is universally received." Modern scholars say he did not write either the first or second.

**II Peter:** There were doubts about Peter being the author of this book from very early times. A quote from *Clarke's Commentary* attributed to a professor *Michaelis* [I can find no information on him], "After a diligent comparison of the First Epistle of St. Peter with that which is ascribed to him as his second, the agreement between them appears to me to be such, that, if the second was not written by St. Peter as well as the first, the person who forged it possessed the power of imitation in a very unusual degree."

**I John:** It is accepted that First John was written by the same one who wrote the Gospel of John.

**II and III John:** A quote from Clarke: "The authority of the First Epistle of John being established, little need be said concerning either the second or third, if we regard language and sentiment only, for these so fully accord with the first, that there can be no doubt that he who wrote one, wrote all three." Of course modern scholars disagree.

**Jude:** There is a question as to which Jude authored the book, as there was more than one Jude and more than one James. This book was first disputed as canonical but was finally accepted and included in our Bible.

**Revelation:** The apostle John is generally accepted as author; however, recent scholars think it was written by another John.

**NOTE:** Just because some modern scholars question who the authors may be, it does not take away from the fact that men of hundreds of years ago were led to include these books in what we have today as our New Testament. These modern scholars are not necessarily saying these books were not inspired, they are questioning who the authors are and when they were written.

There were books written after the death of the apostles that listed one of the men of the past as author. This was done, it would seem, to try to get their writings accepted as inspired. Thus, they forged some names.

Those who believe II Timothy 3:16, know who the true Author of the Bible is: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." †

**A**NY REASONABLE study of Acts 2 and I Corinthians 12, 13 and 14, concerning speaking in tongues, must have, as its foundation, one single truth! That is the original definition of the word *tongues* from the Greek manuscripts from which our King James Bible was translated. Since the correct view of the entire subject of speaking in tongues hinges upon this definition, it is only rightful that time be given to the factual establishment of such, prior to the detailed explanations of the subject matter.

The English word *tongue* or *tongues*, comes from the Greek word, "γλῶσσα," with its English transliteration being "glossa."

1. *Glossa* is a root word of both "xenoglossolalia" and "glossolalia," as used by theologians, academia, and linguists in their discussion of the phenomenon of Pentecostal-Charismatic speaking in tongues.

2. *Xenoglossolalia* means, "an understandable speech in the mother tongue or native language."

3. *Glossolalia* means, "unintelligible speech."

In examining the word *glossa*, you will see that Acts and I Corinthians do not confuse the correct definition and usage of the word *glossa*, as it refers to speaking in tongues. *Glossa* allows no double meaning. In every instance, *glossa* means understandable language, therefore it is xenoglossolalia. Never is *glossa* used to indicate unintelligible speech or glossolalia.

The biblical meaning of *glossa* wreaks havoc with those who wish to place a modern spin on ancient theology. Why? In the post-modern 21<sup>st</sup> century Pentecostal-Charismatic world view, many in the field of religion have "humanly blended" xenoglossolalia and glossolalia, and thereby diluted them until there is, in effect, no practical difference between the two.

This blending opens the theological door to a false twist on what the scripture actually means. The bottom line is that modernists have **(RE) defined** the biblical meaning of "mother tongue and native language" by cleverly turning it into "unintelligible speech OR angelic language."

While the religious world has swallowed this concept by the millions, they have also misunderstood the actual meaning of the scripture and are holding hands with an illusion, for authorities prove that the unintelligible speech that the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement says is an "unknown tongue" (language) is in actuality no native language at all but is *glossolalia* or "unintelligible speech."

Professor William J. Samarin of the University of Toronto's Department of Linguistics, examined the speech of those professing to speak in "unknown tongues." In his book, **Variation and Variables in Religious Glossolalia, Language In Society**, which was the outcome of more than a decade of research, he rejects the view that glossolalia is xenoglossolalia. Samarin concludes that glossolalia is a "pseudo" lan-

guage and he defines *glossolalia* as: “Unintelligible babbling speech that exhibits superficial phonological similarity to language, without having consistent syntagmatic structure and that is not systematically derived from or related to a known language.”

Similar conclusions were reached by Felicitas D. Goodman, psychological anthropologist and linguist in the book, **Speaking In Tongues: A Cross-Cultural Study in Glossolalia**.

In a work by H. Newton Malony and A. Adams Lovekin, entitled **GLOSSOLALIA—Behavioral Science Perspectives on Speaking in Tongues**, the authors point out:

*A group of government linguists listened to a tape recording of glossolalia and found no resemblance to any language. A Toronto conference of linguistics, who had studied over 150 languages, listened to the same person speaking glossolalia, as had the government linguists, and they stated that it was highly improbable that this speech resembled any human language.*

These writings prove that the speech which the authors studied—what is called “speaking in tongues”—did not meet the biblical standard of Greek glossa or xenoglossolalia. This odd speech was glossolalia, as practiced by the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movement and thereby is not xenoglossolalia, mother tongues, or native languages. Consequently, what the Pentecostal-Charismatic practice speaking is not what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Neither is it what St. Paul speaks of in I Corinthians.

## **Chapter 2**

### **Reading the Text Within the Correct Definition**

With correct definitions in mind, let’s read in the book of Acts from a King James Version paraphrase, one that includes the accurate, original Greek meaning of glossa.

Acts 2:1-11: “And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other mother tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because every man heard the speakers talking in the language of the foreign listeners. And they were all amazed and marveled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we every man in our own native language, even the one wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them, with speech that is exactly like our own native language and they are proclaiming the wonderful works of God.”

## **Six False Claims of the Pentecostal/Charismatic World View from Acts 2**

Having seen the accurate definition of the word *tongue* from the Greek, and its proper application in Acts 2, let us identify the following inaccuracies of the Pentecostal-Charismatic world view:

1. That the Pentecostal-Charismatic baptism in the Holy Ghost is the same baptism the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost.

2. The initial physical evidence of the Baptism of the Spirit is “speaking in tongues.”

3. The initial evidence should not take in two other signs, fire and wind.

4. That glossa and glossolalia are indeed the very same thing.

5. That tongues require an interpreter.

6. Those listeners do not “hear in their own mother tongue.”

### **Six REBUTTAL Points From Acts 2:1-8**

Having identified these six inaccurate points of the Pentecostal-Charismatic world view, examination of such can begin in detail:

1. *The Pentecostal-Charismatic view of the baptism in the Holy Ghost is not the same baptism as the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost.*

If the two referenced baptisms were the same, then the manifestations and results would be apples for apples. So if you check out these five main fruit you will see that there is no comparison. Let us look:

(a) The Apostles spoke in actual languages to the hearers but the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does not.

