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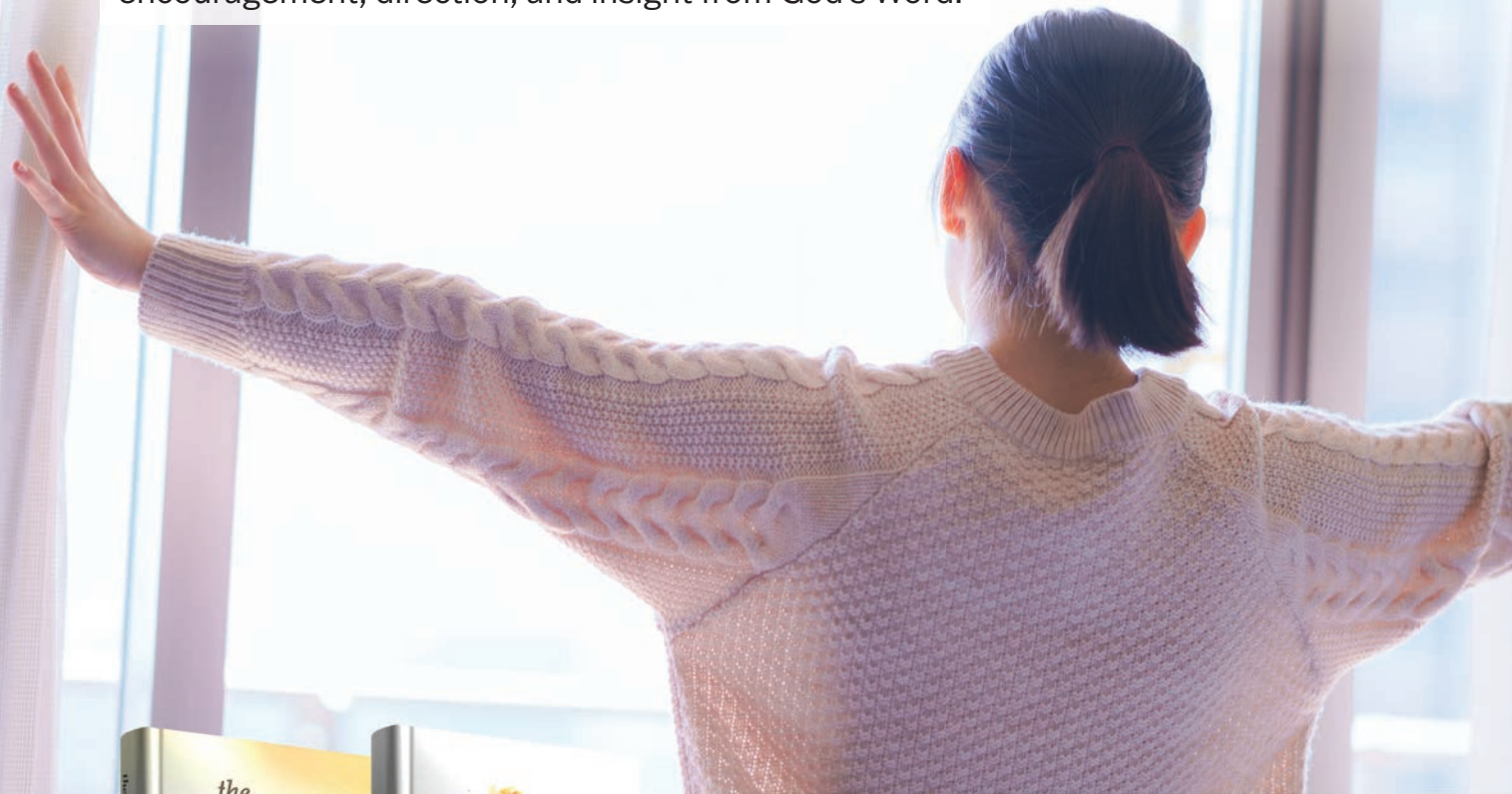
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"On March 15, this evangelist will be eighty-seven years young. I feel great, and more importantly, I believe I'm closer to the Lord than I have ever been in my life, for which we give Him all the praise and all the glory." —**Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart**



# THE LAW

## PART III

The believer must understand that all victory and all righteousness come exclusively by and through the cross of Christ. In other words, no believer, no matter how zealous he or she might be, is going to find victory outside of the cross of Christ. The things that are done may bless the person greatly, but it won't give him victory. →



Excerpt from *What I Hate, That Do I*, by Jimmy Swaggart

**A**s well, righteousness comes to us again only because of our faith in Christ and what He did for us at the cross. Once again, it's the cross.

Let us say it again: victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil, can come only by the cross of Christ, which demands that our faith be exclusively in Christ and the cross, and maintained exclusively in Christ and the cross. As well, we are given righteousness simply because of our faith in Christ and the cross and by no other means.

Yet, whether they realize it or not, most believers do what they do—fasting, witnessing to souls, giving money, or whatever it might be—thinking that it brings about righteousness. It doesn't. One can gain righteousness only by one's faith in Christ and the cross. Listen to what is said about Abraham: "*And he believed in the LORD and he (the Lord) counted it to him for righteousness*" (Gen. 15:6).

#### Only Christ

What makes this scenario somewhat confusing is that most of the time the believer is not deliberately trying to find victory from other sources. He thinks he is depending solely upon Christ, while all the time depending on his own strength or even on the strength of others. His efforts are probably very spiritual and, he thinks, even scriptural, but these efforts are made mostly in ignorance. Irrespective of good intentions or scriptural ignorance, the result is the same: failure. Having good motives, being sincere, and having good intentions, while good, never compensate for error. Wrong direction is wrong direction, regardless of the reasons.

#### A Second Benefit

As stated, most of the problem, at least as it pertains to personal victory over sin for a child of God—and the problem is sin—is an ignorance of the teaching given in Romans 6.

We have all been taught greatly and grandly of the price paid by Christ at Calvary regarding the terrible sin debt, which makes it possible for the believing sinner to be saved. But most of us have heard very little about the second benefit of Calvary, which is the victory won by Christ in destroying the dominion of sin over the believer.

Coming to salvation is wonderful and great, but the believer—even in the face of the powers of darkness with all of its attendant wickedness—must walk straight and clean before the Lord thereafter. Even though Jesus did pay the terrible sin debt, and paid it in totality, sin as a fact was not eradicated or dissolved at that time. It is still very much real, and its bite causes just as many problems as it always did. What Jesus did in respect to breaking its dominion was to literally build a spiritual shield between the sin nature and the believer, effectively isolating that monster. Even though that was done at Calvary and the resurrection—and done in totality—most believers little understand it, and even fewer know how to appropriate this great benefit.

### Continuing Faith

The second difficulty is that there must be a continuing faith, which should not present a problem but sometimes does. Christians love to make everything final; however, while there is finality to what Jesus did respecting the destruction of the dominion of sin over the believer, in another sense of the word, it is not final. By that I mean the believer must continue to exercise faith even on a moment by moment basis. To be sure, this is all done for our benefit, but at times it seems like anything but a benefit.

Once again, we come back to the foundation of the Word of God, which demands that man go God's way, and nothing must be taken or added from that way. This is man's great problem. Even believers—they either do not know the way, which is the way of the cross, or else they try to change the way. Perhaps this is done in ignorance, but again the end result is the same: failure.

### But If Her Husband Be Dead, She Is Free From That Law

This presents Paul proclaiming the situation as it ought to be. The husband being dead represents the law being dead; or one might say fulfilled, in effect, by Christ. As a result, the believer is no longer obligated to the law. He is free from its demands simply because Christ has fulfilled those demands on his behalf. The law within itself is not dead, but as we shall see in a later verse, we are to be dead to the law. This means that we are to treat the law as though it is dead. The law is dead only to believers and not to the world at large.

Actually, the law died with Christ. Paul said, *"Blotting out the handwriting of Ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross"* (Col. 2:14).

### So That She Is No Adulteress, Though She Be Married To Another Man

The heading presents the believer as now married to Christ and no longer under obligation to the law because the power of the law is dead, at least as Paul draws the analogy. Israel was obligated under the law because Christ had not yet come, but when Christ came, He took the place of the law and is to be the only husband. With Christ as the only husband, the believer is not looked at by God as committing spiritual adultery as He did when the believer was attempting to exert loyalty to both.

### Married To Christ


Pursuing the matter of the Christian's relation to law as a method of divine dealing, Paul returns to the substance of his statement in Romans 6:14: *"Ye are not under the law, but under grace,"* (married to Christ).

To be under law is to be in the state of an unsaved person, obligated to obey God's law; however, the law gives neither the desire nor the power to obey its precepts. Instead it brings out sin all the more, because that's what it was designed to do. Its very presence incites rebellion in the totally depraved nature of the individual (Rom. 5:20).

Conversely, to be under grace is to be a Christian who has had the power of the evil nature broken in his life so that he does not need to obey it anymore. A Christian has been given the divine nature, which gives him both the desire and the power to do God's will. Consequently, we can now see how deadly it is to resort to any other method of victory other than Christ and the cross. Jesus is not only our Savior from sin (the sin debt), but He is also our Savior respecting the dominion of sin. It no longer rules us and in fact, cannot rule us, that is, as long as we look to Christ and the cross.

### Wherefore, My Brethren, You Also Are Become Dead To The Law By The Body Of Christ

*"Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth*



“Once again, we come back to the foundation of the Word of God, which demands **that man go God's way**, and nothing must be taken or added from that way.”

fruit unto God” (Rom. 7:4).

The Christian has the choice: it’s either law or grace. For the believer to operate in grace, which is God’s intention, the believer only has to make the cross the object of his faith and maintain the cross as the object of his faith.

Romans 7:4 presents the passage that causes some confusion about Paul’s analogy regarding the husband who died. Continuing that analogy, Paul would have said that the law died, inasmuch as the dead husband represented the law, but he doesn’t say that. He said the believer has become dead to the law—instead of the law being dead to the believer—even though in truth the law is dead to the believer, or should be.

The real point that Paul is making in this symbolism is about the woman—a type of the believer—who attempts to be married to two husbands: the law and Christ. Of course, such cannot be.

