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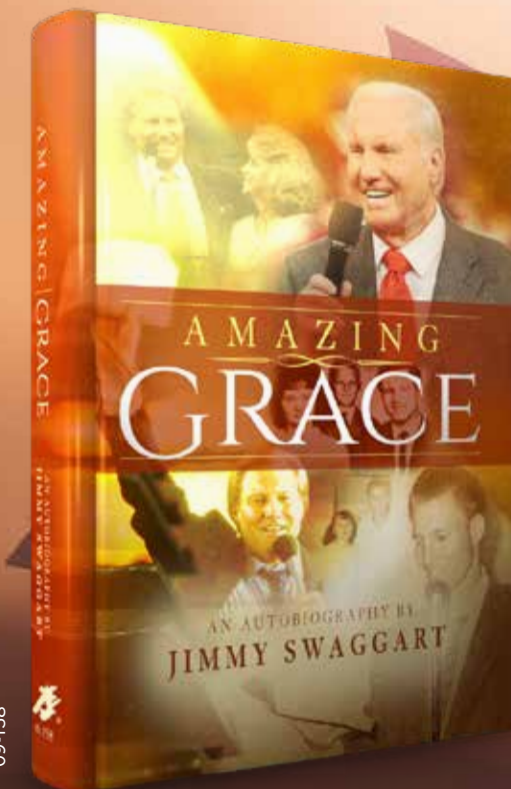
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THE SPIRIT OF FEAR

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” — II TIMOTHY 1:7



IN PAUL'S SECOND (and last) letter to Timothy, the Holy Spirit through the apostle tells us a great deal in just a few words. For example, the term “the spirit of fear” is used here, and I believe this refers to an actual conscious being—a personality, a demon power—that concentrates its attention in this particular area.

Sometime ago, a brother made the statement that this couldn't be a specific spirit of fear because if it were, then terms in this same verse—power, love, and a sound mind—would also have to be spirits.

I think he was right and wrong at the same time. He was wrong when he said the phrase “spirit of fear” is just a term and not a reference to a specific personality. But he was right when he said that power, love, and a sound mind also have to be of a spirit. These, in fact, emanate from the Holy Spirit. The power, the love, and the sound mind proceed forth from the Holy Spirit. The spirit of fear proceeds from Satan.

In I Kings 22:21-22, we are told of a demon spirit who appeared before the Lord and offered to serve as a “lying spirit.” Yes, there are demon spirits in heaven, but they will soon be expelled (Rev. 12:7-9).

In I Samuel 28:7, we find mention of a “familiar spirit,” which is a spirit that knows hidden things about people and tells them to the medium with whom it works.

Paul mentions seducing spirits in I Timothy 4:1, and Jesus spoke of unclean spirits many times.

So, there is a sound basis for believing that there is, in fact, a spirit of fear. It is a diabolical, demonic spirit that is charged by Lucifer and is causing havoc, trouble, heartache, and physical illness. It even causes death in the lives of countless people—even Christians.

RESPECT If we are to understand fear as an entity, we must first understand that there are several different ways in which the word *fear* may be defined or understood. The spirit of fear has already been mentioned briefly. However, the word *fear* in the context of respect is something completely different from fear when viewed within the meaning of panic, anxiety, depression, and worry.

Fear in the context of respect is a normal, helpful, and God-given emotion. If God in His wisdom hadn't seen fit to equip us with the ability to feel fear, then none of us would probably live beyond our fifth or sixth birthday. In the normal meaning of the word, *fear* (respect) protects us from involving ourselves in

“The spirit and the soul are the real you, but the mind is the gateway to the spirit. In other words, this is where Satan first plants his thoughts—the mind.”

activities that could be dangerous to us. As such, fear is really one of the most valuable of the many emotions given to us by God.

A child soon learns that if he puts his finger to the fire, he will be burned. After this, he doesn't really fear the fire, but he does respect it. Likewise, children learn that they can't play on the highway where they might be run over by a truck or a car. This is a normal, healthy awareness of a situation that holds danger when dealt with foolishly. As such, fear is an invaluable tool in protecting us from dangers that should be avoided by a prudent individual.

It is often said that people who demonstrate unusual amounts of courage don't know the meaning of the word *fear*. If someone didn't know the meaning of the word *fear*, he would be mentally deranged and a great threat to himself (and probably to society in general). If this phrase were true, all it would imply is that the person in question didn't have sense enough to recognize danger well enough to protect himself.

FEAR GOD We are told any number of places in the Word of God to fear God. In Joshua 24:14 we are told, *“Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth.”*

Does this mean that we should approach our Lord and our God cringing and cowering like a stray dog? Hardly. This simply means that we should respect God. We are to be well aware that He is all-powerful, but at the same time, we should realize that He is also all-loving.

When Joshua delivered these words, he was in no way setting up a contradiction between this statement and the one in I John 4:18, where it states, *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.”*

John is talking about the spirit of fear. Joshua, on the other hand, is referring to the beneficial, rational realization that God has the potential power to deal with us severely if we fail to deal with Him properly. As such, it is only intelligent to fear God—to recognize His capabilities that are unending and respect Him

for these capabilities.

An important point to be made is this: There is no contradiction between these two statements. One refers to the normal, healthy, and helpful emotion given to us by God to help us through life. The other refers to a malignant, corrosive, and completely harmful process that is not God-given, but is fathered by the ultimate author of harm and hate for mankind—Satan himself.

Fear is perhaps the most destructive force at work in the world today. Is that statement overdrawn? Yes. The atomic bomb represents fantastic destructive potential, but it is potential. Fear, on the other hand, is being utilized daily by its author, who is Satan. As such, fear is an actual working force that is destroying lives by the untold thousands at this very moment. It is this destructive fear—the one represented by the spirit of fear—that I want to deal with.

THE MIND The mind of man is the gateway to the spirit of man. When the Bible uses the term *heart*, it's not speaking of the physical organ beating in our chests; it's speaking of the spirit and the soul of man. The spirit and the soul are the real you, but the mind is the gateway to the spirit. In other words, this is where Satan first plants his thoughts—the mind.

Before sin is carried out, it is conceived in the mind. It is so easy to look at circumstances, problems, and difficulties and allow our minds to become seized by the disposition of helplessness or even hopelessness—fear—which then pulls the trigger of oppression. If this happens, then we know that God is not doing it, but our own minds that are not properly settled in Christ. In such a climate, there is plenty of room for one's mind to imagine all sorts of things, hence, fear is a disposition of the mind.

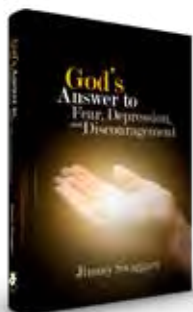
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addresses every problem, and shows us the solution to every difficulty. What Jesus did at the cross is the answer, and the only answer, to man's dilemma.

Most Christians have a working knowledge of the cross of Christ as it refers to our salvation. "Jesus died for me" is perhaps the greatest statement that any human being could ever begin to make, but that's as far as it goes with most. They don't understand the part the cross plays as it regards our sanctification—how we live for God on a daily basis, how we grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, and how we have victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. ✨

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We have set aside this corner of *The Evangelist* to show God's plan of salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

1. GOD LOVES YOU!

"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).

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ..." (1 Peter 3:18).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (1 John 5:7).
- In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. 19-20).
- In the blessed hope—the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18).
- Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
- The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; 1 Peter 2:24).
- The baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7).
- In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11).
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

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This topic, which resurfaces again and again, has really opened my eyes to the fact that there are a lot of people out there who need to believe that, regardless of Adam and Eve's sin, they still made heaven based solely on God's great love and mercy. They need to believe this, we suppose, so they can apply this same hope to their own lives.

Did Adam and Eve Die Lost?



WHILE IT GIVES us no pleasure to say this, we do believe the answer is yes, they did die lost. We see no evidence in the Word of God that Adam and Eve ever repented of their sin, and you simply cannot receive God's forgiveness without asking for it.

Yes, God is a God of love and mercy, but we also know from His Word that it's His will for all to come to repentance. II Peter 3:9 says, "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*"

The goodness of God—something Adam and Eve were very familiar with—is designed to lead men to repentance. If it doesn't, then it's not God's fault, but the fault of those with a rebellious heart.

