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“And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” —Genesis 1:22-26

By Jimmy Swaggart

The Blessing Of God

“And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth” (Gen. 1:22).

This presents God doing something different. He blesses His creation of fish and fowls.

It may be asked why God did not bless the plant life. Of them, Moses simply says that God saw that it was good, but He did not bless them; however, here, God begins a new way of propagation, namely, that from living bodies come forth other similar living bodies, which is not true of trees and plants. The pear tree, for example, does not bring forth another pear tree, but only a pear, while a bird produces a bird and a fish a fish. Here, then, is a new creative work, for a living body propagates others out of itself. This indeed is a very marvelous propagation, and there is a marvelous fertility in both the fish and the fowl, especially in the creatures living in the sea.

As humans, when we bless, we can do little more than wish something or someone good, but the blessing of God means propagation. His blessing is just as powerful to propagate as His curse is to cut off.

The Fifth Day

“And the evening and the morning were the fifth day” (Gen. 1:23).

This proclaims the creation of sea life and bird life.

The Creation Of Animals

“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so” (Gen. 1:24).

Verse 24 proclaims the fact that God leaves nothing empty that He has made but furnishes all with His store and riches.

Thus, when He had created the heavens, He furnished them with stars, the air with birds, the water with fish, and the earth with herbs, and plants, and now with beasts and men. So, the earth is full of His riches, and so is the wide sea.

Understanding that, we should realize that God, likewise, will not leave His children empty—the vessels that He has formed for Himself. He desires to fill us with Himself!

Inasmuch as God has created the animal world, we should regard it with appreciation. If we imagine that a tree has as much claim to our attention and regard as a horse, this should not be the case. The latter has a spirit; it possesses animate life. It is a nobler embodiment of divine power.

Even though it is biblically proper for certain animals to be used as food, and, as well, for the skin of certain animals to be used for clothing, etc., still,
man must show kindness toward the animal kingdom. Men should never manifest an angry spirit toward them. The brute world was designed by God for the use of man, and it renders its high service in the gift of its life for the sustentation of the human family. The merciful man will be merciful to his beast.

It Is Good

“And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:25).

This tells us unequivocally that God designed each species of the animal kingdom in such a way that it cannot be crossed.

The difference between the creation of beasts and man cannot be passed over without special observation. Man’s body was indeed taken out of the earth, as well as the bodies of the beast, but his soul was not from the earth but from heaven. However, in the creation of beasts, the body and soul, or life, is wholly out of the earth, for the earth is commanded to bring forth the living creatures, that is, the creature with the life thereof. So we find no origination of the soul, or life of the beast, but from the earth only.

As well, there is every evidence that before the fall, or at least as God originally created the animal kingdom, all were plant eaters, which means that none were carnivorous. The fall seemed to have drastically changed some of the animals and turned them into killing machines. More than likely, at the fall the entirety of the animal kingdom was changed some way, and all in a negative sense. Not knowing or seeing the animal kingdom before that time, we really have little knowledge of what they must have been like, except a hint here and there given us in the Word of God.

For instance, it is believed that before the fall, the serpent had the power of limited speech and could even reason somewhat.

We do know this: When the Bible gives the account of him speaking to Eve in the garden of Eden, which was actually at the time of the fall, with Satan using the body of the serpent, Eve didn’t seem surprised that the animal could speak (Gen. 3:1–2). If this reptile could speak, is it possible that other animals had such limited power as well?

Also, we find in the book of Isaiah, as the prophet records the coming kingdom age, that the animal kingdom will revert back to its spirit and form before the fall. We find they all once again become plant eaters and that all are now docile (Isa. 11:6–8).

When the latter part of verse 25 speaks of the creation of the animal kingdom, and that “God saw that it was good,” to be sure, the creation at that dawn of time was completely different than what we see presently. The fall affected the animal kingdom terribly so, even though they had no conscious part in this debacle, unless such blame is to be placed on the serpent.

Paul said: “For the creature was
made subject to vanity (the fall), not willingly (it was not of their doing) … For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now” (Rom. 8:20, 22).

And the apostle said, “Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God” (Rom. 8:21).

The Creation Of Man
“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth” (Gen. 1:26).

The creation of man was preceded by a divine consultation.

The pronouns us and our proclaim the consultation held by the three persons of the divine Trinity, who were one in the creative work.

Man is created in the image of God. He is created in the likeness of God.

He was given dominion over all the earth and over all that was in the earth.

The phrase, “And God said,” presents the eighth of the 10 times this phrase is used in Chapters 1 and 2, nine times in Chapter 1 and one time in Chapter 2. These last three times have to do with man exclusively.

The phrase, “Let us make man,” proclaims, I think I can say without fear of contradiction, the greatest creative act of God. Actually, the very name Adam, at least from the Arabic root, signifies “the brilliant one.” Due to the fact that man was created in the image of God and in His likeness, it tells us that man was originally created greater than the angels.

David said:
When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man, that You are mindful of him? and the son of man, that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet (Ps. 8:3–6).

Christ And Man
As the Holy Spirit asked the question through David concerning man, both the question and the answer concern Christ. In other words, it’s speaking of the incarnation of Christ. But yet, due to the fact that Christ is “the Man,” it answers for man in general also.

Verse 5 of Psalm 8 was translated, “For You have made him a little lower than the angels.” It should have been translated, “You have made him a little lower than the Godhead.” The Hebrew word translated angels is Elohim and means “God.”

As well, God gave man a form of creative powers. While he is not able to create out of nothing as God can do, still, he is able to take that which God has already made and fashion it into many and varied things. In this, he is given a sense of autonomy and independence, which angels do not seem to have. Therefore, being made or created a little lower than God (Elohim), he is greater than the angels, etc.

As well, the pronoun us proclaims the Trinity, even as the word God, i.e., “Elohim.”