Also, when Paul uses the statement, “are become dead to the law,” he is referring to fellowship with Christ in His death. As well, Paul is using another analogy, which in a sense turns the entire scenario around. He is saying that when the husband (law) dies, the wife also dies as far as that particular marriage relationship is concerned, and she is free to marry another. So, when Jesus died on Calvary, the believer (continuing the analogy, the wife) died with Him (Rom. 6:6). Therefore, the believer is now free to marry Christ, which he does at conversion.

The phrase, “are become dead” in the Greek is *thanatoo*, which means “you were made dead, put to death,” and speaks of great violence. Henry Alford said, “The more violent word is used instead of ‘apethanete (you died),’ to recall the violent death of Christ, in which, and after the manner of believers have been put to death to the law and sin. In other words, there is absolutely no doubt that the believer is dead to the law and sin.”<sup>1</sup>

### The Structure Of The Law

Now why did Paul change the structure of the analogy and make the believer dead to the law instead of the law dead to the believer, as was originally typified by the dead husband? As we have already stated, the original intent was to portray the impossibility of the believer attempting to be married to two husbands—law and Christ. But the reason Paul did not say that the law is dead to the believer, but rather that the believer is dead to the law is because the law is not dead; it is very much alive, even now.

All human beings in the world who are not saved, if they do not give their hearts to Christ, will answer to the law, which will be done at the great white throne judgment.

The reason the believer does not have to answer to the law, is because Jesus satisfied the law in every respect and kept its precepts completely. Whenever we accept Christ, we are given His perfection, with the law having no more hold over us. That can be only if the person accepts Christ, otherwise they will answer to the law, and that judgment is death—eternal separation from God, eternal hell. ✚

<sup>1</sup>Alford, Henry. “I Corinthians.” *The New Testament for English Readers*, Part I ed., II. Gilbert and Rivington Printers, 1865, pg. 54. Romans. <http://archive.org/stream/newtestamentfor03alfogoog#page/n8/mode/1up>

## The Priceless Corner

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).

### 4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR

Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name” (John 1:12).

### WE BELIEVE:

- 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).

### PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged cross of Calvary. I now open my heart’s door and receive You as Savior and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen.”

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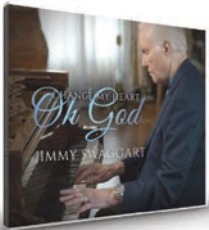
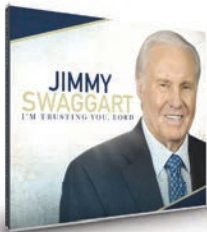
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## Q&A WITH SISTER SWAGGART

### Q. How do I know if I am being taught false doctrine?

**A.** Any doctrine that is not exactly according to the Word of God is satanic, meaning that it originated with demon spirits, irrespective as to whom might be preaching such a doctrine.

This is one of Satan's greatest ploys. He presents some truth, but only to serve as bait that he might project his lie, which will destroy the individual who follows such teaching. Satan counterfeits his lies by making them seem to be right, claiming biblical foundation and, at times, presenting some truth. Error rides into the church on the back of truth.

Here is a list of just a few false doctrines that do not lend themselves to godliness because they are erroneous:

1. Unconditional eternal security
2. Predestination, which teaches that God has already ordained that certain ones to be saved and certain ones to be lost, and that they have nothing to say in the matter
3. Denial of the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues

4. The modern "greed gospel," also known as the "prosperity message," but in reality is no prosperity at all

5. Trusting in anything except the finished work of Christ to bring about victory in one's life, or anything else for that matter as it pertains to the Lord

6. Humanistic psychology

7. Dependence on the flesh instead of the Holy Spirit; the latter demands faith in the cross of Christ.

8. Denial of the rapture or resurrection of the church

9. The modern "kingdom now" message, which claims the millennium will be brought in by political means, etc.

10. All religion

11. Any doctrine that makes allowance for sin in any form

12. Sanctification as a work of man instead of a work of the Holy Spirit

13. Works righteousness and relative righteousness

14. Any doctrine that attempts to go beyond the cross of Christ

15. Any doctrine that weakens the foundation of the blood of Christ as the only cleansing for sin

16. Any doctrine that attempts to bring about anything except through the power of the Holy Spirit

17. Any doctrine that contradicts the substitutionary offering of Christ as the great sacrifice for sin—and as the only sacrifice for sin

18. Any doctrine that denies the atonement of Christ in any manner or claims that anything is received from God other than through the vicarious, substitutionary sacrifice of Christ on the cross

I Timothy 4:1 says, "*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.*"

Evil spirits make these doctrines seem to be very religious and very exciting. For instance, all false doctrine appeals in some way to certain lusts in an individual. It might be pride, money, recognition, standing, or place. Irrespective, it all adds up to self-will, which is the opposite of God's will. This has always been the case. And Satan is using these same methods now, but with this generation he is adding greater power to his efforts, which means that the seduction is far more lethal, and it will continue to increase.

There is a bewitching power and even a sorcery behind false doctrine. It mesmerizes, attracts, pulls, and even seduces. The reason is obvious—seducing spirits are behind all false doctrine. These spirits appeal to the believer through self-will, ignorance of God's Word, or both. That's why believers must pay careful attention to what they hear from preachers. Everything must be evaluated according to the Word of God. If it's not scriptural, then it must not be entertained.

If a believer doesn't know his Bible, isn't fully consecrated to Christ, and is not seeking to be led by the Holy Spirit, then he is going to be pulled into this maw of hell. It has already begun, and it will increase in intensity right up to the rapture of the church. After the rapture takes place,

and the true church is gone, this strategy will explode in a fury of evil and wickedness such as the world has never seen before and usher in the Antichrist (Matt. 24:21-22).

We are living in times wherein the children of God—true believers—must push themselves ever closer to Christ and understand that there is not only salvation in the cross, but protection as well. To do the right thing, believers are going to have to buck the tide, so to speak. We are certainly not trying to be a killjoy, but we must state the truth. The majority of the church is going to go toward the seducing spirits—Jesus said so: “*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*” (Matt. 24:11-12).

Remember, all error begins with a slight deviation from the truth. If it is not ultimately straightened out, then, like leaven, it will ultimately corrupt the whole until there is nothing left but error. It’s a slide downward, which gathers speed as it progresses.

Any believer attending a church that is teaching wrong doctrine will not remain static in his faith. He will gradually deteriorate until there is nothing left but corruption. In other words, he ultimately becomes totally deceived, which means it is next to impossible to break out of such a shell. It can be done in some few cases by the power of the Holy Spirit, but, as Paul insinuates in these verses, not often: “*If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to*

*liness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself*” (I Timothy 6:3-5).

Paul told Timothy and all other true preachers and all believers to have no communion or fellowship with such false teachers. Do not recognize them as Bible teachers; do not countenance their views. Timothy was, in no way, to show that he regarded them as inculcating truth or patronize their doctrines. Every man should withdraw from such false teachers that have any claim on Christian character—and withdraw from them with feelings of unutterable pity and loathing.

II Corinthians 11:4 says, “*For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*”

Every preacher who preaches and teaches error is preaching and teaching a lie (I John 2:4). To preach and teach a lie makes the one doing such a liar as well. To lie about anything is bad, but to lie about the gospel is something else altogether.

There are many lies circulating in and around the modern church today, but every Christian should know, understand, and believe that there is only one truth—the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (John 14:6). ✚



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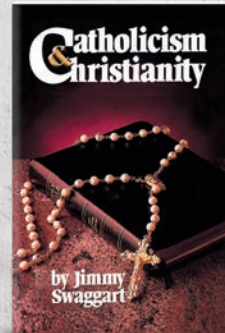
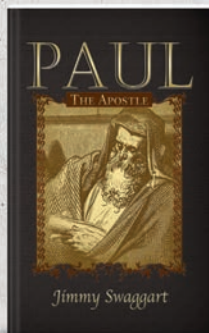
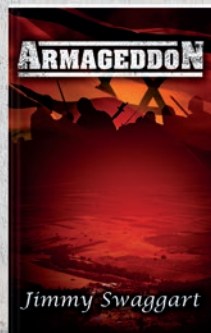
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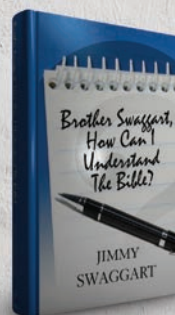
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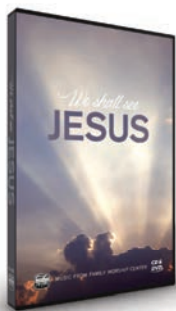
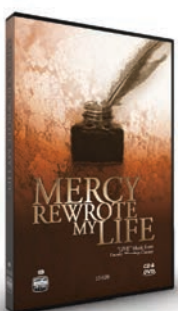
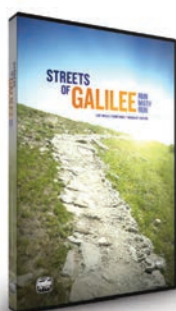
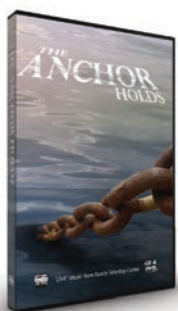
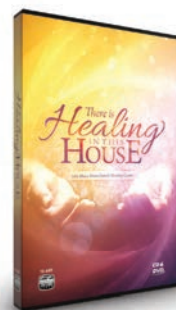
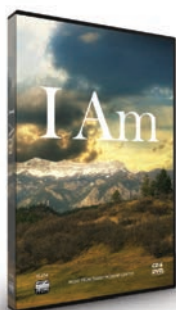


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**“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer.” —PHILEMON 1:1**

# A Prisoner Of Jesus Christ

THE EPISTLE OF Philemon is the only book of the Bible that is, in reality, a private letter written by Paul to a brother in the Lord, Philemon. All of the other epistles are either letters to the churches or pastoral epistles of authoritative direction. The complete tone of the epistle is that of one brother writing to another brother.