Still, I've had preachers as well as proponents of the false doctrine of eternal

security claim that Adam and Eve were, in fact, forgiven by God and saved. Some of them write me and, in condescending tones, say, "Remember, Frances, Adam and Eve were not born, they were created by God."

Ok, but when we look at Jeremiah 1:5 where God said, "*Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee,*" that word *formed* in the Hebrew is the exact same Hebrew word used to describe God as he formed Adam with His hands. So to say that Adam was formed and we were not is incorrect. Adam was formed by God, and so were we.

Whether you agree on that point or not, there is still the fact that Adam and Eve had a free will with which to choose, and they did choose—they chose to sin.

Another verse waved in our face on this topic is Genesis 3:21, which states, "*Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*"

“The fact that the list of those who lived “by faith” begins with Abel and not Adam makes a strong statement.”

To our surprise, many people we’ve heard from equate the Lord’s provision of these animal skins with the cleansing or forgiveness of Adam and Eve’s sin. We don’t see it that way.

The skins were to cover their nakedness, that’s it. When God created Adam and Eve, He did not create them to wear clothes. They were enswathed in the light of God’s glory—the Shekinah glory—clothed in the righteousness of God. But the moment they sinned, Adam and Eve lost that righteousness, and their nakedness was revealed. God came down and killed two animals to provide clothing for them. In the killing of those animals, we believe God was laying out the long-term plan of the redemption of man through the sacrificial system, which would come later in the giving of the law.

Another point of contention: When God expelled Adam and Eve from the garden, we’ve been told, “That doesn’t mean that they were expelled forever, and that doesn’t mean that they were not saved and or didn’t make heaven. Just because God expelled them from the garden, doesn’t mean they could not get forgiveness.”

That’s correct. Adam and Eve being banished from the garden did not preclude them from repenting of their sin and receiving forgiveness, but again, there is no evidence that they ever did repent.

And that’s our main point: The Bible is silent on whether Adam and Eve ever repented. Why is that? A repentant, forgiven, and restored Adam and Eve would have been a wonderful testimony of God’s grace, mercy, and love, as are so many other testimonies that are recorded in the Bible.

How many of us, after falling short, have

read David’s words in Psalm 51, repenting along with him, *“Have mercy upon me, O God . . . For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.”* Or when we’ve failed the Lord, how many of us, like Peter after he denied the Lord three times, went out and wept bitterly?

But when Adam and Eve sinned there is no such response; they chose to hide and blame. You don’t see them in Scripture expressing any kind of sorrow for their sin or, more surprisingly, for the loss of their fellowship with God—and these two had the tremendous opportunity to walk and talk with God, communing with Him daily in the garden.

More evidence missing from the account of Adam and Eve is faith. In Genesis 3 and 4, we see Eve’s faith faltering. Remember, she had heard the Lord say to the serpent, *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel”* (Gen. 3:15). So when Cain was born, and Eve said, *“I have gotten a man from the LORD,”* she thought Cain was the redeemer, but after realizing he wasn’t, her hopes were dashed and her faith damaged. By the time Eve had Abel (whose name means “vanity”), she was either in the process of losing her faith or had already lost it.

Hebrews 11 is the faith “hall of fame,” and that faith is tied into the belief of the Old Testament patriarchs and a redeemer to come. The fact that the list of those who lived “by faith” begins with Abel and not Adam makes a strong statement. And Jesus Himself uses a similar starting point in Matthew 23:35 when He said, *“from the blood of righteous Abel.”*

Again, the greatest testimony of God’s

grace would have been Adam and Eve accepting responsibility for their actions and repenting and, had they done that, surely the Lord would have trumpeted it on the pages of His Word. It would have been a tremendous testimony to anyone that no matter how far in sin you go, you can come back—if you ask. Unfortunately, we don’t see in Scripture that Adam and Eve ever asked. Listen to what the Bible doesn’t say, folks, because its silence can speak volumes.

When they fell, Adam and Eve quickly lost perspective. They did not understand the magnitude of their deception or the degree of their lostness. Their fallen condition was far worse than they had imagined. Unredeemed man is in the same condition.

In Genesis 3:9 when the Lord called to Adam and asked, *“Where art thou?”* it was the question of all questions. The Lord knew exactly where Adam was, but He wanted Adam to know where He was. Luther said, “Unless God helps and calls the sinner, he will forever flee God, try to excuse his sin by lies, and add one wrong to another until he ends in blasphemy and despair.”

Sadly, Adam and Eve lost their way, and they remained lost by their own choice. Anyone who goes to hell goes there because they choose to; it’s not because God sends them to hell. By rejecting the provision of God in His Son, they choose, of their own free will, to go to hell, and those are the only people who are going to be in hell.

God went over and above and did everything He possibly could to give every person a way of escape so that no one would have to die lost. And He’s still calling to any and all who are lost, “Where art thou?” 🗡️

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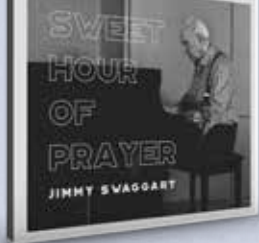
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“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.” — I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

The Shout, The Voice, The Trumpet

THE NEXT GREAT event on God’s calendar is the rapture of the church. This great event could happen at any time as there are no unfulfilled prophecies concerning the rapture. Though the word *rapture* is not found in the Bible, it comes from the Greek word *harpazo* and is derived from the words *caught up* in I Thessalonians 4:17 meaning “to grasp hastily; to carry off,” or “to snatch up.”

The purpose of the rapture is for the following reasons:

- To resurrect the dead in Christ, separating them from the wicked dead (I Cor. 15:51-55).
- To take the saints to heaven where our works will be judged in order to

receive reward and to partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb (II Tim. 4:8; Rev. 19:6-9).

- To transform the body of the saints from a state of mortality to one of immortality (I Cor. 15:53-54).
- To make the saints whole in spirit, soul, and body (I Thess. 5:23).
- To cause the saints to escape the great tribulation and the coming wrath and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36).
- To remove the hinderer of lawlessness—the church (II Thess 2:7).
- To reveal the Antichrist (II Thess. 2:8).

As it regards the timing of the rapture, there are three schools of thought:

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- Pre-tribulation rapture, which states that the church will be raptured before the great tribulation.

- Mid-tribulation rapture, which says the church will go through the first three and a half years of the great tribulation.

- Post-tribulation rapture, meaning the church must go through the entire seven years of the great tribulation.

Notice that there is no disagreement between the three schools of thought regarding the reality of the rapture, only the timing. We believe in a pre-tribulation rapture based on I Thessalonians 5:9.

When this great event happens, I Thessalonians 4:16 tells us that the occasion will be marked by three distinct sounds—the shout, the voice, and the trumpet.

THE SHOUT

The shout of the Lord will signal the great event to begin and include the resurrection of the saints both living and dead. The shout will declare three things:

- A command, which, in the Greek, actually means a “cry of command,” a loud, authoritative summons as by a general who cries out orders to his men. A command so powerful that the sainted dead will hear it and obey.

- A shout of victory, for the battle is over, and the lame, the blind, and the diseased will be instantly healed.

- A shout of power—power not only to raise the dead but also glorify the bodies of both the dead and the living, and it will do so instantly.

THE VOICE

This refers to Michael the Archangel who is Israel’s watchman. He is referred to in Daniel 10:21 as the “prince” of Israel. This tells us that God has placed Michael in charge of Israel regarding protection. This voice will signal the conversion of Israel after the tribulation, as the shout will signal the gathering of the church.

THE TRUMPET

Numbers 10 tells us that the blasting of the trumpet meant either a celebration or a call to war. When this trumpet sounds, it will mean a celebration for the child of God and the sound of war upon Satan as it will mark the beginning of the tribulation and Satan’s defeat at the battle of Armageddon.