Regarding the creation of man, a divine counsel was called, which consisted of the three persons of the Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. When man was made, he was to be dedicated to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In fact, it is into that great name that we are baptized, for to that great name we owe our being.

Matthew Henry says, “The three persons of the sacred Trinity at first concurred in counsel and operation in forming man, as afterwards in his recovery from the fall.”

A Great Difference
All of this indicates that there is a great difference between man and all other creatures. Man has much in common
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with the animals that live with him, eat the same food, and
sleep and rest as he does, but here Moses shows that man is
a creature that excels all animals.

Then, going to the other end of the spectrum, the Scripture tells us that man will judge angels (I Cor. 6:3).

Of all the things that God has created, as far as we know, man is His last creation. This was done on the sixth day of
the bringing of the earth back to a habitable state.

Let’s review:
• Day one: God dispelled the darkness with light.
• Day two: God brought about the firmament, which separated the water, by putting some on earth and some in
the clouds and creating an expanse between the two.
• Day three: God made the seas and continents of dry land, and plant life was restored.
• Day four: God made the seas and continents of dry land, and plant life was restored.
• Day five: sea life and bird life were brought forth.
• Day six: animal life was created, and then man was created.
• Day seven: God rested on this day, signifying the rest
that we have in Christ.

The Creation Of Man
It is true that man’s body was formed out of the dust, and
thus, it is the same as the forms of the mineral, vegetable,
and animal creations.

In fact, as Oken says, the whole animal world is repeated
and represented in man. One might even say that the ani-
mal kingdom is man broken up into fragments.

However, human nature is not to be despised, for
though the human body takes all nature into it, it does so to make it a temple for the worship and service of God.

That God designed such a view of the human frame is ev-
ident from the fact of the incarnation. Jesus entered the human body and purified it for His indwelling, making it, in a sense, a palace for the divine glory and a shrine for the divine worship.
Concerning the human body, Paul said: “Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God (human body) is holy, which temple you are” (I Cor. 3:16–17).

In fact, Jesus was the first one to refer to the human body as a temple of God. He said, “Destroy this temple (speaking of Himself), and in three days I will raise it up” (Jn. 2:19–21).

While it is admitted that the human body is the weakest link in the makeup of man regarding spirit, soul, and body, still, the Holy Spirit through Paul told us to “present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

Paul also said that we are “waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body,” which refers to the coming resurrection when the human body will then be glorified (Rom. 8:23).

The human body is the weakest link, at least at the present, simply because it has been greatly weakened by the fall. Where man, before the fall, was intended to be guided by his spirit, which was in constant communion with God, because of the fall, he is now guided by the senses (five senses). Due to human nature being corrupted through the fall, every bent of the senses is toward sin. In fact, the sin nature controls unredeemed man. (The sin nature is human nature corrupted.)

 Upon coming to Christ, everything changes, with the person becoming a new creation (II Cor. 5:17). The spirit of man is once again in contact with the Spirit of God. In fact, the Holy Spirit literally comes into the human body and mind, making it His temple, as we’ve already stated (I Cor. 3:16).

But yet, the sin nature remains in the believer, even as Paul explains in Romans, Chapter 6. Due to being born again, we are dead to the sin nature, but it doesn’t say that the sin nature itself is dead. In fact, it is very much alive, and due to the fact that it is very much alive, this is where the problem commences.
The Battlefield of the Mind

By Frances Swaggart

What do you think?

It’s a common question that demands, these days, an urgent response to our feelings or faith. Social media, for example, constantly alerts us to messages and posts, and we feel compelled to answer by clicking an emoji or typing the first thought that comes to mind.

But what do we, as Christians, really think about? More important, how do we think?

In the second chapter of Luke, we read about shepherds who encounter the angel of the Lord and hear an astonishing message. Besides Mary and Joseph, these shepherds would be the first ones to see Jesus, the Son of the living God. Afterward, they made known the saying they heard earlier in the fields: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” The Bible says all who heard it wondered. But Mary—she kept all these things and “pondered them in her heart” (Lk. 2:19).

Mary pondered—a word we don’t hear much anymore. It means to weigh in the mind; to think or consider quietly, soberly, and deeply.

The things that Mary thought on surely included her own miraculous experience that started with the Angel Gabriel announcing, “Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God,” included Elisabeth calling her “the mother of my Lord,” Simeon saying, “My eyes have seen Your salvation,” and Anna, who spoke of Jesus “to all them who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

Mary marveled at these sayings regarding the Son of God, and she pondered them in her heart.

Likewise, what believers think on—good or bad—most certainly affects the heart, which is what man uses to “believe unto righteousness” (Rom. 10:10). That’s why Satan fights so hard to gain ground in our minds, because what he wants to steal, kill, and destroy most of all is our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—faith kept in our hearts.

Therefore, the mind—gateway to the heart—is the perfect battlefield for the Devil to engage us. As the accuser of the brethren, he is armed with our past sins and failures, and at the first sign of weakness, he’s ready to fire rounds of remembrance that detonate anger, jealousy, and fear.

Foolishly, we add to his arsenal by what we take into our heads through television, the Internet, books, video games, and music. After watching or listening, we think we’re done with that movie or game. But the enemy of men’s souls also heard the same dialogue we heard and saw the same images.
we saw. And when he finds a strategic advantage, the Devil launches his attack.

An example: A middle-aged woman notices a young mother in the park playing sweetly with her baby. The woman finds herself thinking how beautiful the child is and smiles when she hears the baby laugh.

Suddenly, like an ambush, the woman is mentally hit with painful memories of the abortion she had 30 years ago. Like shots from a rifle, one accusation after another rings out in her mind: You killed your baby. God will never forgive you. Your soul is forever damned. A fresh wave of guilt washes over her, and an old wound begins to ache. She walks away, too heartbroken to believe in God's forgiveness.