(b) The Apostles received cloven tongues of fire but the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does not.

(c) The Apostles had a rushing mighty wind but the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does not.

(d) The Apostles were required to be converted men in order to receive the Holy Spirit baptism but many in the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement do not require this.

(e) The Apostles publicly spoke in tongues, with no interpreter, but the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does not in most cases.

(f) The Apostles did not speak in tongues privately but the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does use a “private prayer language.

2. *The initial physical evidence of the Baptism of the Spirit is not “speaking in unknown tongues.”*

When Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement states that they have the “evidence of having been spirit baptized,” they are stating that “they speak in unknown tongues,” which is in fact glossolalia, an unintelligible speech.

Glossolalia is not the initial evidence of having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, for glossolalia does not fit the Bible or Greek definition of what the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost. The Apostles received the gift of mother tongues, *xenoglossolalia*. They were able to communicate directly to the hearers

with these native languages—just like the Greek definition of *glossa* states.

The Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement tongues' speakers cannot communicate directly with the hearers, for they do not practice the same Gift of Tongues that was given on the Day of Pentecost.

3. *The Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement rejects fire and wind as being initial evidence.*

Although three manifestations occurred on the Day of Pentecost, the manifestations of fire and wind are not considered by the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement to be an initial physical evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Believing that what is good for the goose is good for the gander, shouldn't the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement require all three signs, just as it happened with the believers in Acts 2? In this classic case of picking and choosing, why leave out 2/3 of the initial evidence?

In addition to leaving out these two signs, they have included a number of other signs. Some of the documented other manifestations that the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement has practiced are:

- a. Foaming at the mouth
- b. Slithering like snakes
- c. Roaring like lions
- d. Slain-in-the-spirit
- e. Howling like coyotes
- f. Jerking
- g. Twitching
- h. Inability to move
- i. Feeling of drunkenness
- j. Uncontrollable laughter
- k. Eyes rolling to the back of the head
- l. Meowing like cats
- m. Imitating the smoking of the drug called marijuana.

This fact remains true, that manifestations are not a sign of having been baptized by the Spirit. In truth, Jesus Himself said "there is no sign given" (Mark 8:12), and Jesus further states that evil men seek after a sign (Matthew 12:39).

4. *Speaking in tongues / glossolalia by the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement is not one in the same as the biblical tongues which is mother tongues / xenoglossolalia.*

A close look will confirm that the Acts 2 account of understandable, mother tongues has been (RE) defined by the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement, who has turned it into "unintelligible speech."

If this were not the case, then there would be a difference between:

1. Glossolalia and xenoglossolalia
2. Gibberish and understandable speech
3. Pentecostal tongues and mother tongues

But, by the standard set in place by the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement, they have made no difference between these. How?

a. By saying glossolalia proves they have an Acts 2 baptism experience.

b. By saying their gibberish is the same as Acts 2 understandable speech.

c. By saying their gibberish tongues is the same as the mother tongues of Acts 2.

5. *The fact that the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement need their tongues interpreted, unlike Acts 2 tongues which needed no interpretation in order to be understood, proves that the PC tongues are not the Acts 2 tongues.*

It also proves that the so-called "initial evidence" is a devilish trick ! This fallacy proves the PC movement people do not have the same gift of tongues as the Apostles did.

Although this gift will be discussed in more detail in our study of I Corinthians, please note that the Apostles had no need for an interpreter on the Day of Pentecost. Why? In direct opposition to what the PC Movement practices, in their absolute need and usage of an interpreter, the need of an interpreter is done away with when the miracle of true biblical tongues is at work.

This fact is ingrained in Acts 2:6: "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because every man heard the speakers talking in the language of the foreign listeners."

This fact is ingrained because the gift of tongues that God gave at Pentecost was the gift of xenoglossolalia which needs no interpretation. The Apostles' gift was not the so-called gift of glossolalia—unintelligible speech.

6. *The Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement does not believe that tongues allows the congregational participants to understand a foreign speaker "directly" for themselves, unless there is an interpreter.*

They believe the opposite—that the participants should *not* hear in their own language but should have someone perform a "bogus interpretation" based on the unintelligible speech the speaker is bringing forth. This is directly opposite of the Bible's account of Acts 2, because they did hear in their own mother tongue and did not use an interpreter.

Although the Pentecostal-Charismatic PC movement claims that they have the true gift of tongues, they have in fact twisted it exactly backwards, by stating that no man can understand their "unknown tongue," therefore someone must interpret to the hearer what is being spoken by the speaker. This creates a modern-day Tower of Babel and turns God's true miraculous gift of tongues into a confusion of glossolalia—speech that no hearer can understand.

In any setting, where the Acts 2 true gift of tongues is working, the listening audience, of a second native language, plays an integral part. They hear the speaker talking in the language wherein they were born, their native language. This, of course, was the whole purpose of the tongues/xenoglossolalia manifestation at Pentecost—so that every man could hear in his own language or mother tongue. †

(To be continued)

**"Let all things be done decently and in order."—I Corinthians 14:40.**

# Christ, the Life-Giver

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**G**REETINGS in the name of Jesus. I am so happy to be here again in another convention. It is such a great privilege to be a child of God. Thank God for the invitation by Bro. James to be here. I have enjoyed myself so much. I felt the Spirit of God. He has been with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge and help. I need His help, because I know in myself I can do nothing. I am asking you to pray that God will use me, not to show myself, but to use me in the right way that our souls may be blessed. Preaching the gospel is a great responsibility. It isn't just to come here and speak some words, but whatever comes from our lips can either turn someone away or bring him to Christ. We have to be careful what we teach and preach.

I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength. It is because I love Him why I'm here. My father, mother, sister, or brother could not make up my mind to serve the Lord. I made up my mind to serve God myself. This is a personal thing. We have to have a personal experience with God so when trials come we can go through. I started this race in 1979. We don't say we don't go through our trials, but the Lord is with us. He has seen us through thus far. Since I've made up my mind to serve the Lord, I want you to make up your mind to serve Him, too. We don't want to serve the Lord for naught. We don't want to worship Him in vain, but we want our worship to be acceptable in His sight. To have the favor of God, we must do what He tells us to do. May you continue to pray for me.