As a Christian, my ear eagerly awaits the shout, the voice, and the trumpet, for I am ready to be with the Lord! ✨



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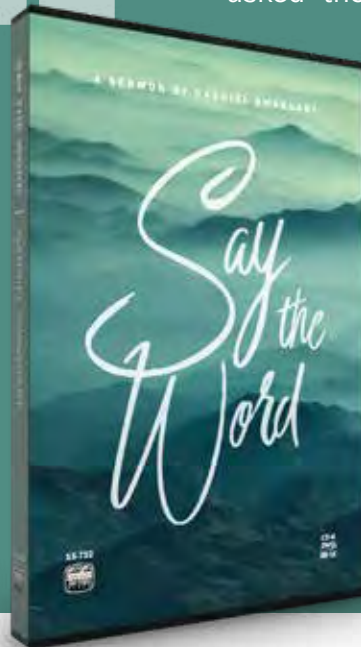
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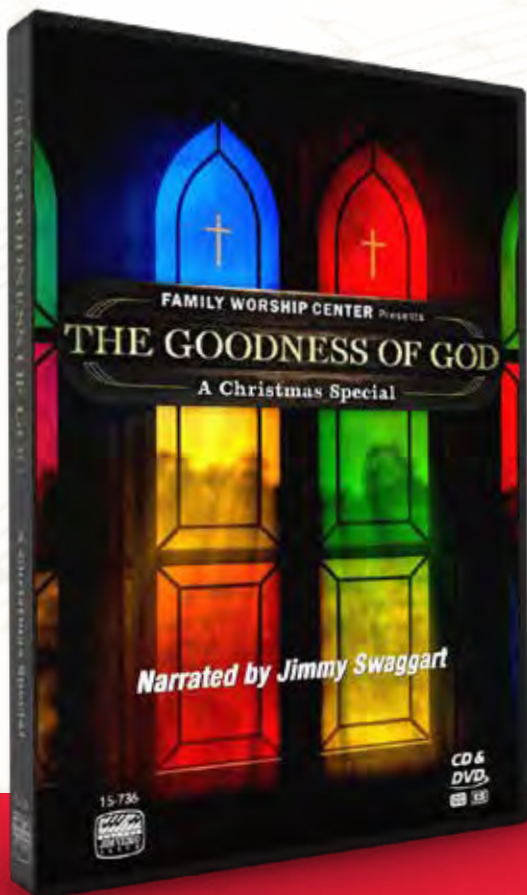
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ARTICLE BY **Gabriel Swaggart**

“For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words...)” —EPHESIANS 3:1-3

The Revelation of the Mystery **PART I**

THE THIRD CHAPTER of Ephesians concludes Paul’s teaching on doctrinal issues relating to the church of Ephesus. After presenting the idea that those in the Ephesian church were no longer aliens but children of God, he begins a dissertation on his apostolic role and what the Holy Spirit had given him. He was given a mandate by the Spirit of God to explain the great mystery of joining both Jew and Gentile into one family. This was not exactly a welcoming thought to many, yet this was the will of God—creating a family consisting of both Jew and Gentile being joined together as one. In other words, those who are saved, as Paul presented in Ephesians 2:8-10, are a part of this new family.

A PRISONER OF JESUS CHRIST

At the time of this writing, Paul was confined to house arrest in Rome, not for something he did wrong but for being a Christian. This could have given him time

to express his heart toward the church of Ephesus by presenting a letter of unity within the body of Christ, which was not being lived out. As a result, Paul begins this chapter with the express purpose of acknowledging himself, not as a prisoner of Caesar but of Jesus Christ. He chose to do this; he wanted to reiterate that he does not belong to Caesar but to Jesus Christ. Ultimately, Paul understands that this situation was the will of God for his life, and instead of complaining about his circumstance, he chose to believe God for his overall well-being. He believed that the God he served had total and complete care over his life. Therefore, he could call himself a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

Can we say the same about our own lives today? Do we believe that our God has total and complete care over our lives? Do we consider ourselves prisoners of Jesus Christ? Regardless of the circumstances you are in, nothing happens to the believer that takes God by surprise.

Everything that happens to us is caused by God or allowed by God. Instead of asking why, what, or how, we should try having a different mindset—that God is trying to teach us something and that we have to be sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit to lead us through that specific situation.

A STEWARD OF THE GRACE OF GOD

Paul expresses the notion that he was given the responsibility of being a steward for the grace of God, which speaks of his divine mission to preach the gospel to the Gentiles while at the same time being the one who was given the meaning of the new covenant. It was the responsibility of the apostle to be the caretaker of this message, which would revolutionize the Christian world—the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. God had a plan from before the foundations of the world for His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem humanity through the means of the cross. God also planned to bring both Jew and

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Gentile together as one body, forming the mystical body of Christ. Paul was chosen as a vessel to proclaim and explain the message of Christ and the cross to the Gentiles, that they could be saved and walk in victory according to their faith in the finished work of Christ, and that both Jew and Gentile are reconciled unto God through the simple act of faith into one body, one family.

This plan was not conjured up in Paul’s mind, nor was it given to him through conversation with other people. This specific revelation was provided to him by the Holy Spirit. Looking back at his life, no one knew the Bible of that day better than Paul. Yet, he did not understand its true implications and what it actually meant. This would change on the Damascus road when Jesus revealed Himself to this Pharisee. After some time in what is

known as the “silent years,” it is believed that the Holy Spirit began to unravel the great mystery of grace and God’s redemption plan for the Gentile race.

GOD’S PLAN FOR THE CHURCH

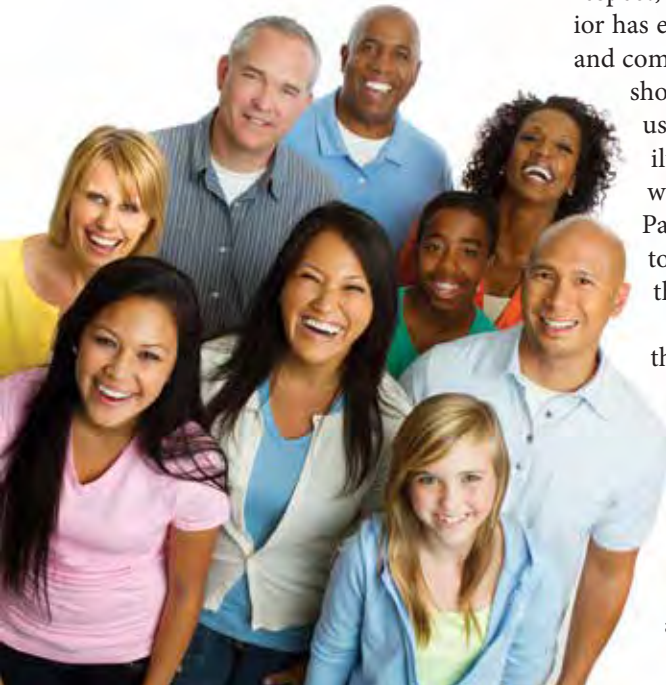
At the heart of this plan is Jesus Christ. God’s grand plan was made manifest in Christ through His work on Calvary’s cross. Through His work, He would create a people, the Jews, combining them with outsiders (Gentiles) who had no chance to be reconciled unto God and bring them together to form a new body, which we now know as the church. The purpose of explaining this mystery concisely is to challenge the body of Christ in this way; we are not a body that is exclusive in nature but rather inclusive. Because of this, we are to treat our fellow Christians with kindness, love, respect, and grace. If the world’s Savior has extended His mercy, grace, love, and compassion to us, how much more should we extend to those around us, including our Christian family? There is too much division within the body of Christ, and Paul’s thesis in this short epistle is to explain the unity of the body through Christ.