The subject matter of the letter concerns Onesimus, the runaway slave from the house of Philemon. The institution of the horrible sin of slavery is ingrained in the history of both Eastern and Western culture. It is said that during the reign of the Roman Empire as much as two-thirds of the people were slaves. Though it would take many centuries for slavery to be eradicated in most countries, this short letter would be the first shot across the bow that would ultimately outlaw slavery in most countries. I wish I could say that slavery is completely eradicated but the truth is, it's not. According to World Population Review, there are many countries in the world today that still have slavery.

I won't take the time to mention all the countries except to say that the majority of these countries are countries where Christianity is outlawed.

So, the Bible recognizes the existence of slavery in its time in both the Old and New Testaments, but through this short letter, the seedbed was laid whereby in the future, as the gospel went forth, and the Dark Ages gave way to the Reformation, we see the nations that embraced Christianity begin to call out for the removal of slavery. Christianity brings out the fundamental equality of all, in the regenerate human nature, in which, *“there is neither Greek nor Jew ... Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free”* (Col. 3:11).

## A Prisoner Of Jesus Christ

In Philemon 1:1, Paul begins by stating, *“Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ.”* At the time of this writing, Paul was in Rome, a prisoner of the Roman Caesar Nero. As Paul was a Roman citizen, he was afforded the right, at his own expense, to rent out

his apartment and not lodge in an actual prison. However, he was bound by chain to a Roman guard and not allowed to leave.

The point I want to bring out is that Paul refused to acknowledge Nero as his captor. He refused to be a prisoner to his situation. Now here is what I want you to grasp: You are going to have trials; you are going to suffer; you are going to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. In these times, you have to make the decision to be either a prisoner of circumstance or a prisoner of Jesus Christ. What Paul was saying to us was, “I don't know why; I don't know how long this will last; I just know that I am a child of God, and nothing can happen to me that God does not will or allow, so I am a prisoner then; this is where the Lord wants me, and I'm going to use this time to turn my hired cell into a place of worship.”

Paul is telling us that Nero could not have placed him in prison had it not been the will of God and, as well, Satan can do nothing to you that God does not allow or will. Now it must be understood that the Lord never wills for us to sin; however, if we exercise our self-will, then the Lord will allow us to fail; but He never wills it, it is always the end result of self will.

## Why?

So why would God allow Paul's imprisonment? I cannot speak for the Lord, and the Lord has not spoken to me a specific answer, but I do believe the following points are worth mentioning:

1. It is quite possible that the Lord willed this time in Paul's life to serve as an example to us as to how we are to conduct ourselves in times of great conflict. Actually, in Ephesians 3:1, Paul uses the same term plus the addition of *“for you Gentiles.”* The Lord knows what each of us can endure, and He allows the more consecrated to serve as our examples.

2. Correction, even in the godliest of saints, is needed because motives can be wrong, improvements are necessary, and course corrections are, at times, critical. Is this event of which I write the “thorn” that Paul spoke of in II Cor. 12:7-12? It is quite possible.

3. To teach faith and dependence. It is, in these times of squeezing, that we are

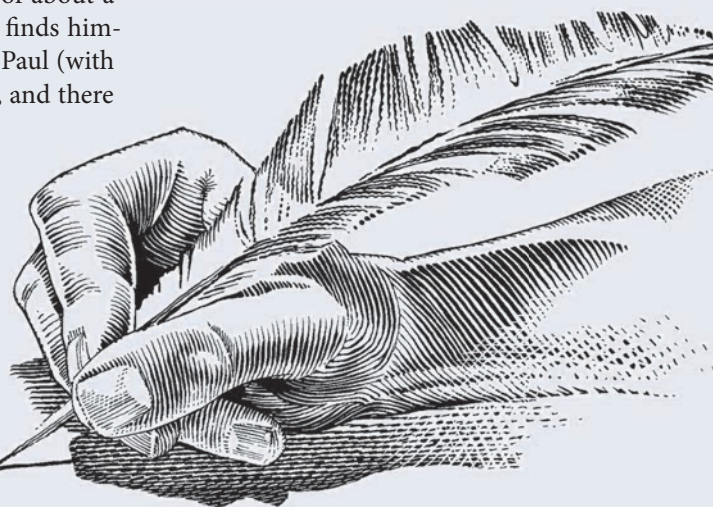
driven to seek the Lord for His help and His strength.

4. Last of all, the salvation of a runaway slave, Onesimus. Just think, Onesimus steals money from Philemon and makes his way to Rome, a distance of about a thousand miles. In Rome, he finds himself alone and then seeks out Paul (with whom he is very acquainted), and there

finds the Lord, and for a season serves alongside Paul as a co-laborer.

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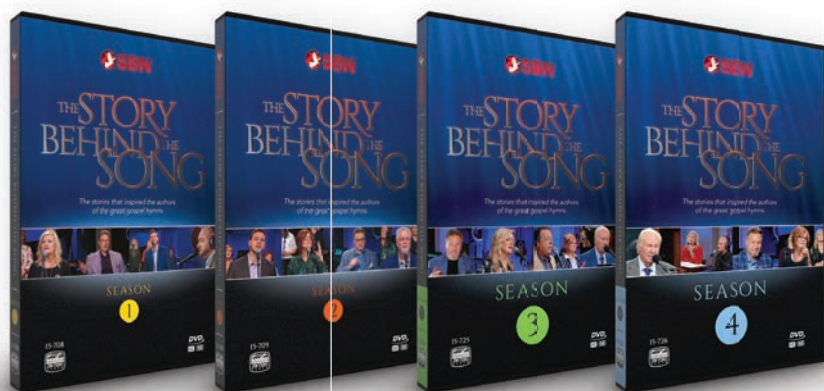
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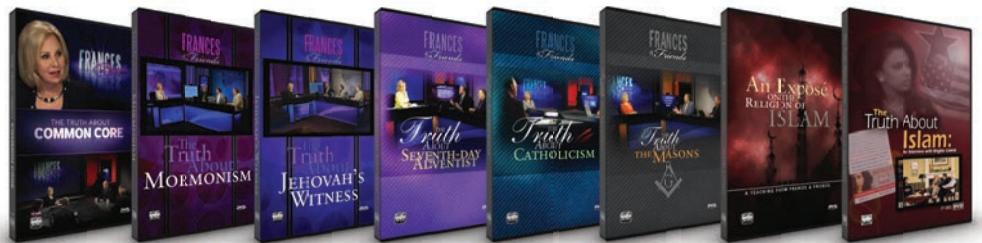
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ARTICLE BY **Gabriel Swaggart**

**PRAYER IS ONE of the most essential tools that the child of God has. Through prayer, things can change. Prayer is the key to direction, health, prosperity, more abundant life, and spiritual growth. At the same time, it is the path for God to demonstrate just how powerful He is.**

# The Effects of PRAYER

WHEN YOU FACE an impossible situation, there is only one thing you can do—pray. When you are faced with insurmountable odds, pray. To explain this, I want to look at the early church and how it handled conditions that could have potentially ended badly.

While Peter and John faced persecution from the religious leaders, the early church faced a critical moment in its infancy—how would they respond to the threats?

In the face of persecution, the church did not shy away, and neither did it cower in the face of pressure. Instead, it gathered together to do the only thing they knew to do, pray. They began to lift their voices unto heaven and declare that God was the

Creator of the worlds and everything in it, and He was in control over everything.

## The Sovereignty Of God

The subject of the sovereignty of God is something that is not discussed anymore in most churches. God is sovereign, and it means that God possesses supreme power. It also means that everything that God does is right. We might not understand circumstances that are before us. We might not understand why certain things happen in the way they do, but we need to know that everything God does is right.

The situations we face are either caused or allowed by the Lord to happen. I understand this is something that

is referred to often, but many people do not fully understand it. The reality of it all is that God is always right in everything we face in life. Everything is subject to the will of God, and when you are faced with impossible circumstances, and you do not know what to do, pray.

## Three Reasons To Pray

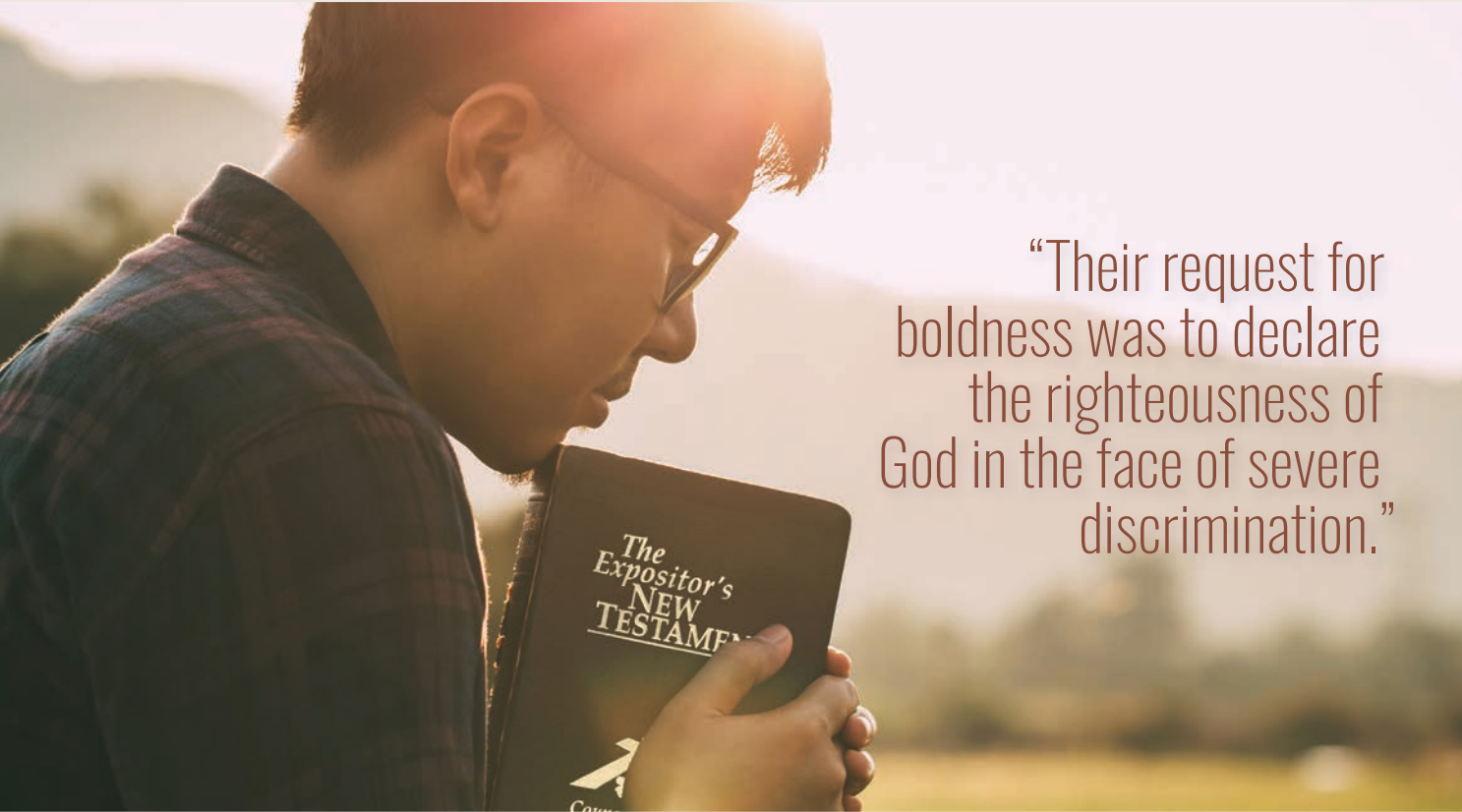
Prayer is one of the most critical disciplines that any Christian can develop and should develop. There are three significant reasons to pray: communion with God, consecration, and petition. Communion speaks of relationship, and anyone knows that it is inconceivable to establish any relationship without communication. God desires to talk with us, but He does not want this to be a one-way street, for He longs for us to speak to Him.