When I sit and listen to the other speakers, I ask myself, what can I do? I then go back to the words of the Lord to Moses, "What is that in thine hand?" He said, "A rod." The Lord said, "Cast it on the ground." Moses threw it down, and it became a serpent. God has proven how great He is, how mighty, and what He can do. He used a dry piece of stick (a rod) and it became a serpent. So God can use us in His way if we but put ourselves in His hand. Sometimes the devil will try to bring fear upon us to cause us to be nervous, but I believe the Lord is with us. The God of refuge is my refuge and strength. Don't be afraid. God is in this place. He is in the midst of His church. We came here to talk about Jesus and what He can do. He has given us abundant life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

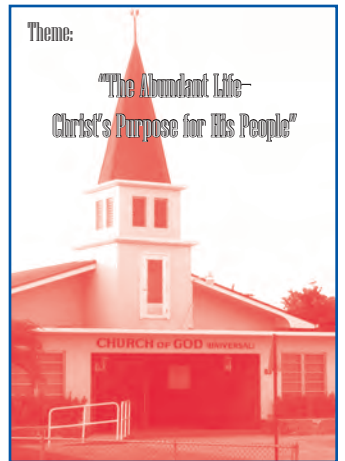
We have a lovely theme. I want to continue to preach around the chosen scriptures. The theme is very important. It is a wonderful theme. If you have your Bibles, turn to St. John 10:9, 10. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they

might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." My thought today to you is, "Christ, the Life-giver."

The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). This is why I am here, because it is in my heart to serve the Lord. Because He loved me so much, He knew me before I even knew Him. Before I was born, He prepared the way of salvation for me. I accepted salvation, which is the greatest blessing human spirits can ever find. Sometimes we don't realize what we have. The most important thing in life is to have God with us. What a blessing it is to have the God of Jacob with us! I am here to encourage you in the things of the Lord. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

When we get saved, we should try to keep our salvation. We must not lose it, because if we do, we may never get it again. Many have come to Jesus, and in a few days turned their backs on Him. They search for salvation and are unable to find it again. Why? Because they did not pay enough attention to it. Salvation is for the entire world. It is not for me alone but for everyone. It is for the Queen, the Prince, the President, and the Prime Minister. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Jesus made the way for us, and I'm glad I accepted this salvation. That is the greatest blessing to me. Silver nor gold could not give me what I have today. It is freely given because of the love, mercy, and goodness of God. "O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." The Lord's salvation puts us in the right way. This salvation causes us to love everyone. When people profess to be Christians and can't love their brothers and sisters, we wonder what is wrong. They need to sit at the feet of Jesus. They need to seek Jesus and put their whole hearts in His service.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." We are to keep the commandments of God. The commandments of God are more than "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," as some people are made to think. The commandments of God are from Genesis to Revelation. God's Word must abide in our hearts. Our dear brother preached a lovely sermon this morning.



If these sermons don't lift you up, I don't know what will. These will make you a better person. We don't just want to come to the convention and say, "We had a good convention," and then live differently afterwards. When this convention is over, we should be on higher ground. We should be better Christians. We should be nearer to God and continue to live holy. Why? Because Christ is coming back. He's not coming back to set up a kingdom. Christ is coming back to judge us, according as our work shall be. So we need to live right, because we do not know the minute nor the hour when we're going to die. We know not the minute nor the hour the judgment is coming. Sometimes we take it lightly, but it is a reality. It is real. God is real. The judgment is real. Satan is real. Sometimes people feel as if Satan isn't real, but he is, for we can see his work being manifested today. He works against us. He is not a spirit to play with.

Sometimes people play around with the church. It is not to be played around with. Be the church! Stand up for the church. Some people fight against the church. Some people we depend upon fight against the church. We are not fighting against these four walls. The building is not the church; the benches are not the church. When one fights against the church, he fights against the people of God. The Bible says, "No weapon that is formed against [Zion] shall prosper." Stop fighting against the church. Get on business for the King. We are on the battlefield, and we're not "fighting against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Our Savior, Jesus, who came over 2,000 years ago, gave us this life. He gave it abundantly; plentifully. We have abundant life. We found it in Jesus. What a loving Savior! We should love Him with all our hearts. With all our strength, we should love the Lord. Sometimes we wonder why people hate our God. He is so good and kind. Some people don't even want to hear about God, but He will bless those who want to hear about Him. He will bless those who accept Him and are willing to serve Him in this present world. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Ephesians 2:1 says, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." We were dead in trespasses and sins, and Jesus Christ made us alive. When He saved us, He did not save us to go back into sin. The apostle Paul said, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" Sin is a reproach. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Today, I am happy; I am blessed. I may not have much in material things, but I am blessed by the Spirit of God. When we have God, we have everything. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." If you need money, God will provide it for you. If you want a wife or a husband, God will provide if you will seek Him. You can't tell God you can't serve Him because you haven't yet married. Some people have

said, "I'm not yet married so I can't serve God." You can serve Him, because He has said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." When I started to serve God, I didn't have many things, but I made up my mind to serve Him. Sometimes we are limited with earthly things, but God has blessed us. "I am blessed, I am blessed; Every day that I live I am blessed." We should count our blessings and name them one by one. The God we serve will never fail us. That's why the Psalmist said, "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." We serve a mighty God. We serve a God who holds the world in His hands. What a mighty God!

We love to talk about the Lord, because He is able to do all things. When I am sick, He heals me. Jesus Christ offers abundant healing. The Bible says, "With his stripes we are healed." Jesus Christ healed the crippled. He raised the dead. He called out to Lazarus, "Come forth!" Life is in Christ. If you have read about the healings Jesus has done, you will have noticed He did not stretch Himself upon people, like Elijah stretched himself upon the child. Jesus' healing is different; supernatural. He is full of power. Even when Eutychus fell from the third loft in his sleep and was taken up as dead, Paul fell on him and prayed, but Jesus only has to speak the word. "Lazarus, come forth!" Jesus is the Life-giver. He offers abundant life and abundant healing. Don't take this as a simple thing. Never tell God He can't do these things.

Some people have said that God will never destroy them. If they rebel against Him, they will pay the penalty. We know the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. They were human beings. They went against God, and He destroyed them. If we go against God, He will destroy us. God has pled with people many times. Never play around with God. People go out and sin and then come back saying over and over, "Lord, forgive me." Don't go back into sin. Serve the true and living God. Joshua said, "If it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

God is so good to us so we should not turn our backs on Him. God has blessed us so many times. Let the world see God in you, because if you, as it were, play church, you are not setting the right example. If you go out and live any kind of way and people see you, you are letting down the Church of God. No wonder we find some who will not come to Christ, because you are standing in the way of sinners. The psalmist David said, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners." Stop standing in the way of sinners. Let them see the church, the glorious church that Jesus has set upon Himself. "Upon this rock [Christ] I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Obey God. When you serve God, He will bless you. You will flourish, because He has the abundant life for you.