Until this point, the purpose of the church was concealed from all until the Holy Spirit revealed it to Paul. He planned to include the Gentile race within the family of God and open it up to the world at large. Currently, the church is made up primarily of Gentiles, and we are thankful that this

way has opened up to us. The gospel of Jesus Christ was never meant for a particular group of people, but God’s plan was always to open it up to the masses. Regarding the church as a whole, most would understand that the church is not a building but a people. Those who are saved and belong to the family of God are, in fact, the church. And seeing that someone, somewhere, shared the gospel with us, then we must, in turn, do the same, for there are hungry souls who need Jesus, and it is our responsibility to bring them the greatest story ever told, the story of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

THE CROSS

Ultimately, the purpose of the church is to be God’s hand extended, to bring the message of hope, peace, restoration, reconciliation, and salvation to those downtrodden and hurting. All of these are found in what Jesus Christ has done for us. The cross of Christ must ever be the heartbeat of the church. When we leave the cross, we leave our purpose for existing. When we leave the cross, we turn our backs on what brought us into the family of God to begin with. When we leave the cross, we leave salvation. There is no purpose in presenting a Christless cross, for a Christless cross cannot save anyone, and neither can a Christless cross deliver anyone from the very bondage of sin. The cross must be our message, and it must be our way of life. As a whole, the body of Christ must return to the cross of Christ, and once it does, we will have a real story to tell, how Jesus Christ gave all, so that we can experience true salvation and deliverance from sin. ✚





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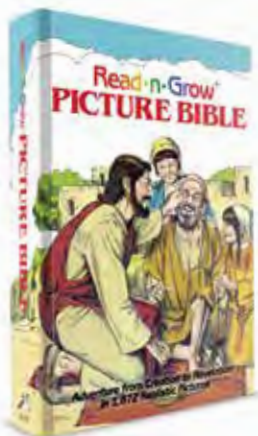
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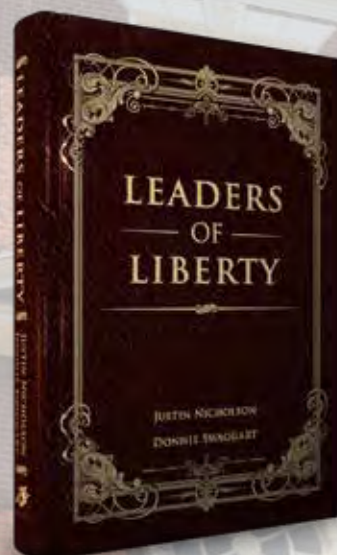
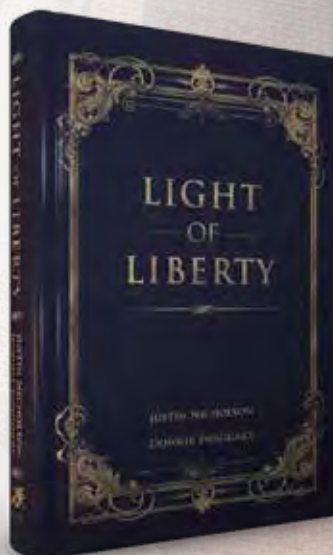
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<i>US/Canada/Mexico/ Central America</i>	
24/7	125
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24/7	
AT&T U-VERSE	
24/7	580
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24/7	Check Local Listings

**UNITED STATES
CABLE AND
OVER-THE-AIR
(DTV) LISTINGS**

A	Channel
ALABAMA	
<i>Anniston</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Berry</i>	487
<i>Birmingham</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	24
<i>Fayette</i>	
OTA	15.4
<i>Florence</i>	
*Comcast	1070
<i>Huntsville</i>	
*Comcast	1070
<i>Mobile</i>	
*Comcast	1070
OTA	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 776

ALASKA	
<i>Anchorage</i>	
OTA	31
ARIZONA	
<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA	22.3 / 50.3
<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One	91
ARKANSAS	
<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
*Comcast	1070
OTA	14.2 / 49.3

C	Channel
CALIFORNIA	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum	499 / 1499 HD
OTA	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPTV	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox	483
Spectrum	470
OTA	20.1
Verizon	297
<i>Palm Desert, San Diego</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Redding/Chico</i>	
OTA	41.2
<i>Sacramento</i>	
OTA	9.1 / 49.6
<i>Salinas</i>	
OTA	27.4
<i>San Rafael</i>	
Lucas Valley Cable	487
<i>San Francisco/San Jose</i>	
Comcast	103 / 1099
Wave Division	15
San Bruno Cable	23
Google Fiber	42
Charter Communications	23
OTA	38.3
DirecTV/DISH/AT&T Inc.	42
<i>Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara</i>	
OTA	40.2

COLORADO	
<i>Denver</i>	
Comcast	91
OTA	5.1 / 16.3
CONNECTICUT	
<i>Hartford, New Haven, Manchester</i>	
Spectrum	129 / 854
Comcast	1096
OTA	43.2

D	Channel
DELAWARE	
<i>Wilmington</i>	
Comcast	487
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
<i>Washington DC</i>	
RCN	55
Cox	28
Comcast	Check local listings
OTA	49.5

F	Channel
FLORIDA	
<i>Astor, Astatulua, Lakes of Mt. Dora, Magnolia Point</i>	
Florida Cable Inc.	168
<i>Fort Myers-Naples</i>	
OTA	22.3
<i>Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach</i>	
OTA	48.2
<i>Gainesville</i>	
OTA	2
<i>Jacksonville</i>	
OTA	24
<i>Miami</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Orlando</i>	
Spectrum	231 / 1116 HD
OTA	55.4
<i>Tallahassee</i>	
OTA	4
<i>Tampa (Hillsborough, Manatee, St. Petersburg)</i>	
Spectrum	199 / 1116 HD
OTA	43.1
<i>West Palm Beach</i>	
OTA	57.3

G	Channel
GEORGIA	
<i>Atlanta</i>	
Comcast	28
OTA	16.2
<i>Augusta</i>	
*Comcast	1070
<i>Milledgeville</i>	
Bulldog	112
<i>Rome</i>	
*Comcast	1070
<i>Savannah</i>	
*Comcast	1070
OTA	34.5
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 782

H	Channel
HAWAII	
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	406 / 1406 HD

I	Channel
IDAHO	
<i>Boise</i>	
OTA	41.3
<i>Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls</i>	
Cable One	91
ILLINOIS	
<i>Champaign</i>	
OTA	46
<i>Chicago</i>	
RCN	270
WOW (Wide Open West)	194
Comcast	115 / 365
OTA	35.2
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Hamilton County Communications Inc.	16
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Hamilton Communications Services	161
<i>Metamora</i>	
MTCO	201
<i>Peoria</i>	
Comcast	74
<i>Rockford</i>	
Comcast	103
INDIANA	
<i>Indianapolis</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	30.5
Comcast	90
<i>South Bend</i>	
Comcast	111
<i>Terre Haute</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
IOWA	
<i>Des Moines, Ames</i>	
OTA	14 / 19.2 / 36.2
<i>Sioux City</i>	
Cable One	91

K	Channel
KANSAS	
<i>Dodge City</i>	
United Telecom	162
<i>Emporia</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Wichita, Hutchinson Plus</i>	
OTA	40.4
KENTUCKY	
<i>Bowling Green</i>	
OTA	39.4
<i>Independence</i>	
Cincinnati Bell	265
<i>London, Owensboro</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
<i>Louisville</i>	
OTA	21 / 25.6 / 50.1
<i>Paducah</i>	
OTA	27.2

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Baton Rouge
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Houma
*Comcast 1070
Monroe
OTA 39.4
Plaquemine
Clear Choice Cable 225
Prairieville, Gonzales
Cox Cable 389
Shreveport
*Comcast 1070
OTA 14

M Channel

MAINE

Augusta, Bangor, Portland, York, Saco
Spectrum 489

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston
OTA6 2.2
Comcast 1096
Spectrum 129 / 854
Beld Broadband 20 / 520
Shrewsbury
Community 24 / 1231
Worcester
Spectrum 129 / 854

MICHIGAN

Detroit
Comcast 389
Spectrum 158
WOW (Wide Open West) 194
OTA 14.5 / 19.2 / 47.3
Flint, Saginaw, Bay City
OTA 49.2
Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek
OTA 54.2
Oakland County, Livonia
Spectrum 179 / 379

MINNESOTA

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OTA 27.2
Minneapolis
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Minneapolis, St. Paul
OTA 25.2
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MISSISSIPPI

Biloxi, Columbus, Grenada
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Greenville, Greenwood

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Tupelo
*Comcast 1070
MISSOURI
Cape Girardeau, Harrisburg
OTA 27.2
Higginsville
Citizen's Cablevision 122
Joplin, Pittsburg
OTA 49.3
Kansas City
Spectrum 470
OTA 21.3
Kirksville
Cable One 91
St. Louis
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Springfield
KRFT-LD TV8 8.7
Excelsior Springs
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Comcast 280
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Cable One 91
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Buffalo
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Spectrum 470
Cobleskill
OTA 41.4
Carmel
Comcast 191
New York
Cablevision 15
Spectrum 22 / 470
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Frontier 43
RCN 39 / 270
OTA 42.1 / 43.1
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Spectrum 470
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Randolph Telephone 257
Charlotte
Comporium 391
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Spectrum 470
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OTA 16.3
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OTA 43.2