Second, prayer is vital for consecration, which means “to make holy.” During the quiet moments shut in with God, He begins to point out to us what needs to be changed in our lives. Through Peter, the Holy Spirit writes, “*Be ye holy; for I am holy*” (I Pet. 1:16). Holiness comes through our faith in Christ and what he did at Calvary on our behalf. As we continue to seek the Lord through prayer, He will develop us into becoming holy.

The third reason prayer is essential is that we petition the Lord for things we either need or want. Remember, what is either asked or desired must be in the will of God, and one cannot know the will of God if there is no relationship.

## Requests

Notice, Peter and John never once asked the Lord to destroy these men or even for the persecution to stop. Instead, they asked for boldness to press through and do what is right. The boldness mentioned here is not reckless impulsiveness or a blabbering of the mouth with no regard



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for consequences, but confidence and freedom in speaking openly without concealment.

Their request for boldness was to declare the righteousness of God in the face of severe discrimination. If there was ever a time for the church to become bold, that time is now. Now is not the time for the body of Christ to remain silent, rest on its laurels, or go along to get along, but to stand firm, be bold, and preach the gospel in righteousness. We must proclaim that we are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Their second request was for a confirmation for their boldness that the Lord would stretch down His hand and bring forth healing. Divine healing was prominent in the time of the early church, as signs and wonders helped show the power of God, not only to the Jews but also to the Gentiles.

Some may wonder why we are not seeing the miracles that the early church saw in its infancy. I cannot fully answer that question. All I know is that the days of miracles are not over and that we will see a wave of divine healing flood this land one more time. I believe in the healing power of God, and I believe that we are going to see miracles, signs, and wonders, for these will follow them that believe (Mark 16:17).

### Results

As they prayed, something beyond our scope of thinking occurred; the walls began to shake. This was not an earthquake, as some might think, but rather a physical demonstration of the power of God as it shook the very foundations of that chamber. This would not have happened without prayer. Prayer changes things.

If we, as the church, desire to see our

city shaken, then we need to pray. If we long to see our families shaken by the power of God, then pray. If we thirst for a shaking within our lives, then pray. Pray until something happens.

The only way for revival to spread is through the act of prayer. I believe that America will see the most incredible move of God it has ever seen, but it will not come through any other means except prayer. When the Spirit of God fell that day, He gave them a refilling to continue to stand for righteousness and gave them the ability to speak with boldness.

Whatever the situation is that you are facing, take time to pray. Through the act of seeking the face of God, you will find direction, peace, comfort, and miracles.

As we mentioned a few paragraphs ago, pray until something happens, for prayer can change the outcome of the circumstance you are facing. 🦋



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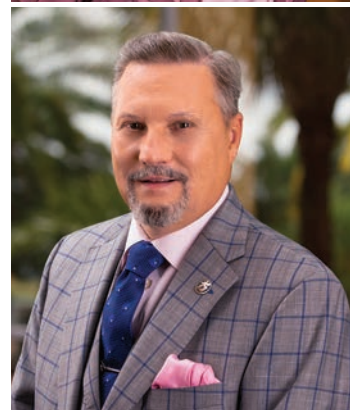


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Hour (CT)	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
12:00:00 AM			Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	
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1:30:00 AM				
2:00:00 AM			FWC Music	
2:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music		FWC Music
3:00:00 AM				
3:30:00 AM				
4:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
4:30:00 AM				
5:00:00 AM				
5:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
6:00:00 AM				
6:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
7:00:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
7:30:00 AM	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)
8:00:00 AM				
8:30:00 AM	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
9:00:00 AM		Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)
9:30:00 AM	A Study In The Word	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)
10:00:00 AM				
10:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center Sunday Live Service			
11:00:00 AM				
11:30:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
12:00:00 PM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
12:30:00 PM	FWC Music		Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	
1:00:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
1:30:00 PM	Generation of The Cross E/I			
2:00:00 PM			FWC Music	
2:30:00 PM		FWC Music		The Story Behind The Song
3:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)			FWC Music
3:30:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
4:00:00 PM				
4:30:00 PM	FWC Music			
5:00:00 PM				
5:30:00 PM	Crossfire Service E/I	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)
6:00:00 PM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
6:30:00 PM	Family Worship Center Sunday Evening Live Service			FWC Music
7:00:00 PM		Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	
7:30:00 PM				Family Worship Center Live Service
8:00:00 PM	FWC Music			
8:30:00 PM	The Story Behind The Song	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	FWC Music
9:00:00 PM				
9:30:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)
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Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	2:00:00 AM
			FWC Music
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	3:00:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	3:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music		4:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	4:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	5:00:00 AM
Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	The Story Behind The Song	5:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	6:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music		6:30:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Generation of The Cross E/I	7:00:00 AM
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		7:30:00 AM
FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	FWC Music	8:00:00 AM
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	8:30:00 AM
			Insight (Re-Air)
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	9:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	10:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	10:30:00 AM
Crossfire Service E/I	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Family Worship Center Wednesday Night Service (repeat)	11:00:00 AM
FWC Music		FWC Music	11:30:00 AM
	FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	12:00:00 AM
			12:30:00 AM



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OTA .....	15.4
<i>Mobile</i>	
OTA .....	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA .....	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum .....	157 / 776
<b>ALASKA</b>	
<i>Anchorage</i>	
OTA .....	31
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<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA .....	22.3 / 50.3

<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One .....	91
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville</i>	
<i>Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA .....	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
OTA .....	14.2 / 49.3

### C Channel

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum .....	499 / 1499 HD
OTA .....	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
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<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPPTV .....	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA .....	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox .....	483
Spectrum .....	470
OTA .....	20.1
Verizon .....	297
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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>	
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Comcast .....	103 / 1099
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<b>COLORADO</b>	
<i>Denver</i>	
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Spectrum .....	129 / 854
Comcast .....	1096
OTA .....	43.2

### D Channel

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<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

<b>GEORGIA</b>	
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### H Channel

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<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum .....	406 / 1406 HD

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OTA .....	41.3
<i>Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls</i>	
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<i>Louisville</i>	
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<i>Paducah</i>	
OTA .....	27.2

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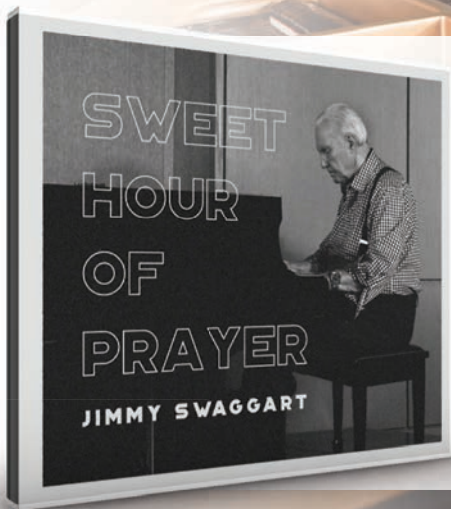
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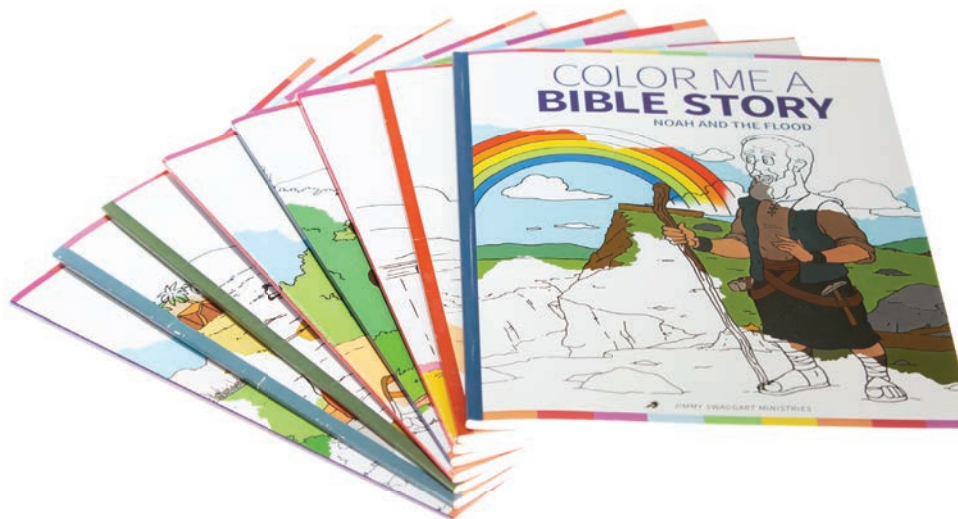
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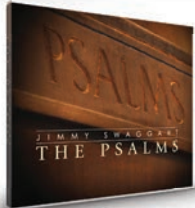