We don't have to put on beautiful things in order for us to look younger. God has promised to beautify

the meek with salvation. Whether we want to look younger, old age is still coming. We're going to die one day. When we're old and weak, we're getting closer to the grave. It behooves us to do our very best in life. Live for Jesus. He gives everlasting life. Oh, I want to see Him! I want to look upon His face. People sell out their salvation for earthly possessions. The Bible says that women should not wear that which pertains to a man. If they wear it and try to hide it, God still sees. Nothing is hidden from Him. He knows our very thoughts. God knows when people rebel against the preaching. We can't fool Him. We're nearing the judgment. We're getting closer day by day.

We should never get tired of hearing the words of Jesus. We're not going to stop preaching the truth. Sometimes you may not like it, but Paul says that whether it is accepted or not, we must preach it. "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." Sometimes when the preaching is being preached, the preacher sees that it is not being accepted by some. Whether or not it is accepted, we're going to preach it. False prophets can't preach you the truth. It is only the Church of God preachers who can preach the truth. Only the truth can set you free. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." If Jesus doesn't set you free, you are not free. No false prophet can set you free. False prophets have even said that after a person dies in sin, he has gone to heaven. What did Jesus say? "If you die in your sins, where I am, ye cannot come." No false prophet can tell you the truth. It is only the Church of God that can do so. That is why I love the body of Christ.

I have seen people leave the Church of God. Where have they gone? This is the only church that preaches the full truth. You may say, "What about the other religions? They preach just like us." If you listen to them carefully, you will know they do not have the truth. We have to know the Bible truth to detect false prophets. Why? The Bible says, "Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." They will deceive you. There is no other church than the Church of God. Some say, "We have this church, that church"; but you must be born into the Church of God. We have not failed to tell you the whole counsel of God. We tell you the truth. Why? Because we have accepted the truth, and we believe this is the only truth.

Today, the Life-giver, Christ, is here. He has abundant life to offer the whole world. It is for the "whosoever will." There is no excuse for us at the judgment, because we have heard from our childhood, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Colossians 1:13 says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." God has delivered us from darkness. We were in darkness, we were in sin, but Christ Jesus came down and delivered us. He set us free.

I was telling my brother during a convention of my conversion. When I heard the preacher preach and the

altar call was given, I was trembling. I wanted to go to the altar, but the devil said, "Don't go." I stood there trembling. God knew me. He knew that I would serve Him. I made up my mind to give my heart to God. Thank God for salvation. I don't say we don't make mistakes, but we must brush off the dust. I've made up my mind to serve the Lord as long as I live. The longer I serve Him, I find the sweeter He grows. I love the Lord. I can say as the apostle Paul, "Nothing shall separate me from the love of God." I've made up my mind to serve God. By His grace, I want to make heaven my home. I've gone too far to turn back now.

Listen, there are many things that could turn us away from God. There are daily temptations, but I've made up my mind to serve God. I've made up my mind to love the Church of God. I don't want to be deceived, Brethren. Sometimes the way seems rough, and that's when Satan puts on more pressure. It takes a made up mind to stay on this road. People may say things against you, but "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven." Remember the apostles who went through great tribulations. Simple things turn people away from God. We must arm ourselves with the mind of Christ. The writer said, "Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus, Keep me holy as he is; May I prove I've been with Jesus, Who is all my righteousness." Jesus gives abundant life. I've accepted this life, and I will continue in this life.

Ephesians 4:14 says, "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." The devil has men out there to deceive you. Be careful of these deceivers. Stay with the Church of God. Some people have been a part of the church for a very long time, and yet they don't know about the church. When are they going to know about it? It is a shame if you don't believe the truth now. Be careful of deceivers; be careful of false prophets. Some have arisen in our own midst. The Bible says, "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." We don't want to lose this life. Ephesians 2:5, "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved." We are saved through Christ, the Life-giver, the One who has abundant life.

May the Lord continue to bless you. †

### OUT OF BOX 88

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in His name. I've been reading *The Way of Truth* magazine for a long time and it has been a blessing. I look forward to receiving it. ... Thank God for people like you.

—R. C., North Carolina

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for *The Way of Truth* magazine, the website, and shortwave broadcasts. They are extremely useful in today's world in keeping the faith and growing in Christ.

—W. S., Ohio

I truly enjoy reading *The Way of Truth*. It is food for my soul. I love the poems. ... God bless.

—T. T., Florida



# THE CHILDREN'S CORNER



## WILL YOU COME?

A Bible Lesson by Sis. Rebecca Bland

“It’s time to move the cows to a new pasture,” my father said to me one evening. I was ten years old, and one of my jobs was taking the cows to the pasture after the milking was done for the day.

There was a fence separating the cows from the tall, green grass of the new pasture. The fence was made of just one long, thin wire. If you had seen it, you might have wondered how such a small wire could keep big animals like cows from going through. I’ll tell you why. The wire fence carried an electric current. That electric current delivered a nasty jolt to anyone who touched it. My sisters and I were always careful when walking near an electric fence. We didn’t like being shocked by it. The cows didn’t like it, either.

“Take one section of the fence down,” my father directed. “Grab the insulator on the connector hook, and you won’t get shocked.”

I did as my father asked. I unhooked one section of the fence and moved it out of the way so the cows could pass through into the new pasture. I turned around, expecting the cows to start moving immediately toward the new pasture. To my surprise, they did not move. I called them. They looked up, but then they went back to munching the short, thin grass of the old pasture.

I picked up my stick and prodded a couple of cows. “Come on!” I said impatiently. They moved reluctantly toward the pasture, but when they neared the spot where the fence used to be, they stopped dead in their tracks. “What silly cows!” I said to myself. “The grass in the new pasture is so much nicer than the grass in this old one. Why won’t they go through?”

Suddenly I understood. The cows thought the electric fence was still there, even though it was nowhere to be seen. They did not want to take the chance of being shocked.

It took me quite a while to persuade the cows to go into their new pasture.

This memory makes me think about a story Jesus once told. “There was a man who invited his friends to a great supper,” said Jesus. “His servants cooked all day long. The tables were loaded with delicious food. But when suppertime came, no one showed up to eat the food. The man sent his servants out to remind the guests that they had been invited to his supper.

“The servants came to the first guest. ‘Are you coming to the supper?’ they asked him. ‘It is all prepared and ready to eat.’