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Cincinnati
OTA 25.6
Cleveland
WOW (Wide Open West) 193
OTA 27.3 / 41.3
Spectrum 388 / 1388 HD
Columbus
Spectrum 388 / 1388 HD
WOW (Wide Open West) 193
Toledo
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Company, Inc. 75

OKLAHOMA

Altus
Cable One 91
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Cable One 91
Duncan
Cable One 91
Oklahoma City
OTA 22.2
Ponca City
Cable One 91
Tulsa
OTA 48.2
OREGON
Medford
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Portland
Comcast 99 / 1099

P Channel

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia
Comcast 193 / 1095
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Blue Ridge Comm. 8 / 24

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Choice Cable 41
San Juan
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Beresford Cablevision 487
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Sioux Falls
OTA 7.3

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OTA.....	27.4
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*Comcast	1070
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Austin	
OTA.....	17.3
Balch Springs	
Suddenlink.....	20 / 107HD
Bryan	
OTA.....	34.6
Carrollton	
Spectrum	14
Dallas	
OTA.....	47.5
KODF	26.5
KHPK	28.1
KTXD.....	47.5
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Denton	
Spectrum	6 / 749 HD
Duncanville	
Charter	13 / 749 HD
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Spectrum	12 / 750 HD
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Spectrum	22 / 742 HD
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OTA.....	29.4
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OTA.....	22.3
Park Cities	
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Pilot Point	
Suddenlink.....	97 / 197 HD
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Cable One.....	91
Rockwall	
Spectrum	14 / 749 HD

Sherman	
Suddenlink	95 / 714
Temple	
OTA.....	34.6
Throckmorton, Lake Graham, Newcastle	
TGN Cable.....	487
Waco	
OTA.....	34.6
Waxahachie	
Spectrum	12

U Channel

UTAH	
Salt Lake City	
Comcast	91
OTA.....	23.2

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Bellingham	
OTA.....	24.2
Goldendale	
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Tacoma	
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Washington DC	
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Spectrum	388 / 1388 HD
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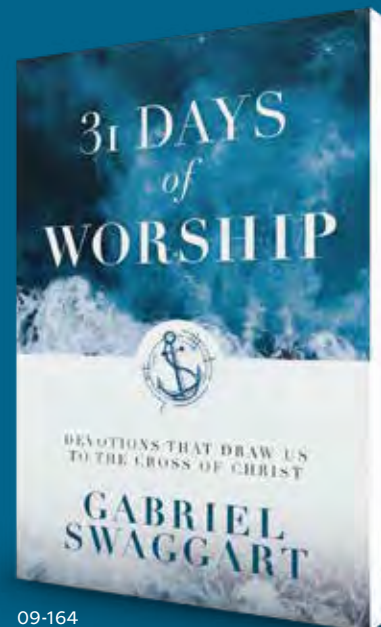
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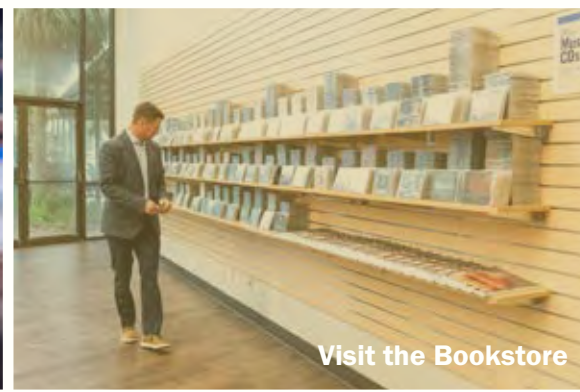
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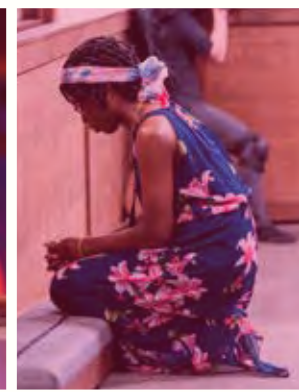




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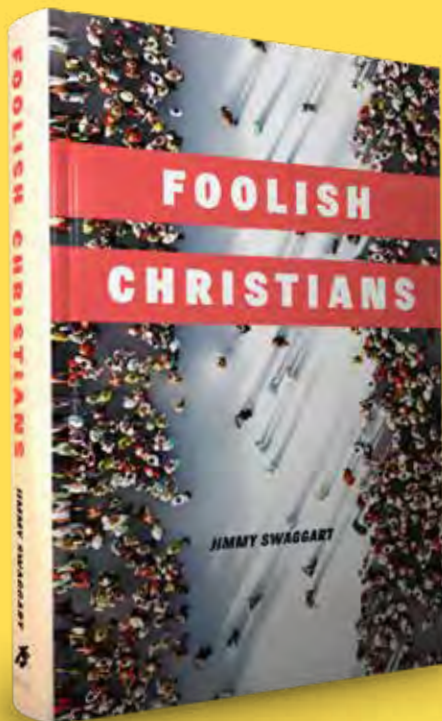
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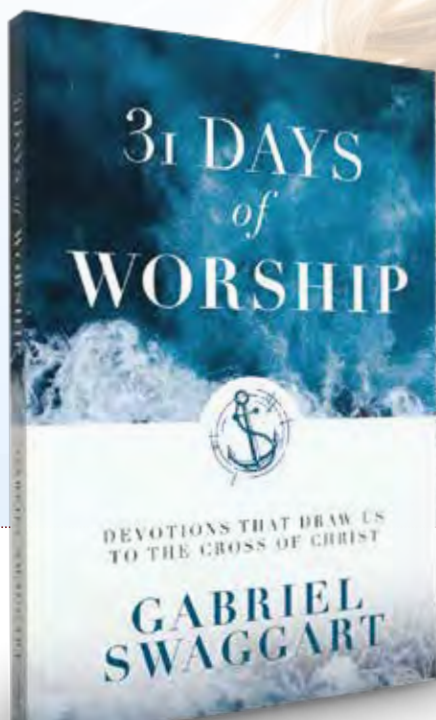
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Dear Evangelist I am a Family Worship Center media church member, and I just wanted to tell y’all that I love y’all! Y’all are an inspiration to me. I am fed the Word of God every time I listen to one of the programs or church services! And I love The Expositor’s Study Bible! It’s awesome; I can’t put it down when I pick it up! If anyone out there wants to learn Scripture, The Expositor’s Study Bible is the best Bible! —**Mississippi**

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She had all of his music on 8-track tapes! We played her favorites at her funeral. Today would have been my father’s ninety-ninth birthday. He always took us to church, knowing how important his role was to his family. I just wanted to thank you so much for your ministry and programs. I feel I have been to church watching and participating in communion and singing along with the congregation and choir with the songs I know so well. We are blessed and encouraged beyond words! —**Email**

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ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.” —MATTHEW 3:11

The Eight Blessings of the Holy Spirit



ON A CERTAIN day, probably in May of 1962, as an eighteen-year-old young man, I became so totally interested in knowing God better and becoming full of the Holy Spirit. When I got off work from my job at Safeway grocery store that night, I drove to my home church—the First Assembly of God Church on Frank Phillips Boulevard in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. I got there about 9 p.m., and no one was there to let me in, so I crawled through an open window that opened into the prayer room.

I stayed there about three hours and, during that time, all alone except for the Holy Spirit, I experienced the mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit. I wept a thousand tears of repentance, received a new affirmation of the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and, toward the end of this prayer vigil, I heard myself praying in a language that I did not know. I knew that I had been baptized in the Holy Spirit. At that time in my life, I didn't know how wonderful and important the Holy Spirit

would be in my life and ministry.

In this article, I have set forth eight important blessings of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Spirit-filled believer. Please read them carefully and take time to look up some of the Scriptures and allow the good Word of God to make clear to you the manifold blessings of the Holy Spirit.

1) The Holy Spirit convicts of sin. John 16:8 says, “*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.*”

2) The Holy Spirit gives assurance of salvation. Romans 8:14 says, “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*” And in Romans 8:16: “*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.*”

3) The Holy Spirit guides and reveals the truth of life and God's Word. John 14:26 says, “*But the Comforter, which is*

“Sanctify them in thy truth: thy Word is truth.”

the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

John 16:13 says, “Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.” And in John 17:17: “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

4) The Holy Spirit comforts believers in times of great stress.