Just like in war, some battles are bloodier than others.

You may recall an email I shared on air from a precious man born with a birth defect—a cleft lip and palette. He loved the Lord, but while suffering the laughter and ridicule of others, the Devil took careful aim and shot this Scripture into his mind: “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee” (Jer. 1:5). Even though the truth of this verse deals with God's general creation of human life, the Devil twisted it for this man's ear to mean, “God made you this way.” Day after day and year after year, the man pondered this lie until it settled into his heart, and he believed it.

Since the garden of Eden, the enemy has weaponized Scripture, adding and subtracting from what God actually said. In Genesis 3:1, the serpent asked Eve, “Hath God said...?” Remember, the Word of God always builds faith—never destroys it.

God did not cause this dear brother to have a cleft lip, but the father of lies had convinced him otherwise. The poor man wrote, “My mind is messed up between loving Jesus and resenting God the Father. I'm depressed, I'm worried—I'm not really saved.”

That man just unfolded Satan's battle plan. In this fight where the ultimate objective is your faith, the Devil's first maneuver is to steal your joy, which the Bible calls your strength (Neh. 8:10). Without strength, a believer can no longer carry his shield of faith and begins to retreat. He starts backing up from Bible reading, prayer, church, and fellowship with other Christians. Isolated—and often wounded—the believer begins a downward spiral of doubt in his own salvation.

Every Christian, at one time or another, has found himself alone in a spiritual fox hole, low on ammunition and listening to cold threats of the enemy: You're going to die. Your children will never come back to the Lord. God doesn't love you. You're going to lose your job and everything you've worked for.

Once he occupies your thought life, the Devil will do everything He can to make you defect from the faith and turn against God using lies and threats to convince you that total destruction is headed your way.

That brings to mind my letter from Amanda.

This sweet lady wrote to me her account of what happened in Hawaii on January 13, when the Emergency Alert System issued a ballistic missile warning. It was a Saturday morning, and Amanda and her family had just finished breakfast. Their son was outside playing with friends, and she and her husband were sitting on the sofa. Suddenly, both of their phones lit up with this message: “EMERGENCY ALERT: BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.”

Amanda wrote, “I’m sure you can imagine our initial reactions: Disbelief. Fear. Was this a joke? What are we going to do? My husband and I looked at each other. We immediately went to look for our son and brought him inside. We didn’t tell him anything that was going on, but we all three sat down on our sofa and began to pray. We prayed in our heads, and we prayed out loud in a way that wouldn’t tip off our son to the danger. I called my parents—they were 4,000 miles away. I told my mother that we loved her, and she broke down crying in the middle of a store. Then I texted my dad, and I told him, ‘I know that you're not a praying man, but please pray for us now, and I

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love you so much.’ My dad immediately called and said, ‘I am praying.’ We prepared ourselves and waited. We were scared, but somehow God washed an amazing peace over us. Regardless of what happened, we were ready.”

Thirty-eight long minutes later, the people of Hawaii learned that there was no ballistic missile racing toward them. Somebody had pushed a wrong button. It was a false alarm.

That’s exactly how the Devil operates in your mind. He’s constantly firing thoughts and threats your way—some bullets and some missiles—but all are lies and false alarms.

Is the fear and doubt they cause real? Yes. But on the battlefield of the mind, how we react to these threats is critical. Going back to Amanda’s story, I think it’s beautiful that in the midst of thinking that this missile was coming at them, her family experienced peace. There was calm. “We were ready,” she said. Folks, that’s faith overcoming the strongest kind of fear.

Satan is determined to destroy us. He doesn’t want you thinking on good things. Why? Because what you think about is really what you are, and Satan knows that.

So what weapons do we use to prevail against him?
II Corinthians 10:4-5 tells us:

“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (carnal weapons consist of those which are man devised), but mighty through God (the Cross of Christ [I Cor. 1:18]) to the pulling down of strongholds; Casting down imaginations (philosophic strongholds; every effort man makes outside of the Cross of Christ), and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God (all the pride of the human heart), and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

That treasured hymn says it exactly right:
Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle see His banners go!
At the sign of triumph Satan’s host doth flee;
On then, Christian soldiers, on to victory!
Hell’s foundations quiver at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, loud your anthems raise.

Keeping the Cross as the object of our faith gives the Holy Spirit latitude to help us in every area, including our thought life.

Philippians 4:8 says, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

Everything the Lord has done for us is honest, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy. His deeds should cause our minds to wonder, like those who heard the heavenly announcement proclaimed by shepherds long ago. As well, we should meditate on His promises until they drop down into our hearts, and we believe them.

Just a word of caution: as new Christians, we start out like Mary, pondering all these things about the Lord. But as time goes on, if we move our faith away from the Cross, we can separate from Christ and find ourselves, like Mary, suddenly searching for Him.

On their way back to Nazareth, Mary and Joseph noticed that Jesus wasn’t with them. After angelic visitations, His miraculous birth, and the prophecies they heard, somehow they were still surprised to find the boy Jesus in the temple. Despite what they had initially experienced with Him, after 12 years of routine family life, they seemed to have forgotten who Jesus really was because when they saw Him—astonishing Bible scholars with His questions and answers—they were amazed.

“And He said unto them, How is it that you sought Me? (He gently reminded them that they should have known who He was, and His mission) wist you not that I must be about My Father’s business? And they understood not the saying which He spoke unto them” (Lk. 2:49-50).

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Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before Me in the presence of mine enemies: You anoint My head with oil; My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow Me all the days of My life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever” —Psalm 23

PART II

The Lord Is My Shepherd

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I Will Fear No Evil

There is never a reason for the child of God to fear—to the point of one's life being ruled by fear—which is one of Satan's greatest tactics.

We don't fear because no matter what Satan says or does we are not alone, our heavenly Shepherd is with us. The Lord didn't die on Calvary and save your soul for Him to leave you stranded in the valley of death.