“The guest replied, ‘Oh, I can’t make it this evening. I just bought some land, and I need to go look at it.’

“The second guest had a different excuse,” Jesus told His audience. “‘I just bought some oxen, and I need to try them out and see if they can pull heavy loads,’

this guest said. ‘Tell your master I can’t come to his supper tonight.’

“All of the invited guests made excuses,” Jesus said. “Not one of them accepted the invitation to come to the great supper.

“The master of the house was angry when he heard all the excuses his guests had made,” said Jesus. “The master said to his servants, ‘Go out and invite other people to come to my supper. Not one of the first guests I invited will taste the good food I have prepared at my supper!’”

Just as it was hard for me to understand why the cows didn’t want to leave the old pasture and go into the fresh green pasture, it is hard to imagine why the guests in Jesus’ story did not want to come to a supper that had been prepared especially for them.

Why did Jesus tell this story? Jesus said that the great supper represented the kingdom of heaven.

What is the kingdom of heaven? It is the family of God. When we obey God and keep His commandments, we belong to His family—to His kingdom.

The commandments of God are like the food at a great supper. Obeying God’s commandments causes our souls to grow and become strong, just as eating food helps us have energy and grow in our bodies.

God invites everyone to come to His great supper. He invites everyone to serve Him and obey His commandments. Those who accept God’s invitation become part of His kingdom. He blesses their lives and makes them happy.

But some people do not accept God’s invitation. They make excuses, just like the people did in Jesus’ story.

“I can’t serve God,” some people say. “I am too busy. I don’t have time to read the Bible and pray.”

Some people make other excuses. “I can’t serve God,” they say. “It is too hard to obey His commandments. It is too hard to be kind and forgiving to others.”

God is not happy when people make excuses for not serving Him. He wants us to come to Him with willing hearts.

There is no good excuse for turning down God’s invitation to come to Him. We should be happy that God would ever invite us to be a child of His kingdom.

### Activity

In Matthew 11, Jesus invites us all to come to Him. See if you can find this special invitation, and use the words of the verse to fill in the blanks.

Come unto \_\_\_\_\_, all ye that \_\_\_\_\_ and are \_\_\_\_\_, and I will give you \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer to Last Month’s Activity

The song that goes along with last month’s story is called, “This Little Light of Mine.”

*This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine—  
Everywhere I go.*

*Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m going to let it shine!  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m going to let it shine!  
Hide it under a bushel? No! I’m going to let it shine—  
Everywhere I go. †*

## EVANGELISM

### CARRYING A BURDEN FOR SOULS

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 66:8, 9; Psalm 126:6; Acts 20:31; Luke 19:41, 42; Jeremiah 9:1; Galatians 6:2-5, 9.

Isaiah 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

Psalm 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Acts 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Luke 19:41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Jeremiah 9:1 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

**Memory Verse:** He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

—Psalms 126:6.

**Aim:** To challenge the student to carry a greater soul burden.

### INTRODUCTION

**W**E ARE TOLD in the Scriptures that we are to cast all our cares upon the Lord, for He cares for us. It is a wonderful thing that we have a loving Father that does care for us. If we had to bear our burdens alone, doubtless they would be too great for us to bear. But our lesson today is not talking about burdens in that light. Our lesson speaks of a burden that we need to bear, and possibly, I would be safe in saying it is a burden that we need to have more of. Our lesson last month dealt with the thought of the value of a soul. If we can have a greater realization of the value of a soul, we should be able to have a greater burden for souls. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, for He had a burden for His people. The hymn writer said, "Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen, Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."

### MEDITATIONS

**AS SOON AS ZION TRAVAILED—Isaiah 66:8**—Isaiah speaks of a startling event, something that had never happened before. It is our understanding that this is a prophecy of the event that took place on the Day of Pentecost when the Lord used Peter to preach such a powerful sermon, and 3,000 souls were saved and added to the Church of God (Zion, being a term for the church). One hundred and twenty had spent ten days in an upper room praying when the Spirit of God moved in such a marvelous way. **Verse 9**—The Lord is able to bring forth all that Zion is able to travail for.

**SOWING AND REAPING—Psalm 126:6**—There will be no reaping if there is no sowing! The promise we find in this verse is that if the precious Word of God is preached, there will be souls saved. We are told the Word will not return to the Lord void. We are also told there is rejoicing among the angels in heaven when a soul is saved, and surely it should be so among the saints of God.

**I WARNED SOULS NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS—Acts 20:31**—The apostle Paul was one of the greatest soldiers of the cross the early church had. He went forth with a soul burden that brought forth results. Neither men nor devils could stop him! Even while in prison in Rome, he continued to win souls to Christ.

**JESUS WEPT OVER THE CITY—Luke 19:41**—Jesus was able to see what was ahead for Jerusalem. He told them, as recorded in Matthew 24, the time would come when the city would be destroyed. In regard to the beautiful temple, He told them the time would come when there would not be one stone left upon another. **Verse 42**—This did not need to be, for Jesus would have taken them under His "wings," but they would not accept Him, and they brought destruction upon themselves. Multitudes died in 68-70 A.D.

**THE WEEPING PROPHET—Jeremiah 9:1**—Jeremiah warned his people to turn from their idols and serve the true God, but they would not listen, so thousands of them were carried to Babylon, and Solomon's temple was destroyed. We can and must have a burden for souls, but we cannot make people be saved. It is a choice they themselves must make.

**BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS—Galatians 6:2**—When we know a brother is troubled about something, passing through a trial, suffering in body, etc., we are to pray for him as we would for our own burdens. We will thus fulfill the law of Christ, which tells us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

**IF A MAN THINK HIMSELF TO BE SOMETHING—Verse 3**—If a man think himself to be a good Christian when he is not, he is destitute of that love which beareth all things and endureth all things. Those who suppose themselves to be ahead of all others in piety, while they are harsh, overbearing and judgmental, fit the description of those who are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

**LET EVERY MAN PROVE HIS OWN WORK—Verse 4**—Let every man prove his own work, or let him examine himself using Christ as an example. Then he can rejoice in the reality of his experience. **Verse 5**—This

does not contradict verse two, for we are to bear our own burdens, but we are also to help others bear their own burdens, trusting they will do the same for us. This is especially true when we are praying for the salvation of our loved ones. We need all the help we can get. When we think of the possibility of a loved one being lost, it should bring a real soul burden.

**NOT BE WEARY—Verse 9**—We are human, and there are times when we feel weary, but when it comes to doing what is right we should not become weary, remembering that we shall reap if we faint not. Jesus told us in a parable that God would avenge His own elect that cry unto Him day and night.