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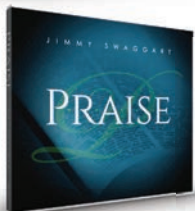
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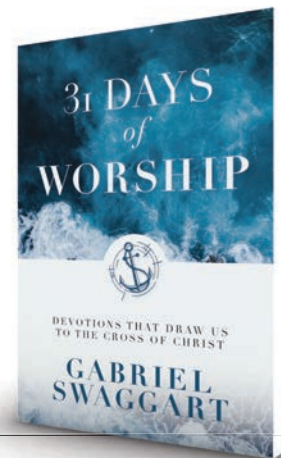
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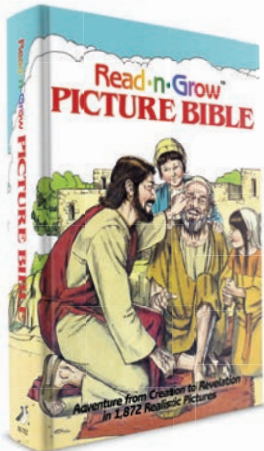
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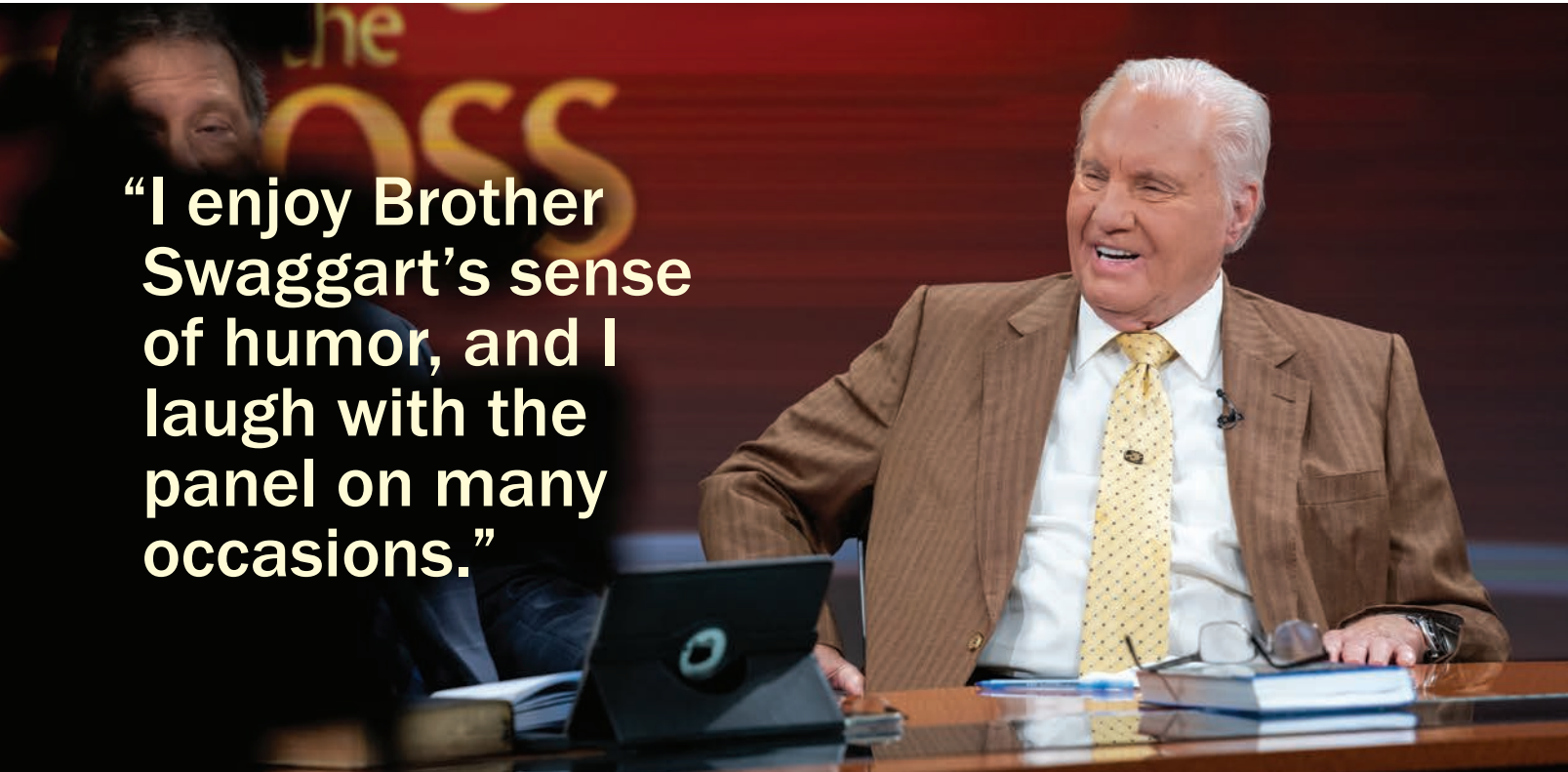
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“I enjoy Brother Swaggart’s sense of humor, and I laugh with the panel on many occasions.”

**To all at Jimmy Swaggart Ministries** I just want to thank you for everything you say and do on SBN. It has been a beautiful year spent with all of you. What a gift! Words cannot describe the joy that I receive each and every day sitting with all of you starting with *The Message of the Cross*. I have grown so much and yes, I have been saved, and my life has taken a nicer direction since I was saved. I was aware of the change in my life and continue to thank the Lord for His blessings. It has been a year and a half for me and yes, I am one who accidentally saw *The Message of the Cross* that

grabbed my attention and held it ever since that day. I enjoy Brother Swaggart’s sense of humor, and I laugh with the panel on many occasions. I admire the group of men on the panel who are all so knowledgeable, and I love the way they dress. I can go on and on. I just wanted to express my appreciation for all that you do. I was raised Catholic for seventy-one years and was quite serious about my faith until I realized I wasn’t being fed anymore, and I began searching. During the pandemic is when I searched harder, and I know the Holy Spirit led me to you. Praise the Lord! —EMAIL



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# “I have been praying for several months asking God to show me something good or decent on TV (I do not have cable). I just discovered SBN last month!”

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**Dear Evangelist** I am a Christian, and I am retired. I have been praying for several months asking God to show me something good or decent on TV (I do not have cable). I just discovered SBN last month! It was and is a real answer to prayer and a real comfort to me in these days. Thank you for the work you do in the Lord! I am praying for you all! God bless you! —**Georgia**

**Dear Evangelist** I pray this letter finds you all well and blessed. I had to take a minute and thank you for your heart, for the truth. One night your preaching came on SBN. It was a sermon you preached back in 2014 or 2015. It's the one where you shared how many Expositor's Study Bibles had been sent overseas. You also talked about how important each person was to the body of Christ. Pastor Donnie, the anointing of the Holy Ghost was so strong in that service. I am more thankful for SBN than I have the words to express. I have watched Brother Jimmy Swaggart preach as far back as I can remember. I was called to preach under his preaching. I'll never forget it. I was sitting in the floor, just a second grader listening to your dad singing and preaching as we always did whenever he was on. That night tears began to run down my cheeks, and I told Mom that I wanted to preach like Brother Swaggart. I knew it was a calling on my life. Today I'm fifty-two, and for the last thirty years, I have preached the gospel. When Brother Jimmy received the revelation of the cross, it took me a bit to understand it, but I got it, and it has revolutionized my ministry. I'm so proud of and

very thankful to God for you, your dad, your precious mother and, my Lord, that son of yours—Wow!—Gabe is one Holy Ghost anointed fireball. Believe me when I tell you that there is a pastor/evangelist in Oklahoma who is preaching the message of the Cross! —**Oklahoma**

**Dear Evangelist** I'm writing to you on behalf of my eighty-three-year-old mother who resides with me here in Mississippi. She has several health issues and pretty much stays right here at the house except for an occasional doctor visit. Her whole life is centered around her recliner and her TV. She has been a born-again believer of Jesus Christ forever! She is the reason I am a believer, as well, due to her fervent prayers for me when I was in the world. She had, for the most part, given up on television preachers because they did not satisfy her desire for true Word of God preaching. Then she found SBN! She watches faithfully. She knows all the singers and musicians by name. Many times, I hear her

singing along, that is, when tears are not rolling down her face in awe of God's presence in her room. She loves to hear you preach, Donnie, and she hangs on every word. My mother asked me to send you an email regarding her love for your episodes of *The Story Behind the Song*. You obviously put in many hours of study and research to bring such information that otherwise would be lost in today's world of Christian music. She especially loves the Christmas episodes. To put it in her words, “They really know how to sing!” Her request to you is to try your best to keep that show airing because she would miss it terribly if it were to be taken off the air. I appreciate your network for many reasons, but mainly because you all bless my mom so much as she is nearing her final days here on this earth. Thank you to all who work tirelessly to provide such programming for people such as her who are unable to get to a church building. Just know that your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you! —**Mississippi**

**Dear Evangelist** The revival has started in Gambia, Ghana, and Uganda. New converts learned only of salvation through Jesus Christ crucified, then immediately the third baptism! And largely by your teaching on SBN, of the infilling of Jehovah's Spirit! With the evidence of speaking in tongues! Whole towns are astonished, demons are fleeing, that is the report today and the past couple weeks—many being saved! We are sending everyone to SonLife Broadcasting Network, Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, and to your Facebook, YouTube, satellite TV—all that and more. Truly, I am just astonished and shaking like a leaf in the wind! —**EMAIL**





ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

# Facing A Bend In The Road

**ABOUT TEN YEARS ago, Donna and I experienced a major financial setback—an unexpected turning point in our lives in respect to where we would live, the ministry we would do, and how we would pay the bills.**

IN NOVEMBER 2006, after serving a fairly large congregation in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for about fifteen years, with church board and denominational approval, we decided to allow for a merger of another congregation and their pastor to take over the leadership of our church.