Your Rod And Your Staff

They Comfort Me

Every shepherd carries a rod and a staff. Actually, it was one instrument with multiple uses. The staff (the curved crook at the top) is used to retrieve us when we are in serious danger. Likewise, He uses the rod (club part) to beat back the demon powers of darkness.

You Prepare A Table Before Me In The Presence Of My Enemies

The table speaks of a bountiful supply of blessing available to every child of God. We can be blessed by our heavenly Shepherd in the midst of Satan's presence.
You Anoint My Head With Oil
Anointing the head with oil refers to the fact that the believer’s entire life can be full to overflowing with God’s blessings. It also speaks of the Holy Spirit in this regard. When eating, sheep oftentimes scrape their foreheads on rocks. Every night the shepherd would inspect the foreheads of the sheep. On those that had scrapped skin, he applied oil—a type of the Holy Spirit—and poured it on the cut so it would heal quickly.

My Cup Runneth Over
This phrase is an expressive metaphor indicative of a state of bliss rarely experienced in this life. This bliss refers to great joy and perfect happiness.

Surely Goodness And Mercy Shall Follow Me All The Days Of My Life
This is what the Lord desires to do for all His children. As goodness and mercy are shown to us by the Lord, we are to show goodness and mercy to others as well. Also, the Lord’s goodness and mercy is constant, it never stops unless we cause it to stop by our actions.

The words goodness and mercy cannot be separated but are to be taken together. Goodness is the stream; mercy is the fountain. Goodness is the open hand of God’s bounty; mercy is His loving heart.

Goodness reminds us that our nature is a bundle of want. Mercy reminds us that our deepest and highest need can only be satisfied—not by all of God’s gifts—but only by Him.

I Will Dwell In The House Of The Lord Forever
This phrase carries with it the idea of eternal life.

David was speaking of the temple because that is all that he then knew. However, the short phrase, “house of the Lord,” has an altogether different meaning now and all because of Calvary.

Under the new covenant, all believers are looked at by the Lord as His house (I Cor. 3:16). Therefore, if we want to dwell in His house forever, then He will dwell in our house forever.

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The **Mission** of Every Believer

I believe in divine healing because it is scriptural. Let it be understood that every miracle Christ performed while on this earth was not done as God, but as a man filled with the Holy Spirit. Even though He was used of God in a way like never before, as believers we should follow suit and pray for those who need healing, whether that need is physical, spiritual, emotional, financial, or domestic.

James 5:13-15 says, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

It can be easy to grow angry at God if He chooses not to heal you, but we should never become angry or frustrated at God. Regardless of our lot, we should continue to believe and trust Him, for He knows exactly what He is doing. If you find yourself growing bitter and angry toward God because of your current situation, then you need to re-evaluate yourself and change your attitude. It’s not God’s fault that He hasn’t healed you yet, but He knows what He is doing, and we should trust that He has everything under control. There is a plan for everything, and even though we may not know it yet, that plan will come to fruition, providing that we continue to trust Him.

**He Was Moved With Compassion**

As Jesus went throughout the cities teaching, preaching, and healing the sick, the Bible is very specific about one thing: He was moved with compassion. This is more than just a feeling of sympathy, but rather a sympathy borne in the very being of the individual that affects the entirety of a person. It was His sympathy...
that had its foundation in the very heart of Christ—His innermost being.

The word compassion has its roots in a heathen practice. Let me explain: When sacrifices were offered by a heathen, he would remove the animal’s intestines and, with his hands, hold the intestines up to the sun. It spoke of the very guts or inner being of the sacrifice (victim). That’s why this word means more than just sympathy; it’s that which is at the very center of a person.

Christ was compassionate toward the multitudes, and before we explain why, I would like to ask this question: Where is our compassion today? Unfortunately, much of the church world boasts in its compassion, but does little to show any. For the most part, we have become extremely self-righteous—we only care about what we must not supersede Christ). This is why the position of pope is ungodly because no one should ever be the head of the church, only Christ. We must do what He says do, and we must follow the Word of God to the proverbial letter, “rightly dividing the word of truth” (II Tim. 2:15). Anyone else is looked at by God as a thief or robber (Jn. 10:8).

The Harvest Is Plenteous, But The Laborers Few
There has never been a truer statement than what the above heading states. It doesn’t take much to really see the world around us, and how those around us are living in complete and utter darkness. They are surrounded by spiritual darkness with no way or hope of ever escaping. So it’s extremely important that this gospel go around the world, and that we as believers do our part in spreading the gospel to those around us. There are multiplied millions in need of God and desperate for something to change in their lives, but the sad realization is that too few will bring them the message of redemption. The world is worth winning for Christ. You need to understand that. The world is worth winning for Christ, and we must take the responsibility of playing a role in seeing people brought to Christ. Dear Christian, quit relying on others when you are capable of telling someone about Christ. Many don’t because they fear rejection, but remember, it’s not up to you that they get saved. It’s up to you that they hear.

I understand that Matthew 9:37 refers to the fact that there are too few preachers of the gospel, but I also believe that every believer must be one. I understand that the majority of believers will never stand in the office of the preacher, but that doesn’t mean that we neglect our responsibility of leading others to Christ; we must declare to the world who Jesus is, and what He has done for them. Of all the preachers in the world today, only a minute group are really proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ; the majority is leading people astray with false doctrine. Those who lead others astray with false doctrine are, in my opinion, the worst enemies their followers could have because they are leading people to hell. That’s why it’s extremely important for preachers to preach the gospel, which is Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, for the Message of the Cross is the only message that can bring people to salvation and bring about sanctification in the life of the believer.