### CONCLUSION

“This is the age of grace and salvation, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Our natural life is the time allotted to man to appropriate these redemption blessings and avail ourselves of the blessed opportunity to be saved. Christianity now applies to all nations, all classes, and to every individual.”—H. M. Riggle, *Beyond the Tomb*.

This being true, we must do all we can to see souls saved now. There will be no salvation for one who goes into eternity lost.

### FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

1. How can we have a greater soul burden?
2. Why were so many souls saved on the Day of Pentecost?
3. Can each Christian sow “seed”?
4. Is God a respecter of persons?
5. Did Jesus die for all? †

## MORE OUT OF BOX 88

Dear Sirs,

I received my May 2013 issue today, started reading it, and found it very helpful; however, I went to a store and I guess I left it there. ... I am praying that whoever finds my *Way of Truth* magazine will read it and God will do a work in them that your magazine has done in my life.

—B. B., South Carolina

Dear Way of Truth Staff,

I want to thank you for the magazine that I get each month. They have been of so much help to me. I have been saved for over sixty years, and I love the truth very much. Enclosed is a check to help you all a little.

—J. H., Kentucky

The Way of Truth,

I want to thank you for what you have sent to me. It has helped a lot. I struggle with drug addiction and just want to let you know it has really gotten me through some tough times. ... Thank you for all you did for me.

—B. N. B., Georgia

I love the messages in *The Way of Truth* paper. Sounds like the preaching I used to hear years back. I don't hear that kind of preaching around here anymore. Thank the Lord that there are some still preaching the truth. I thank God for sending *The Way of Truth* my way. May the Lord bless and keep you all faithful. Pray for me that the Lord will keep me true. He's so good to me.

—Ms. W. M., West Virginia †

## “BEHOLD THE GOODNESS AND THE SEVERITY OF GOD”

Ross H. Minkler

*Behold the goodness of God, but don't forget His severity.*

*Behold the goodness of God, the long-suffering of God, but remember there is a reckoning.*

**T**HERE IS a common teaching going around that God is good and loving, and therefore nobody will be lost ultimately. All will be saved. There couldn't be a judgment, a day of reckoning, a hell, because God is love. You have heard that philosophy.

Have you ever thought that a law without a penalty is no law at all? Unless a law has penalty, it isn't a law. God's laws are fixed. If you transgress the laws of chemistry, you suffer. If you transgress the laws of health, the laws of gravity, you suffer. God is just and true. We had just as well make up our minds that God means just what He says.

I think a common present-day tragedy involves a child who grows up in a home where Father and Mother constantly threaten and warn and promise punishment, but never give it. Such a child is the head of the house. He runs everybody, including Mother and Dad.

And that child grows up to have disregard for the laws of the land and for the laws of God. He gets by at home. He says to himself, “Mom does not mean what she says. She says she is going to punish me, but she never does. Dad promises punishment, but he never does it.” Such a child grows up without respect for law and order. He never learns it at home. He never learns what discipline is, and no doubt such an upbringing is one reason why jails and penitentiaries are full.

Father, Mother, if you don't discipline your child, someone who doesn't love him half so well as you do will discipline him—a judge, a policeman.

God means just what He says. His Word is true, and if we disobey it, we will suffer penalty. “Behold the goodness and the severity of God” (Romans 11:22).

The best parent, the parent who really loves, is a strict parent. His word is good. He does not lie or trifle. He brings his family up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. God said regarding Abraham, “I know Abraham, that he will bring his family up, that he will keep them and instruct them.”

We read in Luke 13 about a man who went out to look for fruit on his fig trees. On one tree he found no figs. He called the keeper's attention to the trees and said, “Look at this tree. It's been growing a number of years now and we've been cultivating it, but there's no fruit on it.”

Land was valuable in Palestine and the people cultivated all of it they could. Their life and food and substance depended upon it. The owner said, “Three years I've come and looked at this tree and found it barren. Cut it down and put another tree in its place.”

Now, the keeper must have become attached to that tree. He must have been a good keeper, because he

hoped, and he pleaded for the tree. He said, "Master, let it alone for just one more year. Let me give this tree special attention and see if it will bring forth fruit. If it doesn't bear fruit, then we'll cut it down."

This parable illustrates the truth that men ought to be living for God, ought to be taking advantage of the goodness of God, ought to be living Christian lives.

Look at the years God has come seeking fruit on some of your lives and found none. Twenty years God has waited for some of you. Forty years He has waited for others. And yet God has come finding no fruit. Justice would say, "Cut it down." Then mercy steps forward and pleads, "God, this man could be a blessing to the church. He has a fine personality. Let us have one more year. Let him hear the gospel one more year. Let him feel the prayers of his mother one more year. Then if he doesn't bear fruit, I shall cut him down."

How good God has been to all of us! "Behold the goodness of God!" Stand in awe when you measure the goodness of God. God is good to those who trample His love under their feet for years.

I think now of the husband of a good woman in the Middle West. My father knew her when she was a little girl. She married a man who became very wicked and professed to be an infidel. He used to persecute her because she was living a Christian life. She told us about it one time.

She said, "Sometimes I have knelt by my bed to pray, and my husband has come in and caught me by the hair of my head and thrown me across the room and cursed me. One time I sat down to the table and returned thanks for the food, and he picked up a glass of ice water and threw it into my face and laughed at me."

And yet when that man was at the point of death, down at the end of life's journey, his wife knelt down and prayed for him, and God forgave that man, and he found the joys of salvation. Oh, the goodness of God! How rich and pure and measureless and strong is the love of God!

God loves you now, whoever you are. He loves you if you are in sin, far from Him. Sometimes we have told our children, "If you do wrong, God won't love you." That isn't true. God doesn't love our sins, but God loves us. "God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Regardless of how man treats God, how he blasphemes and takes His name in vain, God loves him still.

Behold, sinners, the mercy of God! But don't forget His severity. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Someday we are going to meet God and give an account of how we have lived.

Behold the goodness of God, the mercy of God, the long-suffering of God, but remember there is a reckoning. Sin cannot get into heaven. If it did, heaven would be ruined. God has prepared heaven for His loved ones, and sin just cannot get in there.

There is going to be a judgment day, and God is going to have to say to some, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). Do not be deceived. God is good, God loves you, God will forgive you of the black-

est sin, no matter what it is. But if you do not repent and ask God for forgiveness, you cannot enter heaven.