The new leadership made financial decisions and commitments which allowed us to begin an overseas ministry to Europe, teaching at Continental Theological Seminary near Brussels, Belgium, and preaching in their churches on weekends. Donna and I were able to give full time to missions in Europe. We loved it. The accredited college and seminary offered instruction in English and French. I taught on the English side.

From 2007 to 2011, we taught at the seminary and served as evangelists on weekends. We preached all around—Brussels, Mons, and Antwerp in Belgium; Amsterdam, Rotterdam, and The Hague in the Netherlands; Basel and Bern in Switzerland, and also in Paris, France. Additionally, we got to tour London, Paris, Germany, and Rome.

We lived on campus, on the second

floor of the men's dormitory. We taught there for about four years, but in the fall of 2011, we were suddenly advised that our financial support from our former pastorate would be discontinued on January 1, 2012.

It was now December 2011, and I did not have a plan or finances for our future travel and ministry. For the next six months, life was an incredible struggle.

We moved back to Arlington, Texas, not sure what to do. Finances were tight. Life was scary. Friends seemed to be lost. No doors of ministry seemed to open.

On a certain Sunday in 2012, fighting discouragement and confusion, we visited a nearby church pastored by a fine minister whom we had known for several years.

After enjoying a fine Sunday morning service, the dear pastor and his wife saw that we were hurting and invited us out for Sunday lunch. During lunch, we told them our dilemma. They knew of our long pastorate in the area prior to going into missions. Sadly, we shared our situation of our missionary venture coming to a halt. Our finances had been suddenly terminated. We did not know where to go

or what to do.

This dear pastor and his sweet wife listened to us as we dumped on them our problems. They listened carefully. They asked very few questions. Their facial expressions and eyes showed that they hurt with us and cared. As the lunch time came to an end, the pastor said, "I have a poem to share with you, if I can remember it." From memory, he began to cite a piece of poetry that suggested looking at what seems to be the end of something as simply a bend in life's road.

With a tear in his eye, he spoke softly to Donna and me and said, "Brother Gray, your life of ministry is not over. You have come to a bend in the road. God has something very good planned for you all. Now, you must trust Him, and He will show you the way. He cited part of the poem to us and emphasized, "When you come to an unexpected bend in the road, trust God for your future. He will direct your steps."

I believe he quoted Proverbs 3:5-6: "*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*"

We had prayer, said our goodbyes, and traveled on, not knowing the future for Donna and me.

When we got up from lunch with that dear pastor and his wife, we embraced the truth that God was not finished with us yet. After a few weeks, God opened a door

of ministry in a country church about twenty miles east of Dallas. We pastored Quinlan First Assembly Church for about five years. Then we were invited back to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries to teach and preach at Jimmy Swaggart Bible College (JSBC) and to share weekly on several programs airing on the SonLife Broadcasting Network. Through the platform of SBN, Family Worship Center, and JSBC, we continue to teach, preach, and share the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Savior. The message of the cross still changes lives today—millions of lives!

Please allow me to share with you a few Scriptures that meant so much to us during that most difficult time in our lives:

- *“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand”* (Psalm 37:23-24).

- *“For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope”* (Jer. 29:11, New American Standard Bible).

- *“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* (Phil. 4:19)

I close by highlighting Romans 8:28, *“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.”*

God can and will turn mistakes and storms into blessings.

Dear friend, when going through great trials and storms, you must continually do these four things:

1. Spend at least one hour a day in prayer—thirty minutes in the morning and thirty minutes in the evening. During this time of fervent prayer, focus on what Christ did for you on Calvary. The message of the cross is all about God’s great love and His power to forgive us, keep us,

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and sanctify us. Let this prayer time be mostly about praise. Yes, you should bring to Him your supplications, but spend most of your prayer time praising God. This prayer time will reignite the fire in your soul for your future ministry. While you are in prayer, get a Jimmy Swaggart CD and play some of his music. It will help your prayer time.

2. Study the Word of God at least one hour a day. As you study God’s Word, faith will arise in your heart and soul. Remember, Romans 10:17: *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”* God’s Word knocks down fear and unbelief. Fill your mind daily with the Word of God focusing on the promises of God. His Word produces faith.

3. Attend church services—twice a

week if possible. Hebrews 10:25 reads, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* When going through great trials, you need the fellowship of God’s people more than at other times. Also, take time to watch SBN and gain the strength of God as sermons are preached and songs proclaimed. Get close or stay close to other pastors and friends. Stay in fellowship with the church.

4. As much as you can, continue to support the work of God with your limited finances. Be a giver and do it cheerfully even if you don’t have a job or ministry. Do what you can do. God will bless you as you continue to give tithes and offerings to the work of God.

Dear friend, commit to doing these four things daily and weekly, and victory and blessings will come to you again! ✨





ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

**“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” —GALATIANS 5:16-17**

# The Battle with the Flesh

## **Walking In The Spirit**

According to the Apostle Paul, victory over the flesh is assured when one walks in the Spirit. As a believer, the ultimate goal is to rise above the temptations experienced. The question must then be asked, how does one walk in the Spirit?

To walk simply indicates the consistent manner in how we order our life. Paul's emphasis is upon how we approach our relationship with God. Obviously, there must be a proper way to approach our relationship with God as well as an improper one. What is vital in this battle is that the believer qualify for the help of the Holy

Spirit. There are some approaches to God that cut off the Holy Spirit's benefit to the believer. Our key to victory is when we abide within the parameters in which the Holy Spirit works.

Imagine a four-walled room as being the sphere in which the Holy Spirit can strengthen the believer. No matter what the cost, the believer needs to locate that sphere and abide in it. The Holy Spirit only works within the parameters of the finished work of Christ. It is what Christ has done and our faith in that which places us within the required sphere. Then we can be assured of the assistance



of the Holy Spirit. To win the battle over the flesh, the believer must discover and abide in the sphere in which the Spirit works. This is what it means to walk in the Spirit.

### The Definition Of The Flesh

The term *flesh* is not a simple term. It is used to describe many things in the Bible. When Paul uses the term *flesh*, he primarily deals with that which pertains to the human being. Even though I am a believer, a new creation in Christ Jesus, I still live, dwell, and operate within a body of flesh. Therefore, I can be subject to the desires pertaining to the physical body. Also housed in flesh is the moral center of man. Herein exists the spirit, the soul, the conscience, and the mind. What we think, what we feel, and influences from the spirit world realm are all processed in this moral center.

This inner moral center needs to be renewed after we have come to a relationship with Christ because we have been trained previously by influences from the indwelling sin nature, the world, and spiritual powers of darkness. We have often acted out any ungodly desire that appealed to our senses. Flesh harbors the human nature and the sin nature. In addition, every believer has the Holy Spirit (the divine nature) living on the inside of him. All of this is existing within the confines of what Paul refers to as flesh. Before

we can make heaven our final home, this flesh, which now exists in a state of corruption, will have to put on incorruption. The rapture of the church will bring this longed for change to all those who are in Christ. Rest assured that the benefits we have received presently are sufficient to provide us with victory over the sin and weight that does so easily beset us.

Again, the promise is, if we walk in the spirit then we will not carry out or act upon the inappropriate designs and desires that exist in our flesh. It is within the moral center of man that we decide as to what to believe and what is right. Believers often try to defeat sin through their flesh alone. That is, we depend upon who we are, what we know, or what we can do. This is a negative aspect of flesh, basically man minus God. If we rely solely upon ourselves, then we are not walking in the Spirit but walking in the strength of the flesh. Failure then becomes inevitable.

### The Evidence Of Walking In The Spirit

When we approach our relationship with God in the wrong way, the evidence of our improper approach surfaces in our lives in the form of an action, an attitude, or a faulty belief system.

Paul lists seventeen separate attributes that stand as evidence (works of the flesh) that the Christian is not walking in the Spirit. It should be noted that these

are designed as signs or signals to the Christian that his approach to the Lord is incorrect. The works of the flesh should diminish as one truly walks in the Spirit.

Paul also reveals a list (the fruit of the Spirit) which reveals that the Spirit is free to work in us. As the result of our faith in Christ crucified, the Spirit will produce fruit that is evidenced in a Godlike character and nature. These are signals that we are learning how to truly depend upon what God has supplied. When we take heed of the signals—good or bad—the believer can know whether he is fully submitting to God’s redemption plan. That plan is to maintain faith in Christ crucified.

### In Conclusion

Walking in the Spirit indicates that a believer is trusting in the finished work of Christ as the basis of relationship with God. It means that we are not counting on our own abilities to bring us victory. Paul declares that the flesh has already been defeated through our union with Christ on Calvary.

Do we keep the cross of Christ as the object of our faith? Does this lead us to a total dependence upon Jesus for victory over sin? If so, perhaps it could be said that we have learned how to walk in the Spirit with the result that we are not consistently yielding ourselves to the negative influences in our flesh. ✚

“Our key to victory is when we abide within the parameters in which the Holy Spirit works.”





ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

## CULTURAL REVOLUTION:

# Social Justice and Communist Infiltration

### PART VIII

The social justice movement in the modern church is merely an outgrowth of the cultural Marxist agenda, also known as neo-Marxism. Although this movement didn't begin in the church, it was intentionally brought into the church to fulfill its goals.

#### Origins

The ideology behind cultural Marxism can be traced back to the Italian communist Antonio Gramsci. In addition, The Frankfurt School was a group of German intellectuals who began their work in Germany in 1923. Max Horkheimer, Erich Fromm, Wilhelm Reich, and Herbert Marcuse, in the 1930s, came over to America and established the Frankfurt School. They saw the need for cultural upheaval in the West.

To achieve this revolution, they added the aspect of controlling the media in a society to bring about this change. They settled at the universities of Princeton,

Brandeis, and Berkeley and began their cultural revolution. These intellectuals believed that Marxism would not be brought forth by a violent revolution but by the overthrow of traditional ideas and thinking in non-communist societies. This strategy is, at times, associated with Fabianism. They advocated the freedom from traditional sexual morals, the elimination of gender roles, the promotion of homosexuality, and the promotion of the idea of oppressed and oppressors. The concept of critical theory, which examines society through the lens of oppressed groups, was formulated by the Frankfurt School.