As we stated a little bit ago, the world is worth leading to Christ, and as believers we should take the responsibility to share the gospel with everyone around us. Don’t neglect this opportunity; there are souls waiting to hear the good news of what Jesus Christ has done, and they are waiting to experience what true deliverance really is. Each and every day, ask the Lord who you can share the gospel with—you never know what God can do through you, and you never know what God can do in the life of that person. 🙏
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Only in the Cross Can We Boast

By Robert Kratzer

“For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.”
—1 Corinthians 2:2

I am only now beginning to really learn the meaning of this and will be exploring its depth until I am face to face with Him in glory. My Bible study is not the same, as I now see Scripture in the light of the Cross of Christ, and all it means. My devotion and prayer time has changed as I now see my identity in the crucified Christ. And my preaching has changed because of the Message of the Cross, for it truly is the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Honestly, I thought I already knew everything about the Cross. It was important to me, but elementary—Jesus died for me to show His love for me and to save me from hell. That was all I knew, and all I thought I needed to know.

I was raised Catholic, so I knew about God. I just didn't think God was concerned with me. That is until a dear lady, who was a friend of my mom's, introduced us to Christ in a way that I had not heard—He loved me! I was 17 when I surrendered to the Lord. We started attending an Assembly of God church in Jennings, Louisiana, and over a short period of time, I sensed the Lord wanting to use me. Long story short, I pursued ministry and eventually received my credentials with the Assembly of God Louisiana District. Although I did not get saved under his ministry, Brother Jimmy Swaggart had a tremendous influence on my life at that time through his preaching and teaching. I was married in 1986 to my wife, Melanie. We served in youth ministry and other capacities in a couple of churches until 2009 when the Lord called us to pastor New Life Worship Center in Moss Bluff, Louisiana.

During that time, I saw so many waves of doctrine, and it was confusing, to say the least. I knew the Scripture was my anchor, but at times, it felt like I needed an anchor within the Scripture itself. After all, every new wave of doctrine and new revelation claimed Scripture as its source. I got caught up in all the new fads and books and strategies. I tried them and failed. As a pastor, I came to a place where I was ready to give it all up.

Then a series of things started to happen: My son, Tanner, who had been running, came back to the Lord. I thought, I can't quit now. Also, my wife's parents came across SBN, started learning the Message of the Cross, and started telling me about it. My reply was, “Yeah, yeah. I know about the Cross.”

So I did what any good religious person does: I shut my ears. All I heard was, “You are not good enough and need to preach like them.” So I began my short journey of trying to run from this, until God sent a big fish of sorts to capture me and take me back to the Cross.

I remember one day when I was home alone, and the TV was on SBN. I was busy doing other things when I heard the song “The Promise.” As Grace sang the words to that song, I was moved on by the Holy Spirit and felt impressed of the Lord to let my pride down and let Him use this ministry to help me. That day I stopped running.

But what truly captured me was when my son—who had struggled at times to continue in the faith—started attending Jimmy Swaggart Bible College. Everything he learned, he communicated back to us.
We were being schooled and didn't realize it. But the thing that was the clincher for me was seeing the fruit in my son—watching this message transform his life and help him find the victory he always sought but could never find. It was a process for sure in the three years he was there, but the Lord proved Himself every step. In turn, God transformed our life and ministry. Our spirit bore witness with this message, that it was right. I began poring through the Scriptures, and the Lord was confirming the Message of the Cross at every step. Sanctification is found in Him—faith in His work and not my own. Everything I read came alive through the lens of the Cross. Something I thought I had understood, I am now realizing has a depth that I can never exhaust. It has become an anchor for understanding all of Scripture.

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“I write this email in the name of my father, who is approximately 70 years old. He watches your program almost every day, and it is a blessing for him. Thank God for your ministry. When I was about 5 or 7 years old, my father, brother, and I were in your crusade in São Paulo, Morumbi Stadium. My father likes very much your music and services transmitted by TV. Actually, my father has a paid TV (Net) only to watch your program. God bless you and your team.” —SPAIN

Dear Evangelist: I am a Vietnam-era vet and have had many episodes of depression. Well, prayer, singing, and praying in tongues delivered me from depression. Reading and staying in the Bible, living in holiness according to the Bible, and praying and worshipping in tongues helped me to stay focused on Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. There is a spirit that attacks the mind and soul and it must be cast out in Jesus’ name. Hallelujah! —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: I was an unhappy, depressed gay woman for over 30 years, and with the same woman for 23 years, until two years ago I started watching SBN and the Holy Spirit began to draw me to Him. It wasn’t long before I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour, and two months later, my ex-partner also got saved! We are now both faithful watchers of your network and hope to come to a campmeeting soon. It is not impossible to break those chains of bondage when you place your faith in Jesus and what He did for us on the Cross, and I am proof if that! Praise God, and thank each one of you for your dedication in serving the Lord Jesus Christ! —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: One of my favorite parts of the Sunday morning service is when you and the musicians play before the start. Yesterday, I came in the middle of “In the Garden” and sang the words in my mind. You went into another song and then back to “In the Garden” again. I had never heard you do that before, and I noticed you and the musicians exchange grins. I thought perhaps you had made a mistake. I’m writing to tell you that it was no mistake. Let me explain: I had been feeling alone and that God probably wasn’t hearing me or wasn’t as with me as He would be if I had been “two or more” or in a large congregation. When you went back to “In the Garden,” I of course sang the words:

_In the Garden_ I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses, And He walks with me And He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own …
It just hit me like only His Spirit can: I wasn't and am not alone! Thank you for letting God lead you! —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Awesome word on SBN from tonight’s Sunday service. God gave this same word, Joshua 3:3-4, in 2001 to my husband for me, when we discovered I had breast cancer. I was to follow the ark, Jesus (or the Holy Spirit), and was not to rush upon it, but follow back, as I had not gone this way before. He led us right through the whole thing—my breaking a vow to not have chemo, etc. What I realized later was this: He had people with cancer stationed all along the treatment way that I was to minister to. It was really awesome! I found them everywhere I went! The cancer was in a lymph node traveling, and we were scheduled to go to South Africa for Ralph to teach in 11 days, but that was cancelled for seven years. I thank God He led us through, I am clean of cancer 16 years later. It pays to follow God! —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: I just wanted to testify to you on how I became saved last Saturday. I had been depressed so very badly and had been contemplating suicide for three days. I saw no way out of my situation of financial troubles and health issues. My husband works every day to take care of me as I have not been able to work due to medical issues. We did drugs for years and that is what brought us into financial trouble. Last Saturday, while lying in bed, crying and begging God to please let me die, God made me get up out of bed, grab the Bible, hold it to my heart and ask for forgiveness. I did exactly as God wanted me to do, and I got saved in Jesus’ name, and I have never in my life felt so much peace. I have had no pain since I got saved and no drugs. My husband also got saved and no drugs for him either since last Saturday. I never knew what I was missing in my life until God grabbed me by the heart and saved my soul through Jesus Christ our Lord. I don’t have a lot of money, and as soon as I am able, I will be donating my tithes to your church. I am so in love with Jesus, and He saved my soul. It was on my heart this morning to contact you and tell you my story. Thank you for your program on TV as I have been watching every day since Saturday, and it is such a beautiful thing you do to help save people. We need more evangelists like you in this world. Thank you for your program and love for all of us. Thank you. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Your network has been such a blessing to me. I received the gift of the Holy Spirit with evidence of speaking in tongues from Brother Gabriel’s service over television. I received a miracle healing to my back from an altar call for healing over media church. God is doing just what Brother Jimmy has witnessed, that God is moving in a powerful way through that television. I am a witness and a testament to that. Thank you so much for your SBN network, it is a blessing every day to me. —CALIFORNIA

Dear Evangelist: Hello Frances and panel, I’m writing to really thank you all for your stand on the Bible. You are telling the truth, whether we like it or not, and I can say I’ve heard a lot that hurt my feelings, but I later realized you were right. I especially would like to thank Pastor Donnie and his amazing words from the Lord, because over the past few years I have struggled daily with walking away from the gay lifestyle. Long story short, I gave it over to the Lord, and Donnie’s messages would just pierce my heart, and I am happy to say I haven’t had a single encounter in over a year now, and I don’t desire it anymore. Not one bit. I thank the Lord for getting me out of this evil life and for Pastor Donnie, especially for bringing me the exact messages I needed to hear. Thank you, my brother. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Pastor Gabriel, I’ve noticed you’ve been posting a Word of the Good News everyday lately and I just want you to know what an encouragement it is to me, and without saying, for many, many people. I’ve been with your grandparents’ ministry for over thirty years; but like so many of us, I have just begun to experience true life in Jesus Christ because of the Message of the Cross. I am the woman that was at your Albuquerque Rally who was so miserable, it was so obvious to everyone, and especially you, I’m positive. I was so bound by unforgiveness, depression, hard drugs, etc., that I felt helpless, and just wanted to die. The Lord has delivered me from all of the above! Just wanted you to know that, “that pathetic woman” is set free and living a life of faith because of the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, to you and all your family, for your obedience to the Lord. Please consider coming back to New Mexico. Thank you. —NEW MEXICO

“I never knew what I was missing in my life until God grabbed me by the heart and saved my soul through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Acts 4:33. The reason why is because the power of the Spirit was moving in such a mighty way, proving that Jesus was truly the Son of God. The Spirit was unveiling Old Testament Scriptures to the apostles that foretold of Jesus death and resurrection—something they did not understand prior to Jesus’ crucifixion. Thousands of people were getting saved, the lame were being healed, and undisputable miracles were taking place. It was the infancy stage of the church, and God was making it very clear to all that it was Him at work and not men. Nobody could deny it was God, by His Spirit, proving the reality of Jesus, and doing the impossible.

What makes Acts 4:33 so special is that Luke (the writer of the book of Acts) attributed everything that God was doing to “great grace” (my emphasis). He could have limited it to “great power” or “great might” or “the Spirit of God was upon them all”—all of which were true, but he felt led of the Spirit to call it “great grace was upon them all.”

God’s grace is something we cannot earn, merit, or work for. His grace is always a free gift. Jesus and His work at Calvary was and is the embodiment of God’s grace. All of God’s grace comes through simple faith in Jesus, His death for our sins, and His resurrection. Grace can also be defined as unmerited favor, God's gift when we deserved a penalty, God’s riches at Christ’s expense, divine and unmerit-ed assistance, and God’s goodness given to undeserving people. Everything we need to be saved and sanctified is found in God’s grace. This includes victory over sin, our own flesh, the world, and the Devil. In His grace is found all the benefits of Calvary, including the power of the Holy Spirit.

It’s true that at this stage in the church, there was so many more details of the new covenant that the church did not know yet. But progressively the Spirit would reveal to them these truths fulfilling the words of Jesus to the apostles in John 14:26: “But the Comforter, which is 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.” The Spirit would ultimately use the apostle Paul to explain the new covenant in a way the apostles never saw coming.

The reason why great grace was upon the early church was because their faith was so pure, their motivations so innocent, and their focus so determined. Their faith in Jesus, His death, and resurrection was so pure. It was only in Jesus, His death, and resurrection. At that time, their hearts were consumed with Jesus. As well, their motivations were so innocent, like a child’s. All they wanted was Jesus to be
seen, to be glorified, and to be believed.

This is brought out in the words of Peter to the multitudes after the lame man was healed: "And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

'And His (Jesus) name through faith in His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all" (Acts 3:12, 16).

Finally, their focus was so determined. This is seen in Acts 4:5-31 when the Sanhedrin "severely threatened" Peter and John to never speak in the name of Jesus again. What did Peter and John do? They spoke in return and said, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19-20).