Think again of the parable in Luke 13 about the vineyard owner looking for fruit on his fig tree. Many men and women are like that barren fig tree. They have had every advantage under heaven. Their names has been lifted up to the throne of God by loving friends. Ten, twenty, thirty years have gone by, and they are still fighting the love of God. Do you know what the Bible says about such a barren fig tree? It says, "Every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matthew 3:10). Such a tree is marked for felling.

I remember how my father used to go out in the woods and mark trees for felling. He would size a tree up and look it over and then take his ax and mark it. He didn't chop it down immediately, but it was going to come down. It was marked for felling.

Many who are in sin would tremble if they knew that they had been marked for felling, if they knew God had said, "Mark that man. He has trifled too long. He has resisted God too long."

We do not know the place or hour that seals the destiny of man for heaven or hell. We do not know when the last hour will come, when the last rejection of God is made, when mercy says, "I've done all I can do." Behold, sinners, the mercy of God, but don't forget His severity.

Friends, if you are not right with God, God is giving you a chance right now to get saved. Won't you say, "God, you have been good to me. You've knocked often at the door of my heart, and I've said no. But now I'm going to open the door of my heart. I am going to let God in." †

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## THE SPIRIT OF



COMPROMISE

To compromise is to consent to an agreement by one or more parties surrendering certain views regarding certain doctrines or religious beliefs.

By  
the late  
M. H. Craig

The spirit of compromise works not to make one antagonistic to his belief or doctrine, but only to surrender such points or views as to make the doctrine less effective. The spirit of compromise does not seek to entirely do away with Christ, but only asks you to surrender those views which make Christ supreme and those views that He is the Son of God. The spirit of compromise seeks to bring Christ down on a level with other great men of the world, and His religion down with other religions.

The modernist spirit of the world is to fellowship anything that is called religion. Grounds for such a fellowship are supposed to be based upon the brotherhood of the human race, traced to one great brotherhood in Adam. This brotherhood and fellowship would, of

course, be only human and leaves no room for the fall of man into sin, nor for Christ's redemption from sin. Any doctrine or fellowship that deviates from the divine plan of God is false, and to consent to such is to imbibe the spirit of compromise.

The same thing is true of the church. The church of God is of divine origin. Membership is attained only by spiritual birth. To recognize or accept anything else is to compromise God's divine church and to bring it down on a level with human originations of men.

There is a loss of spiritual power with the spirit of compromise. Samson is an example of this. Samson was born a Nazarite. He possessed a power that was divine but by giving up the things he should not, he became as weak and powerless as other men. So it is with those who surrender the divine plan and the things of God. They lose their power and standing with God and become like other men. They may use human intellect or oratory, but the anointing of the Spirit is absent upon one who has compromised. Then we notice, as in the case of Samson, their eyes become blinded to spiritual things. They may say he once preached thus, but now he has cooled off. He doesn't preach this or that anymore. The trouble is he has compromised with the world, and he has been brought down as Samson was to the level of other men without divine anointing. That is the spirit of compromise.

The house is being torn down by compromising with the world. The family is being separated by many going back into the evils of the world. There is a great need today for good shepherds who can bring the sheep back to their fold and help to assemble the body together again. These things can be accomplished by preaching the full gospel as Christ and the apostles preached it. "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

To join any one of the denominations will separate you from all other Christians except those who belong to the same denomination you join, but to remain in the church you were made a member of when you were saved, you are free to work with God's children anywhere because you are not bound by any denominational line. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). When Christ makes you free, you are free to obey all the Bible, and are free from everything that the Bible doesn't enjoin upon you. The Bible nowhere says for you to join a denomination. The church which Christ is the door into is the one and only one that is important for you to enter, because Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." This is the door all must enter to be saved, and when we enter this door, Christ makes us a member of His church. For we read in Acts 2:47 the Lord adds daily to His church those that are being saved. Jesus also said, "He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber" (John 10:1). So let us enter no other door but Christ. †

## Endure Hardness as a Good Soldier

Radio Message by Bro. Ransford Reid

**I** WILL READ from the Word of God as found in II Timothy 2:1-4—

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." These are the writings of the apostle Paul to the young man Timothy. Paul in this portion of scripture gives directions to Timothy, which should be of great use to us in the ministry, and also in the laity of the church. The verse that I would like to focus my attention on will be verse 4: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."



We see from the first verse of my text that Paul said to Timothy, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." First, Paul admonished Timothy that his strength cometh not from himself, but from Jesus Christ. "Be strong in the grace that is in Jesus Christ." We must realize that as Christians we are in a battle. This is not a literal battle. We hear a lot about literal battles or literal wars in these recent times, but today I speak not of a literal warfare. I am speaking of a spiritual warfare.

As Christians, we are engaged in spiritual conflict; therefore, we must be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. The Bible says, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus," not in ourselves.

Let us think about Peter. He failed in his strength. Peter boasted in his own strength that he would never deny Christ, but when the test and trial came he failed, because he was not trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ our Savior. "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Hard times will come while we're on the battlefield; and Paul encourages us through Timothy to endure hardness as a good soldier of the cross, to bear it when it comes, and not to be moved by it. Too often we're moved by the battle, we're moved by the enemy, but to be good soldiers of the cross we cannot allow ourselves to be moved by the smoke of battle. "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." Well, you may ask the question: Is it possible to live in this world without becoming entangled with the affairs of this life? We can become involved, but not entangled. Involved and entangled are two different things all together.

What was Paul actually saying to Timothy? He said, "Though we must employ ourselves in the affairs of this life, we must not entangle ourselves so as to be diverted and drawn away from our duty to God. Our great care should be to please our Captain, Jesus Christ." This should be the great care of every Christian—to please our Captain, Jesus Christ. On the battlefield, the literal soldier endeavors to please his captain; therefore, we on the battlefield, spiritually speaking, should endeavor to please our Captain, Jesus Christ.

There is one point here I would like for you to see and understand. A lot of people interpret this portion of scripture (II Timothy 2:4) as the affairs of the world entangling the Christian. The affairs of the world does not entangle the Christian. The Christian allows himself to become entangled with the affairs of this life. We think of a net by which turtles and fishes are caught. The net remains constant in one place. It does not move, but the turtles and the fishes swim into the net, and as a result entangle themselves. So the affairs of the world are there, and we can become involved in them, but we should never become entangled.

What are some of the affairs of this life? It could be a job, a business venture, a matter of interest, especially business matters. It could be a private enterprise. It could be even be, as some would put it, a love affair; but we cannot allow ourselves to become entangled in these things. Listen, "entangleth himself." As I said before, these things do not entangle us, we entangle ourselves in the affairs of this life, and as a result we lose the battle. Paul says that we should not become entangled that as a result we will be able to please Him who hath called us, or chosen us, to be a good soldier of the cross.