These ideas line up exactly with what we see going on in some areas of the modern church today. The Marxist intellectuals patiently promoted the entering of established institutions such as universities, churches, and seminaries and promoting their ideas from within. Infiltration was their *modus operandi*. They knew that this process would take

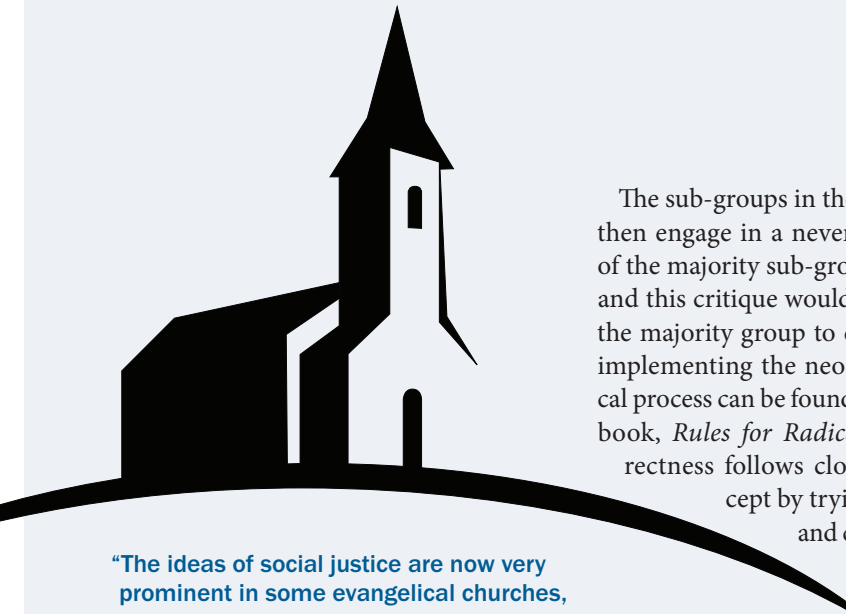
decades, if not longer, to accomplish their goals, so they were willing to patiently take the long road toward the fulfillment of their plans.

#### Today

The ideas of social justice are now very prominent in some evangelical churches, seminaries, and denominations. Race, gender roles and homosexuality are all parts of the social justice movement in evangelicalism. The Southern Baptist Convention, which is the largest evangelical denomination, has also been host to critical race theory. In 2019, the convention passed Resolution 9, which called critical race theory an “analytical tool” for the assessment of ideologies. This resolution affirmed critical race theory as a valuable tool. Doing this gave CRT legitimacy in the eyes of many. This shows how prominent these racial ideas have become in the modern church world.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Church for decades has promoted liberation theology. Liberation theology is the redefinition of the gospel by claiming Christ came to liberate the oppressed. Liberation theology has been used to support socialism and communism all over the world. It has historically been very prominent in Latin America. Many Roman Catholic priests have been instrumental in the promotion of liberation theology throughout the world. Liberation theology has been present in Protestant circles as well. It is now entering into evangelicalism as a part of the social justice movement.

These examples of cultural Marxist thinking both in the evangelical and non-evangelical worlds are but the tip of the iceberg manifesting the permeation of Marxist leaven into society. It is



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evident that what has been progressing in society in general is now entering evangelicalism. It is important to recognize that this is not an organic progression of ideas but an intentional push for change.

One difficulty is that we do not know who is intentionally pushing the agenda and who is merely deceived. Although the church must be both compassionate and discerning, it must stand for the truth and throw out the ideologies of the world.

### **Ideologies Of Neo-Marxism And Social Justice**

The three current ideologies that have done the most harm recently are critical theory, political correctness, and intersectionality. One tenet of critical theory was to position society in terms of sub-groups. Each sub-group is identified by race, gender, and sexual orientation.<sup>1</sup>

The sub-groups in the minority would then engage in a never-ending critique of the majority sub-group, or hegemony, and this critique would basically badger the majority group to death. Aspects of implementing the neo-Marxist strategic process can be found in Saul Alinsky’s book, *Rules for Radicals*. Political correctness follows closely on this concept by trying to manipulate and control speech. To accomplish this, the making of certain words and phrases and

worldviews become ‘bigoted’ in society that belong to the hegemonic powers therefore enacting a censorship of all words and views that oppress minority groups and therefore don’t fit into that which is politically correct.

For example, social media platforms censor conservative views and comments while offering unlimited speech to those that embrace the popular progressive agenda. And finally, intersectionality teaches that there are intersections of people’s identity, whether that be race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, etc., that make a person more oppressed than another by adding up how many sections of their identity are opposite to that of the majority in society.

One example of this being played out is this: you are oppressed if you are a black, gay, poor, atheist, or female because the

privileged oppressors of society are white, straight, rich, Christian males. All of this has created a society of divided, angry people. The church in the West has not been spared from all this. The church, too, was in the sights of the neo-Marxists as a cultural institution that must be influenced and used to bring about a cultural revolution. All the ideologies mentioned above have come into the modern church. Another example is men and women in the church who have struggled with homosexual impulses and now identify as gay Christians and claim they are oppressed. Meanwhile, they don’t seek deliverance from sin but instead want acceptance and compromise toward their homosexuality claiming they were born that way.

It is imperative for every believer to understand the syncretism of worldly methods into the church. The way to push back against the cultural revolution is in prayer against the evil powers of darkness that are seeking to silence the voice of true believers and stop the proclamation of the Word of God. God has given us the spiritual authority that whatsoever we bind on earth will be bound in heaven. ✚

Source:

<sup>1</sup> Voddie Baucham, “Cultural Marxism,” Southeast Founders “Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly” Regional Conference, streamed on February 21, 2019, YouTube video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRMFBdDDTKI>

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ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

**A BRIDE** stands beside her soon-to-be husband in front of their pastor, families, and friends. She turns to her beloved and says, “I love you so much!” He responds with, “Thank you.” This is not the response she expected and certainly not the response she desired to hear, especially on her wedding day. What a strange way to respond to love!

# Responding to Love

GOD IS LOVE. He does not have love; He is love. He doesn't order a couple weeks' worth supply of love from the “love warehouse”; He can't run out of love. This is one of the unchanging attributes of God: “*For I am the LORD, I change not*” (Mal. 3:6).

## Love Expressed

With many, love is limited to verbal expressions. They say, “I love you,” but seldom demonstrate it. That is not the case with God. From the beginning to this very

moment, God has been pouring out His love, grace, and mercy upon His creation. Yes, there have been times when the holiness of God demanded that the evil works of man be judged, but it is always after giving him an opportunity to repent.

## The Greatest Expression Of Love

The greatest expression of God's love is the fulfillment of John 3:16: “*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.*”

Of course, this happened over two thousand years ago on a rugged cross. Christ expressed God's love for us coming as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world. The writer of Hebrews said it well, “*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the*



shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2). The joy spoken here refers to the joy of seeing His children worshipping around the Father’s throne.

### Hosea: The Prophet Of Love Rejected

The book of Hosea demonstrates Israel’s refusal to respond to God’s love. Hosea, an anointed prophet of God, was commanded to marry a harlot who would prove to be unfaithful to her husband. His life was His message. The pain of unreturned love, rejection, and betrayal all mirror Israel’s relationship with God. Gomer lived a life of adultery, yet Hosea still loved her. He supplied her with food, gold, and silver. She refused to acknowledge Hosea as her provider. Hosea 2:8 says, “For she did not know that I gave

her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.”

### Redemption

Destitute and abandoned by her “lovers,” Gomer ended up on the auction block. Hosea saw a woman void of beauty. Yet he redeems her for himself. It is interesting to note that even after such a gracious expression of love, there is no mention of her ever expressing love or gratitude to Hosea. From chapters four to fourteen, Hosea speaks of Israel’s sin, God’s love, and His desire to redeem Israel. Israel did not respond to God’s love.

### Respond, Respond, Respond

Christians, of all people, should live their lives as a response to God’s love. Sinners,

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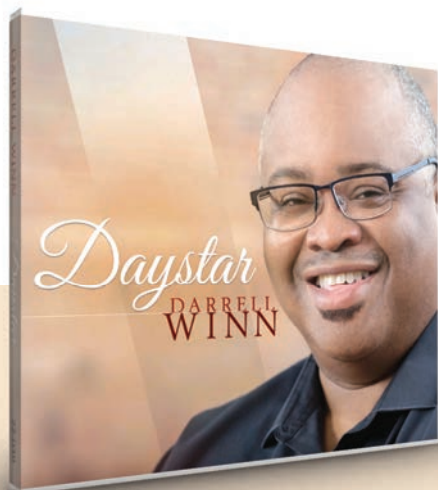


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# Attacks On The Family



## PART II

Another attack on the family is immorality. Not only did God create marriage but He also created sex and sexual relations between husbands and wives. The purpose of these sexual relations is to have children (Gen. 1:28, 7, 9:1, 35:11) and intimacy in the husband-wife relationship (Gen. 2:24, Matt. 19:5, Mark 10:7-8, I Cor. 6:16, Eph. 5:31). Since they were created by God, any degrading of sex is not only an attack on marriage and family but also an attack on God and is prohibited as sin by God (Gal. 5:19-21, I Cor. 6:9, Rom. 1:24-31, Col. 3:5-7, Mark 7:20)

One form of such immorality is pornography. Webster defines pornography as, “The depiction of erotic behavior (as in pictures or writing) intended to cause sexual excitement.”

Jesus said, “Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matt. 5:28).

This emphasizes that all sin—including evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, and lasciviousness—are sins in a person’s heart before they lead to actions (Mark. 7:21-22).

This is what happens with pornography. It tempts people by drawing them away or enticing them to sin through evil desires that are already in their hearts (James 1:14).

### How Widespread Is Pornography?

Consider these statistics<sup>1</sup>:

- Twelve percent of websites on the internet are porno-

graphic—that’s 24,644,172 sites.