Acts 9:31 says, “Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.” John 14:16 says, “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.” II Corinthians 1:4 says, “Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” And Philippians 2:1 says, “If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies.”

5) The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual gifts and the fruits of the Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:4, 6-7 says, “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.” And Galatians 5:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

6) The Holy Spirit empowers the believer for ministry.

Luke 24:49 says, “And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.” Acts 1:8 says, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 4:31 says, “And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.” And Acts 4:33 says, “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

7) The Holy Spirit prays through us the will of God when we don't know how to pray.

Romans 8:26 says, “Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”

8) The Holy Spirit is greatly involved in the sanctification of the believer.

Romans 8:11 says, “But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.” Romans 8:13 says, “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.” Romans 15:16 says, “That

I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.” I Corinthians 6:11 says, “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” II Corinthians 3:18 says, “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Thessalonians 2:13 says, “But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.” And I Peter 1:2 says, “Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

The reality and power of the Holy Spirit is quickened and activated when a believer becomes totally focused on the power of the cross, which is the reality of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Maintaining our sincere focus on the power of the blood of Calvary activates faith to be baptized in the Holy Spirit as well as faith for healing, miracles, and signs and wonders.

All of these eight blessings of the Holy Spirit are made possible by sincere faith in the shed blood of Calvary and understanding God's great love for you and me. ✚



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.” —II CORINTHIANS 4:7-10

Treasure in Earthen Vessels

THE TREASURE

On the interior of every believer is a magnificent treasure. This treasure does not come from the person himself, but is a result of personal faith in God’s redemption plan. The believer carries the person and spirit of Jesus Christ within his heart. Jesus is the treasure.

Ephesians 1:14 says that the believer has been granted “*the earnest of our inheritance*.” The earnest is defined as a pledge—part of the purchase money or property given in advance as security for the rest. A day is coming when the full manifestation of the purchased possession will take the form of a glorified body. However, today, we have the presence of the Lord within.

Colossians 1:27 says that that earnest

is “*Christ in you, the hope of glory*.” Isaiah said He is “*Immanuel, God with us*.” So, without question, the treasure within us is Christ Jesus.

THE EARTHEN VESSEL

For now, the treasure is housed inside our human form—this earthen vessel, this jar of clay. The issue that faces all of us is how to get what is on the inside to surface and shine on the outside. The obstacle to the promotion of Jesus is most normally the believer himself. We have to learn how to decrease so that the treasure within may increase and be displayed.

The process that must be embraced is self-abnegation. That is the emptying of self and the removal of the portion of self

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that hinders Christ from controlling and utilizing the believer. When you or I surface, things can quickly become ugly. But when Christ is given the liberty to rise and shine through our lives, great things can be accomplished for God, for others, and for the believer who is utilized.

To get us to the place in our lives where we truly let Christ have this dominance is never simple, easy, or even quick. Always, it will require a crushing of self, a humbling of self, and a lowering of self, that naturally stands opposed to the work of the Spirit within. To this end, God designs circumstances and situations around us, that will require us to believe and depend upon Him as never before.

THE UNCOMFORTABLE SCENARIO

The apostle Paul understood this process. In II Corinthians 4:8-9, Paul claims that the believer might find himself “troubled

on every side” (surrounded by the enemy), “perplexed” (questioning why, confused), “persecuted” (prosecuted by continual acts of enmity) and “cast down” (struck down, knocked down). But by relying on and depending upon the treasure within, depending upon what Christ did for us at Calvary, He promises that we will not be “distressed” (driven to emotional, physical, spiritual ruin), “in despair” (to be wholly without resource; utterly at a loss), “forsaken” (deserted), or “destroyed” (to destroy fully, knocked out).

God allows these circumstances to break open the earthen vessel and let the light shine. Gideon’s pitchers had to be broken before their light could shine. Christ took bread, blessed bread, and broke bread before He could distribute it. Mary’s alabaster box had to be broken before the aroma of her sacrifice could fill the air. We have to be broken in order for the fullness

of Christ to proceed out from us; to arrive where it is no longer “I who lives but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20).

THE FINAL RESULT

Paul tells us in II Corinthians 4:16-17, “*but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*”

We exhibit “the dying of the Lord Jesus” by learning to trust in His sacrifice and by depending upon His provision through trying times. Like Jesus, we must willingly embrace the cross of Christ and depend upon God to do what is needful and right. When we do, the life of Jesus is manifested in our bodies. We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so, as the children’s song declares, “Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!” ✎





ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

In previous issues of *The Evangelist*, we explored the authenticity, unity, and doctrines of the Bible. As I close out this series on the inspired Word of God, I want to share with you my findings on the following Bible translations.

BIBLE DOCTRINE, PART IV

English Translations

1382: JOHN WYCLIFFE'S TRANSLATION

It was John Wycliffe who published the first complete Bible in English in 1382. Aelfric of Bata had only produced an English translation of the Gospels in AD 1000. Unfortunately, the Roman Catholic Church condemned Wycliffe's work and burned many of the handwritten copies, leaving only a hundred and fifty surviving copies, but only one is complete.

1525: WILLIAM TYNDALE'S TRANSLATION

William Tyndale was successful in printing an English translation of the New Testament at Cologne, Germany in 1525. Due to his close friendship with Martin Luther, Roman authorities attempted

to halt the project. Tyndale had to flee and, sadly, British agents captured him in Belgium, strangled him, and burned his body at the stake.

1539: THE GREAT BIBLE

King Henry the VIII provided support in 1535 to Englishman Miles Coverdale to publish an English translation of the whole Bible in the city of Zurich. Many of Coverdale's passages supported Anglican Catholic doctrine and undermined the use of the Latin Vulgate. It was in 1539 when Coverdale completed his work on what would be called "The Great Bible." The huge Bible (in size) was prepared to incorporate the best of Tyndale and other English translators, as well as insights from Greek and Hebrew manuscripts.



John Wycliffe



William Tyndale

The British government ordered clergy to display the book in churches throughout the land. The result of this effort stirred popular interest in the Scriptures. Mary I, the daughter of King Henry VIII, acceded to the throne and the antipapal laws of her father were repealed. She banned the

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use of all English Bibles in favor of Latin ones. Coverdale and other Bible translators fled to Geneva, Switzerland.

1560: GENEVA BIBLE

William Whittingham of Geneva organized several of these scholars to begin work on a new English Bible, which they published in 1560. It was the first Bible to divide the Scriptures into verses. This became known as the Geneva Bible. Their translation was dedicated to Queen Elizabeth I who had taken the throne of England in 1558.

1611: KING JAMES VERSION

When King James VI of Scotland became king, Dr. John Reynolds proposed a new English translation of the Bible be issued in honor of the king for his efforts to bring peace between hostile religious factions. For the Old Testament, they relied on the Textus Receptus, ben Hayyim's edition of the ben Ashur text. For the New Testament, they relied upon the Greek text of Erasmus and a bilingual Greek-and-Latin text of the sixth century found by Theodore Beza. The translators followed chapter divisions by Archbishop Stephen Langton in 1551 and verse divisions by Robert Estienne. The Bible was published in 1611 and became known as the “authorized version.” It was revised in 1615, 1629, 1638, and 1762. In 1701, Bishop William Lloyd published a King James Version with notes in the margins. He also added Archbishop James Ussher's Chronology that dated creation at 4004 BC. The 1762 version is what most people know as the King James Version (KJV).

1885: REVISED VERSION AND 1901 AMERICAN VERSION

The result of new manuscript discoveries in the nineteenth century and improved knowledge of Hebrew words and grammar precipitated the work on the Revised Version (RV) and the American Standard Version (ASV). Both of these translations attempted to maintain the dignity of the language that had become the hallmark of the KJV. They also sought to exclude obsolete words and usages left over from the Tudor speech of the KJV. Two committees were headed up by Bishop Harold Browne and Bishop C.J. Ellicott, both respected Anglican leaders in the 1870's, to revise the KJV. In 1872, they were joined by an American committee. The public in both the United States and England enthusiastically greeted the New Testament Revised Version at its completion in 1881. The entire Bible was issued in 1885. The RV had a reputation of being oriented toward the British spelling and figures of speech and lost appeal in the United States. The American committee for the RV bonded together to produce their own version of the KJV. American expressions were substituted for British sayings. The committee used a word-for-word translation of the Greek and Hebrew wherever possible. The project was headed by J. Henry Thayer and published in 1901.