Our backs must be turned from the world. Do you remember the young man Moses? He turned his back on Egypt, and the pleasures that were there—the gold—the many things that were at his fingertips. The Scripture says, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." He turned his back from the world. It is our duty as Christians to sit loose in this world. We must sit loose in this world and not become entangled with the affairs of this life. A soldier, when he is enlisted, leaves his home and his business. He leaves everything behind and steps out to serve his country. So it is when we step out to serve God. There are many things we must leave behind and many things we must turn our backs from.

The world today, in my opinion, has too much influence on the church. John warns us in the book of I John 2:15-17, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." So we cannot be too careful as Christians. We must be very careful with the things we become involved in. Enough is enough; and when we have reached the point of enough, we

should stop and think. We should stop and do a check. Let's not go overboard in any respect of the word.

We are soldiers of Jesus Christ. We are on a battlefield. We are fighting against sin and its influences. We are fighting against Satan and his army; therefore, we must be diligent in the battle. We must be diligent in the warfare. We cannot allow anything to hinder us or to impede our progress. We cannot allow anything to turn us back; and there are things in the world, if we focus upon them, that will most certainly turn us back and cause us to lose our experience with Jesus Christ.

Paul says in Romans 12:1, 2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." If you tell some people about conforming to the world as Christians, they will laugh at you. Some people say, "Well, we are in the world so we must enjoy the world." Yes, there are things in the world we can enjoy. We can enjoy nature. We can enjoy the beautiful things God has created, but when it comes to the sinful elements of the world, we must walk clear as soldiers of the cross.

God has promised us ultimate victory in the battle of life. He has promised us that if we will endure to the end we shall eternally be saved. So there is no excuse for our turning back, or excuse for our losing out in the battle. God has promised us ultimate victory, and His grace is still sufficient. He is still on His throne. He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. He has not changed. He will never change. His power has not diminished, and His grace is still sufficient today to those who will reach out and accept it. "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

Who is it that has chosen us to be a soldier of the cross? It was Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In one scripture He tells us, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you"; therefore, since He made the choice, and we obeyed the call, it is our duty to listen to His voice and to heed His every command. He is the great Captain. We have a Commander of our army. He is Jesus Christ. He blows the trumpet, He gives the orders, and we as soldiers follow where our Captain leadeth. As long as we follow where our Captain leadeth, we will never go wrong, we will never lose the battle or give over. Men today are desperate. They are thinking that they are going to lose the battle that they are involved in, because their captain is a literal man; but thanks be to God, our Captain is Jesus Christ, the One who has never lost a battle. He is the One that will never fail. He conquered death and the grave, and He reigns triumphantly forevermore.

Dear Friends, heed the words of the apostle Paul. If you are a Christian, see that you do not become entangled with the affairs of this world. Those of you desirous of being a Christian, if and when God saves you, remember, you cannot afford to become entangled or caught up with the affairs of this life and please Him who has called you to be a soldier. †

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## RADIO MAIL

Bro. Alvin,

Just heard your broadcast on WYHY 1080 in Cannonsburg, Kentucky. Enjoyed the message. May God bless you and your ministry.

—R. H., Kentucky

I heard your program on WJSW Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. I would like to have the message sent to my computer if you could send it. I am 86 and have been a Christian for years. Thank you.

—J. S., Pennsylvania

Brother Alvin,

I wanted to say that I especially was edified and comforted by the beautiful singing of the men's quartet and sermon that you brought. I am thankful to be able to hear the wonderful words of life that you teach. The truth needs to be taught, because there is so much error in the world of religion. Thanks again for your inspiring program.

—Sis. B. R. O., Oklahoma

Good Evening,

I just listened to your radio broadcast on Matthew 24. I really loved the broadcast and will share it with my friends. I would love to have the booklet, "Why the Millennial Doctrine Is Not Biblical."

—E. E., Nigeria

I have enjoyed your broadcast tonight. God bless you in all you do.

—M. W. (E-mail)

Dear Pastor Craig,

We trust that you and everyone at "The Way of Truth" are doing well in every way. Your program remains superb. America, the Philippines, and our entire world needs more than ever at this hour what you advocate, holiness through God and through Christ Jesus. You're the best.

—S. & W., Philippines  
Mindanao Praise Radio †

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Grants Mountain, Jamaica

August 27-September 1, 2013, Lord willing

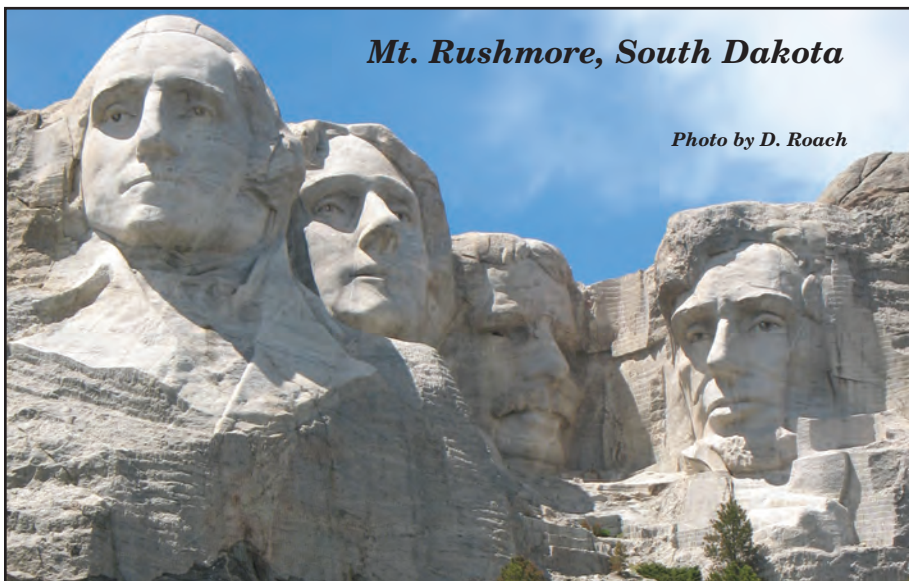
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### **VOICES FROM MT. RUSHMORE**

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to men. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book." (Abraham Lincoln, 16<sup>th</sup> President)

"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." (George Washington, 1<sup>st</sup> President)

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberty of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever." (Thomas Jefferson, 3<sup>rd</sup> President)

"A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education." (Theodore Roosevelt, 26<sup>th</sup> President)