- Porn sites receive more regular traffic than Netflix, Amazon, and Twitter combined each month.

- Pornography is a \$97 billion-dollar industry worldwide—\$12 billion-dollar industry in the U. S. That’s larger than all the combined revenues of all professional football, baseball, and basketball franchises, and more than CBS, NBC, and ABC combined.

- Fifty percent of Christian men are addicted to pornography despite knowing and believing that it is dehumanizing.

### What Are Some Results Of Pornography?

Scientific studies reveal the following:

- Research shows that pornography consumption is linked to unstable relationships, increased risk of infidelity, and greater likelihood of divorce.... Men who are exposed to pornography find their partner less sexually attractive and rate themselves as less in love with their partner.<sup>2</sup>

- Through research, scientists have proven that pornography affects the brain in the same way drugs do. Watching porn literally will neurologically rewire your brain. Pornography has a profound impact from the first time it is viewed, and eventually it causes a build up of tolerance to the graphic material being watched developing into a craving for more and more graphic types of pornography.<sup>3</sup>

- The more someone uses this pathway, the more intense their longing for it will be. After a while they will long for more

frequent and higher levels of stimulation.<sup>4</sup>

- In many cases, the wives of pornography users develop deep psychological wounds, commonly reporting feelings of betrayal, loss, mistrust, devastation, and anger in responses to the discovery or disclosure of a partner's pornographic online sexual activity.<sup>5</sup>

- Wives can begin to feel unattractive or sexually inadequate and may become severely depressed when they realize their husbands view pornography.<sup>6</sup>

- Viewers of pornography assign increased importance to sexual relations without emotional involvement,<sup>7</sup> and consequently, wives experience decreased intimacy from their husbands.<sup>8</sup>

- Prolonged exposure to pornography also fosters dissatisfaction with, and even distaste for, a spouse's affection.<sup>9</sup>

- Finally, pornography users increas-

ingly see the institution of marriage as sexually confining,<sup>10</sup> have a diminished belief in the importance of marital faithfulness<sup>11</sup> and have increasing doubts about the value of marriage as an essential institution and further doubts about its future viability.<sup>12</sup>

- All this naturally diminishes the importance for them of having good family relations in their own families.<sup>13</sup>

- Since pornography encourages sexually permissive attitudes and behavior, users of pornography have a higher likelihood of contracting a sexually transmitted disease or fathering an out-of-wedlock pregnancy.<sup>14</sup>

### What Is God's Answer For Pornography?

God's answer for pornography is the same as for all sin—an ongoing, personal relationship with God through faith in who

Christ is and what He did on the cross (Eph. 2:8-9; Luke 9:23; Gal. 5:16; Col. 2:6).

From there, the main defenses against pornography are close family life, a good marriage, and good relations between parents and children, coupled with deliberate parental monitoring of internet use.<sup>15</sup> ✎

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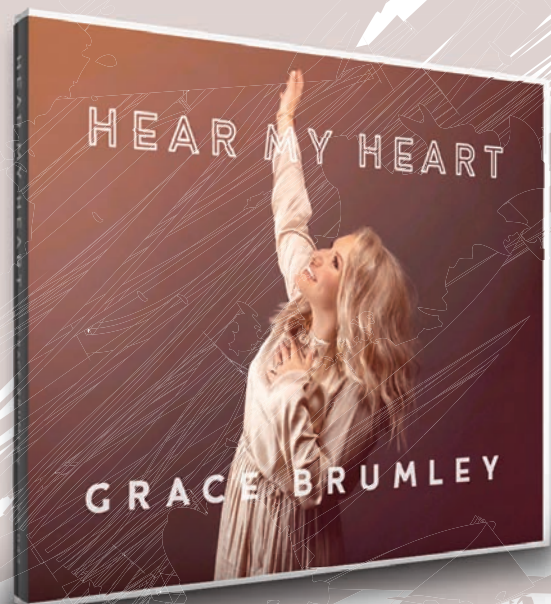
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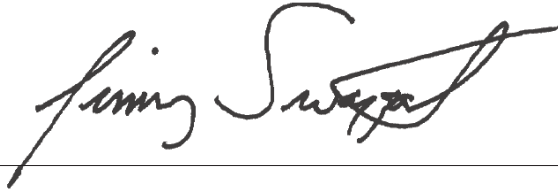
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### We Would Like For You To Join Us

Now how can we do that?

We have given the schedule of these

Saturday prayer meetings, each beginning at 9 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. (that's Central Standard Time), and to join in, all you have to do is begin praying when we do, according to the time zones where you live. The idea is for all of us to get together and seek the Lord at the same time. I would like for this thing to be a worldwide prayer meeting. I believe that's what the Lord wants, what He desires, and that He will bless it.

### Much To Pray About

I'm sure that there are many things that each of us need from the Lord. Prayer is the only way that we can open the door for God to help us and bless us. So we would like for you to join us.

Each of our prayer meetings on Saturday

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last for an hour, but the amount of time that you pray is left up to you. If you like, you can invite friends over to join you in prayer. But at any rate, this world desperately needs the moving and operation of the Holy Spirit, and prayer is the only way it can begin.

My grandmother taught me the value of prayer. I can see her face right now before me. Countless times she said to me, “Jimmy, God is a big God, so ask big.” I have never forgotten that, and it has helped me to touch this world for Christ.

As you engage yourself in these prayer meetings, I believe you will see things begin to change. It may take a little time, but you will find that the Holy Spirit is very pleased with what you are doing and will bless accordingly.

As stated, all of us have much to pray about; there is no shortage of that. But we must go into this believing that the Lord

still answers prayer. Hear what He has said:

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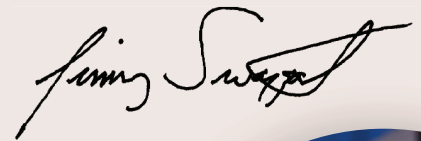
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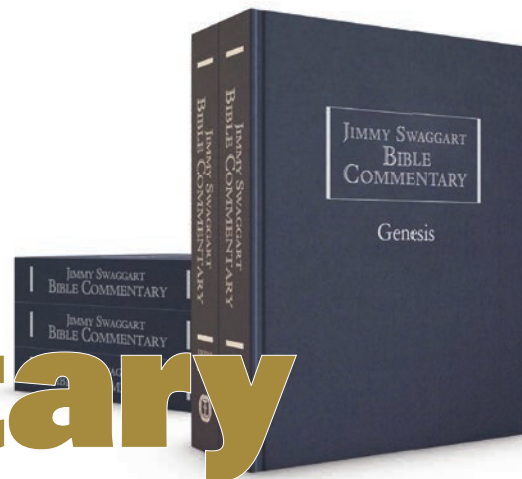
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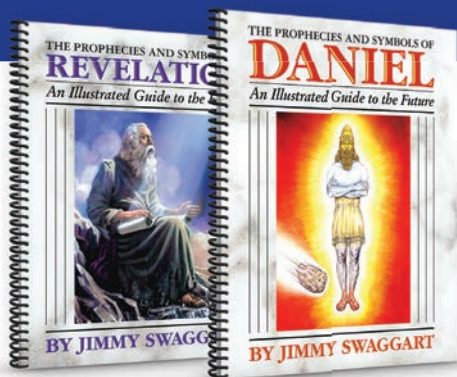
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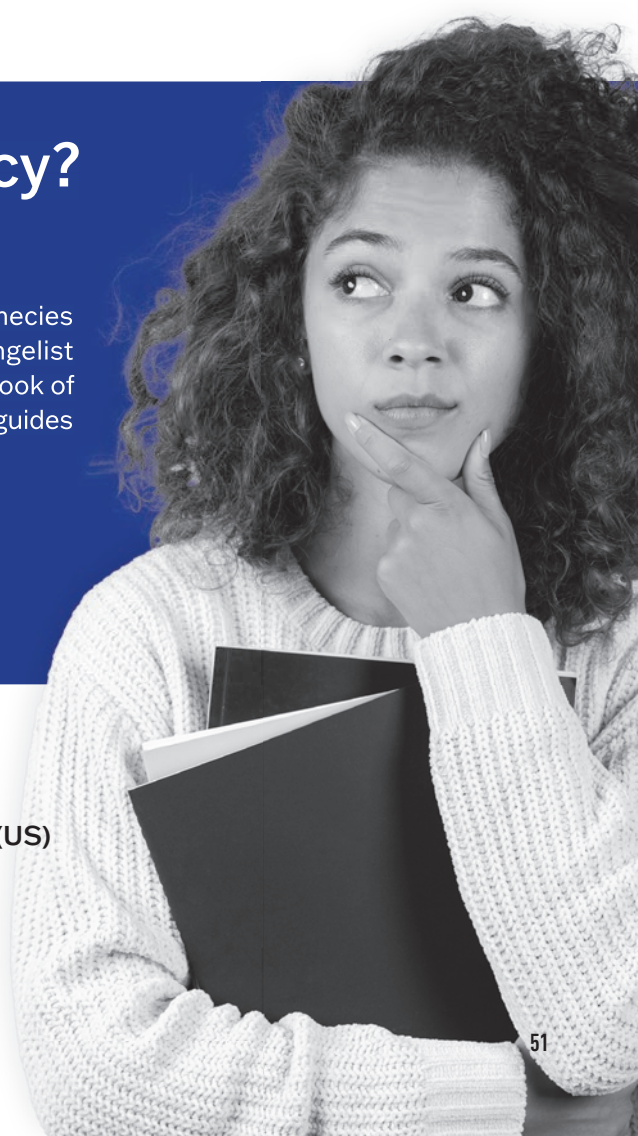
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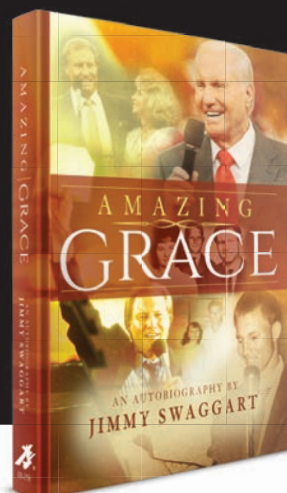
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