There is such a need for the same great grace to be manifested in our individual lives, our churches, and the world. Let this be a challenge to every believer to have a faith in Jesus and His Cross that is pure, motivations that are innocent (not mixed with any selfish agendas), and a focus that is determined to see Jesus and His finished work at Calvary, seen, glorified, and believed. Then I believe we’ll see and experience His great grace!

"And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” —Acts 4:33
What Shall We Do with The Law  PART III

“But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.” —Romans 7:6

In the last two issues of The Evangelist we have attempted to deal with the subject regarding the proper relationship that is to exist between the new covenant believer and the Old Testament law. The Scripture declares that the first covenant with the Old Testament laws have been deemed obsolete. One cannot enter into a new agreement until an old agreement has been rendered inactive or is no longer applicable. Therefore, the old covenant and the Old Testament law was rendered obsolete when Christ nailed them to His cross, blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us. A new covenant—a better covenant with better promises—is now what we live under, and we are to be held responsible to. Ours is not a mixture of old covenant law with new covenant promise. Ours is a brand-new covenant that does not rely upon the old covenant in any way. Both old and new covenants reveal God to the human race. But the old covenant was transitory in nature while the new covenant is referred to as the everlasting covenant. So what should be our relationship to old covenant law as a new covenant believer?

Accountability To Righteousness Under Grace
There seems to be two false directions that bring confusion to this issue. The first argument was heard first in the days of the apostle Paul. Opponents to the message of grace that Paul taught believed and preached that unless a person kept the old covenant law, he could not be saved. Those who believed this felt that it was impossible for mankind to live a holy and righteous life outside of a personal effort to keep the law, in addition to accepting Christ. They felt that any approach toward holiness that didn't depend upon the individual's zealfulness and commitment to God could not produce the righteous life that God desires of His people. They believed the righteous living could only be obtained by religious labor, disciplines, and rules, as prescribed by the old covenant law. In addition, there were some who listened to Paul's message of grace and came to the mistaken conclusion that it didn't matter whether the believer lived righteously or not. If God's grace was applied as a result of faith alone, then, in their minds, the actions or attitudes of the individual was not important. Since God's grace covered sin, it really didn't matter whether a believer sinned or not. Men seem to either be too liberal with the application of grace or would deny grace and faith as the means to righteousness in favor of laws and works. Therefore, both views—one of license, the other of law—are incorrect.

The Knowledge Of Right And Wrong
As new covenant believers, we receive the moral code of God into our hearts at the moment of conversion. According to Hebrews 8:10, which refers to the prophecies of Jeremiah 31:31-33, one new covenant benefit was that the laws of God—the knowledge of right and wrong—would exist in the heart of every born-again believer. God no longer operated by a Ten Commandment system, but rather re-created the spirit of man in regeneration and implanted the person of the Holy Spirit into the heart of that man. Then the Holy Spirit would begin to teach, lead, and guide the believer into the moral code of God. So under the new covenant, we are not accountable to the righteuous demands of the old covenant laws, but we are to be held accountable to the voice of the Holy Spirit.
who is able to guide us into a life of righteousness and who has the power to enable us to live that life. We are not to attempt to live out our lives as those accountable to old covenant laws. But we become accountable to the voice of the Lord, who lives in us through the person of the Holy Spirit. Holiness is not an option!

The Transitory Nature Of The Law
Let’s discuss for a moment the transitory nature of the law. One should understand that the law was God’s first major revelation of Himself to mankind. While men knew the Lord prior to the giving of the law, what they could understand about Him was limited. When God brought His people out of Egypt, He parked them at the base of Mount Sinai for a year and one month. It was during this time frame that the law was given to Moses. In that law God addressed moral code, civil law, and the laws concerning worship and sacrifice. Just like a child who learns the alphabet in school, the law revealed the base elements of God, His character, and a means of continued relationship through sacrifice and worship.

For the first time, man learned basic truths about who God was, what He approved and disapproved of, how to approach Him in worship, and received a more detailed procedure relating to the sacrificial system. We do not know what these people entirely understood about the sacrificial system, but we do know that it all pointed to what Christ Jesus would accomplish for mankind in the future. So God revealed Himself through the law, and that law would teach us the basics of moral code, how to treat one another, how to worship God, and to look forward to the unveiling of God’s redemption plan that would be made manifest in the future.

According to Galatians 3:19, the law was to stand as God’s revelation of Himself only until the Promised Seed—the Redeemer of the world—would replace it with Himself. Therefore, the law was only intended to be a temporary entity that would begin a knowledge of God in the world. However, the law could not save nor could it give power to those who embraced it. That would come only with new covenant.

The Principles Continue
The law revealed to man true and basic principles regarding the character of God. Therefore, the precepts and principles that are revealed in the law—that show us the nature of God, that guide us to truly worship God, that point us to His redemption plan through Christ—are all still true today. For example, we are not responsible to keep the Sabbath day, but that old covenant law laid the groundwork and the precept for the truth regarding man’s need for rest. Not just a physical rest as experienced under the old covenant law but the truth of the need for a spiritual rest that one encounters when they come to Jesus Christ. The principle of rest still remains a truth. Under the law, believers were required to worship through the sacrificial system at the location of the temple or tabernacle. Worship and sacrifice are principles that we still embrace. But today, we no longer worship at a location or offer sacrifices. We worship God in Spirit and in truth. The author of Hebrews declares that Jesus replaced the law as the source of revelation regarding God when he declares in Hebrews 1:1-2, “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son . . . .”

Jesus Christ replaces the law of the old covenant and speaks to the believer the moral code of God by His Spirit, directly to the heart. He is the eternal and everlasting revelation of God to mankind. And in Him is both the knowledge of righteousness and the power to live right. 