1982: NEW KING JAMES VERSION

In an attempt to eliminate archaic expressions used in the KJV that made it difficult to read, Thomas Nelson published the New King James Version (NKJV)

based on the 1894 edition of the Textus Receptus. The publisher accomplished preserving the integrity of the text.

The nineteenth century brought forth its vigor toward Bible translations. As the English language progressed throughout the nineteenth century, words typically used to express a specific meaning were semantically hijacked and used by movements which characterized the opposite meaning. To make the Bible readable, translators modernized the Bible and often failed to express the true contextual meaning once delivered within the manuscripts. Instead of a literal translation Bible, translators adopted a new concept—the dynamic equivalence method.

Eugene Nida was considered the father of the dynamic equivalence method. He separated exegesis, the interpretation of a text and hermeneutics, and methodological interpretation of a text, for a thought-for-thought evaluation of the Bible text being translated. Its voguish acceptance, measured by sales of Bibles, has been used to prove its success.

As we examine modern translations, we must keep in mind that it is easy to find fault within any translation. I do not want to be complicit with translations where interpretation instead of translation is evident, however, it is wise for us to recognize that the translations are not the problem. It is our approach and interpretation that must be scrupulous and vigilant. Therefore, I recommend using the translations as tools to help you learn and develop your comprehension of God's Word. 🚀



ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

It's the most common greeting between the end of Christmas and throughout the first week of January. Even total strangers will greet one another by saying, "Happy New Year!"

Happy New Year!



I'VE OFTEN WONDERED, is "Happy New Year" a declaration, wishful thinking, or simply a cry for hope in a time when all looks hopeless? No matter what the reason is for saying it, the greeting itself does not guarantee a happy new year.

WE'RE ALL HOPING FOR THE BEST

Was it a good year? Was it a mediocre year? Was it a year of challenges? Whatever the answer may be, this is the beginning of a new year. There will be trials and tribulations. There will be some failures, but there can also be victories and times of joy. Here's some good news: We can do more than just hope for the best. We can do something about it. I'm not talking about making a New Year's resolution, getting a better job, or moving to a new city, state, or country. I'm talking about changing your priorities. I'm talking about setting the focus of your faith on the Lord Jesus Christ and on the completed work of Calvary. Only Jesus can bring you a happy year.

PUTTING JESUS FIRST

Is it possible that part of the reason why last year wasn't all we hoped for was because of some of the decisions we made? I'm not talking about bad financial decisions or even overspending. I'm talking about the day-to-day activities we were involved in. I'm talking about trying to go through the day without God's help or input. How has that worked out? Is it possible that putting Jesus first may have influenced the outcome?

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SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus taught, “*Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you*” (Matt. 6:33). This is more than just a quaint little saying. This is a God-given formula for a happy new year.

When Christ has the preeminence in our lives, when He is placed first in our lives, God promises His blessing on our lives. God seeks to bless those who seek first the kingdom of God. This verse is not saying that we will be exempt from trials and tribulations. That certainly is not the case. It is, however, saying that He will be with us in the very midst of every trial and tribulation.

JESUS IS THE SOURCE

As we seek Jesus, we are seeking the very source of all that we need as believers. All that we receive from God comes through the cross. Jesus is the source, and the cross is the means. You can

never separate the cross of Christ from the Christ of the cross. For all of eternity, Jesus will bear the marks of Calvary.

WHAT IF WE FAIL TO SEEK HIM?

“*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*” (Rom. 8:28). Things cannot work out for good if we neglect to put Him first. If we fail to seek God, how can we expect Him to make all things work out for our good?

PUT CHRIST FIRST AND HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are facing a new year. Political, social, and financial uncertainty is everywhere. And yet, we can still have God’s peace. Regardless of how you evaluated last year, we can always see to it that this year we draw closer to Jesus than ever before. If we do this, it will be a happy new year—all year. ✚



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ARTICLE BY **Josh Rosenstern**

How often is your heart troubled? Do circumstances and situations burden your soul? Are there bondages of sin that seem impossible to break?

Learn to Rest, and He Will Handle the Rest

WE ARE TAUGHT from childhood that if there is a problem, then we must work to uncover a solution. Broken items must be fixed, and obstacles must be overcome. Immense frustration sets in when you try everything, yet nothing brings a resolution. Frustration turns into discouragement when that thorn in the flesh digs deeper as you wrestle all the harder to extract it. The outcome is a place of total desperation. What else can you do? What more can be done? Finally, the time has come to rest!

In Genesis 2:2, we are told that God rested on the seventh day. Obviously, the Lord was not exhausted from the six days of creation, but this rest indicated that the work was completed. Elohim ceased from the creative work for a day. This was the foundation for the Sabbath day, which was to be kept holy and dedicated to the Lord for worship unto Him.

In Genesis 8:4, the Scripture says that the ark came to rest after the flood waters

receded. This was a positional rest atop Mount Ararat. The ark that had been floating and drifting for weeks was now grounded and stable forever. In these two examples are truths concerning rest that will help every believer.

The first point is that rest does not necessarily mean a total cessation of activity. The Sabbath rest brought a reprieve from the labor one performed all other days of the week. For example, if you were a builder, then, on the Sabbath, you would rest from your activity of building. Notice that work of the priests actually became greater during this day of Sabbath rest. As we learn to rest in Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts will increase.

Israel was even commanded in Leviticus 25:4 to give the land a rest every seventh year. In fact, God's people ignored the Sabbath year rest for four hundred and ninety years, and that disobedience would bring about seventy years of captivity outside of the land. The unbelief and rebellion of

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Numbers 13-14 resulted in an entire generation not entering into the rest of the promised land.

Presently, under this better, new covenant, we have the fulfillment of the Sabbath rest every minute of the day! Before we were saved, our lives were spent laboring under the broken law. The moment we said yes to Christ, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made us free from the law of sin and death. The work and toil as a slave unto sin has ended because faith in the finished work of Christ has delivered us.

Please, don’t be as Israel of old and ignore the rest!

In Hebrews 4:9-11 we are told the following: *“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”*

The beauty of the rest available to us is that it’s found in Christ. This is positional, not conditional. The soul that’s tossed on life’s seas, being thrust around by every wind of bad news, troubles, sickness, bondages, etc., can now come to rest. So many Christians are worn out from trying to navigate the troubled waters. They say, “I have to do all I can to fix this relationship” or “I’ll just keep trying harder to break this bad habit.” All the while things are getting worse. Just as the ark rested on Mount Ararat, you can come to rest at the foot of Mount Calvary.

If you are in Christ, then why do you keep working as though you are under the law? Bondages must be broken, relationships must be restored, sicknesses need healed, and you know the only one who is able to do it all!

Please allow me to share a brief illustrative testimony. Decades ago, my father

smoked cigarettes on a daily basis. In fact, he would go through several packs of cigarettes in a single day. He was saved, loved God, and was used by God to share the gospel. The Holy Spirit had dealt with his heart, and Dad desired to quit smoking, however that little two-inch long cigarette was more powerful than his willpower and self-discipline. He tried very hard to stop, but to no avail.

One day he called my grandmother, and, in the course of the conversation, she said, “John, why are you trying to do what Jesus already did at the cross? Quit trying to quit and just rest.” Those words hit him.

A short time later, Dad was going about his day, and he realized that hours had passed since he even thought about a cigarette. The desire was totally gone! He was free from that bondage through no efforts of his own but by the power of God working as Dad began to rest!

The burden of worry that you carry must be laid down at the foot of Calvary. That is where Christ will bear the load, and you will find rest. Give Him your heavy yoke today and take upon yourself His yoke, which is to rest. Then, you will be carrying the burden of continually learning to rest. And I promise that He will perform the work needed to handle the rest!

I leave you with the great invitation given by our Lord in Matthew 11:28-30: *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* ✠





FROM ME TO YOU | Jimmy Swaggart

AS FAR AS I know, *The Expositor's Study Bible* is the only study Bible that has been given, free of charge, to great numbers of people serving the Lord in foreign countries. With your help, we have given out nearly 4 million of these Bibles since the Lord instructed me to do so some ten years ago.

WHAT THE LORD SAID DO

As I compiled the notes for *The Expositor's Study Bible*, I had no idea that the Lord would use this Bible as He has with millions of them going into foreign countries all over the world. Virtually all of these Bibles have gone to pastors and Christian workers who could ill afford to pay for any Bible, let alone a study Bible.

I'll not forget the day that the Lord instructed me regarding this outreach effort. About ten years ago, our ministry was offering *The Expositor's Study Bible* at half price here in the United States. A man in our church came up to me and said, "Brother Swaggart, I sold a house, and I have a certain amount of money, and I want to give Bibles for a missions project in Mexico." I gave him the Bibles, but when he walked away, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "I want you to give one of these *Expositor's Study Bibles* to every third world pastor and worker." It was just that simple. From that day on, we started doing exactly what the Holy Spirit had told us to do. Again, with your help, we have given away nearly 4 million of these Bibles.

I believe you could say that *The Expositor's Study Bible* is

the Bible for the twenty-first century. A steady flow of people contact us to say how much it has helped them to understand what they are reading, and anything that helps you understand the Word of God to a greater degree is valuable indeed.

Frances was telling me about a mother of five children who used to listen to audio recordings of the Bible. She did this because she couldn't read all that well. A friend of hers decided to get her a copy of *The Expositor's Study Bible* and told her, "Honey, if you sincerely want to understand the Bible, God will help you." At first, this dear lady would still play her audio Bible in the background, while doing her best to follow along on the pages of her new Bible. But soon after, she did away with the audio and, as a family, she and her children started taking turns, each one reading aloud a verse from the Bible, along with the notes. As a family, their reading improved. As time went on, instead of reading six verses a night, they read six pages a night. They emailed Frances a note from the school that these children attend—a note saying that their reading ability had increased by 42 percent. Glory to God, the Lord is using this Bible in ways that we never dreamed of!

In order to do what the Lord told us to do, we had to have the *Expositor's Study Bible* translated into different languages. After the English version was completed, we had it translated into Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and German. We're just about finished with the French translation; it will be ready shortly.

Also coming soon is *The Expositor's Study Bible* in Vietnamese—yes, I said Vietnamese. Our friend Dave Roeber told me that the Vietnamese people desperately need some Bible tools to help them understand the Word of God. If you don't know about Dave, this man has a powerful testimony. He suffered terrible injuries in the Vietnam War but since has established ongoing missions work in Vietnam as well as ministry here in the U.S. When Dave saw *The Expositor's Study Bible*, he said to me, "That's just what we need." He asked if he could

“You are the ones who make it possible, and how we appreciate your generosity, your love for God, and your love for souls.”

translate it into Vietnamese and Hmong. Not only did I give him permission to translate it into those languages, but I told him we would also pay for the translation to be done. Incidentally, these should be ready in a short period of time.

Who would have thought that there would be thousands of Expositor Study Bibles going out to preachers in Vietnam? And we believe this Bible will be such a blessing to these people who have not had anything like it before.

ANOTHER TESTIMONY

A dear brother in a Central American country went into the capital city to a Christian bookstore. He needed a Bible; his was completely worn out. He found several Bibles on the store shelves, but he simply couldn't afford to buy one. Heavy hearted, he left the store.

This man went on to a preacher's meeting where he was one of several hundred pastors in attendance. What he didn't know was that on this particular day, a copy of The Expositor's Study Bible was to be given to every pastor and Christian worker in that meeting. When this man received his copy and held it in his hands, he couldn't believe his eyes. He was holding a brand-new Bible that he knew he could have never afforded, but the Lord had made it possible for him to have an Expositor's Study Bible.

We hear this same story again and again by countless preachers who have received this Bible—preachers who did not have a Bible with which to read from and study. Think about that—a preacher of the gospel who doesn't have a Bible. Pastors who have walked for miles just to get access to a Bible, to read a page and then walk back and try to preach the next day on what they remember reading. How thankful we are for all the times the Holy Spirit has seen to it that an Expositor's Study Bible came into their possession! That's the reason the Holy Spirit told me to put these Bibles into the hands of every preacher and Christian worker, and this is what we are trying to do.

A FINAL WORD, BUT MOST IMPORTANT

All that I've mentioned about The Expositor's Study Bible—we simply could not do what we're doing without your help. You are the ones who make it possible, and how we appreciate your generosity, your love for God, and your love for souls. You understand how very important this is. We thank God for each one of you who pays for one Bible a month, or several Bibles a



month, which, so far, make up the nearly 4 million Bibles now in the hands of pastors and workers around the world.

Again, we can only do this with your help. But I thank God that so many thousands of you are attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit, helping you to place these Bibles into the hands of those who desperately need them. There is nothing in the world more important than the Word of God—it is the single greatest thing on the face of the earth. And thank the Lord that all of us have a part in getting The Expositor's Study Bible into the hands and hearts of untold thousands of preachers and workers. Again, thank you so very, very much. ✎

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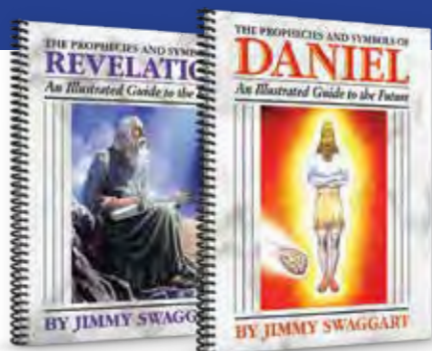
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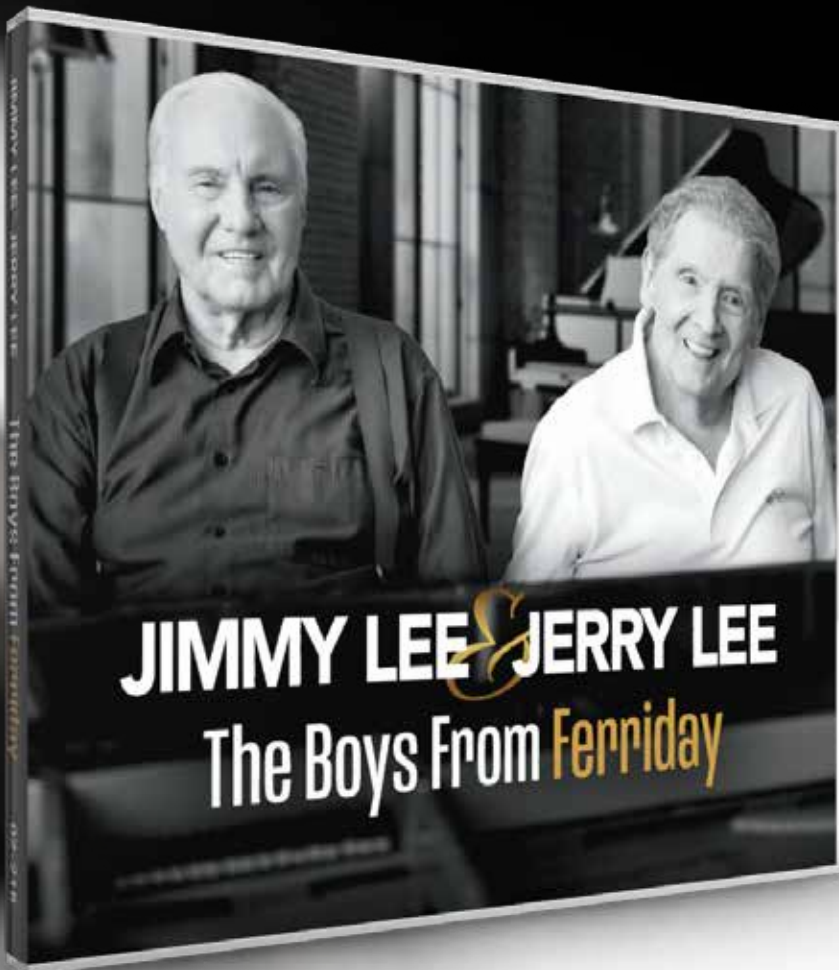


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