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All Israel Shall be Saved

Soon after Christ’s ascension and the death of the apostles, the early church was confronted with a multiplicity of errors and false teachings.

In this series, we will continue to look at some of the major heresies that not only developed back then but continue to affect the church today. Many of these false teachings, as we have previously addressed, arose out of new methods of interpretation. The mixture of Greek philosophical thought, Gnosticism and the allegorization of Scriptures all made a toxic theological poison.

Augustine
He has been called the “doctor of grace” and “the great teacher of the church” because of his influence on the doctrine of the church. Augustine still remains the theologian of theologians. His voice is so inflectional that a simple “Augustine says,” settled arguments. Augustine, to a large extent, laid the foundation for both Roman Catholic and Protestant doctrine. Sadly, much of what he taught was error.

Amillennialism
Augustine is the greatest landmark in early church history of amillennialism. Prior to him, amillennialism was associated with the heresies that sprung out of the Alexandrian school of theology. As discussed in previous articles, they allegorized and spiritualized the Bible thereby producing an improper interpretation of God’s Word. Amillennialism simply means from the Greek “no-millennialism.” In Christian eschatology, it involves the rejection of the belief that Jesus will have a literal, thousand-year-long reign on earth. Although there were others before him, Augustine became the first theologian of influence and reputation who adopted amillennialism. As a result of his popularity and influence, his viewpoint became the prevailing doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, and later of the Reformers.

To Augustine, the present age was viewed as a conflict between the city of God and the city of Satan—the conflict between the church and the world. However, he believed that the present age of conflict is the millennium. He predicted that the end of the conflict would be in or around AD 650. He further believed that the binding of Satan began when the church began to spread from Jerusalem into other regions.

Revelation 20
His interpretation of this chapter is evasive and not specific. He dismisses any literal view without argument. The reason he avoids embracing a literal view is based on the fact that some during his time viewed the millennium as a time of carnal enjoyment, which Augustine opposed, and said:

“This opinion (a future literal millennium after the resurrection) might be allowed, if it proposed only spiritual delight unto the saints during this space (and were once of the same opinion ourselves); but seeing the vouchers hereof affirm that the saints after this resurrection shall do nothing but revel in fleshly banquets, where the cheer shall exceed both modesty and measure, this is gross and fit for none but carnal men to believe.”

His theological interpretation was based on observation and personal discontentment with his failures to overcome the sinful nature. He did not realize that he could abandon this false teaching without abandoning the doctrine of the “literal” millennial reign of Christ on the earth. Surprisingly, he holds onto the literal time of 1,000 years. Instead of a future millennial time, he viewed it as the present age in which he lived. To him, the present age is the millennium promised in Revelation 20. Furthermore, he held to a future millennium to accommodate a total of seven millenniums, beginning from Adam. To Augustine, there is no
future millennium—the present age is the millennium—Satan is bound, and then Jesus Christ returns, the present millennium will end and eternity will begin.

Satan Bound?
I do not believe we can find anything more clear in Scripture, the history of the church, and to all believer's, that Satan is not bound but is doing his best to tempt, and to destroy the church, even unto today. He is an active foe. He is “as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Pet. 5:8). We are warned by the apostle Paul: “Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices” (II Cor. 2:11). In dealing with married couples, Paul would recommend they do not separate sexually too long while seeking God, “that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency” (I Cor. 7:5).

When unrepentant misconduct was done by a church member at Corinth, Paul recommended, “to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh” (I Cor. 5:5).

Paul would speak of his own personal example of being buffeted by a messenger of Satan to keep him humble as a result of the revelations he received of God. The list goes on and on. James says we are to, “Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

The very idea that Satan is bound in this present age clearly shows that Satan himself had tried to distort and distract the church from gaining the necessary weapons of our warfare to fight against him. No wonder that the Roman Catholic Church was—and is—so doctrinally polluted. Notwithstanding, much in the Protestant world as well.

The Reformation
The early Reformers could all be classified as amillennialists. Martin Luther was an Augustinian monk who often subscribed to Augustinian theology to affirm his beliefs. John Calvin was also recognized as a follower of Augustine and often quoted him as the authority of his doctrinal views.

In future articles, I will address some of the other errors and false teachings that began in the early church. Next month, I will deal with predestination.
The Pain of Unforgiveness

Forgiveness is both given and received. The need for pardon, mercy, compassion, and understanding is a cry to return to normalcy. Many times, forgiveness is not granted, which brings on the pain of unforgiveness.

The Choice To Forgive
When we petition for forgiveness, the offended party has a choice to make. Sometimes the choice is relatively easy. Sometimes it becomes one of the hardest decisions they have been called to make. Several factors come into play:
- How grievous was the offense?
- Is this their first offence?
- What is the relationship between the offended and the person seeking forgiveness?
- Are they sincere?
- Does the person making the choice have an understanding of the biblical teaching on forgiveness?

Relinquishing Of Rights
Forgiveness relinquishes the right to retaliation. In a sense, it places the offending party in the hands of God. In so doing, the healing process has begun. It isn't always easy to forgive. Revenge is ingrained into the heart of man. After all, we have no doubt asked God for forgiveness countless times for the same offence and have received it.

Forgive, And The Father Will Also Forgive You
Immediately after Jesus taught on prayer, He spoke on the need to forgive those who have trespassed against us. “For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:14-15).

How Many Times?
Peter realized the need to forgive but now sought to find the outer limit of forgiveness. He asked, “Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Till seven times?” (Mat 18:21). Adam Clarke’s commentary says, “It was a maxim among the Jews never to forgive more than thrice: Peter enlarges this charity more than one half. ” Peter thought that seven times for the same offence by the same person was an expression of compassion. Seven is considered a divine number—the number of completeness. Jesus was not impressed by Peter’s math.

God’s Formula On Forgiveness
Jesus countered with seven times 70. Imagine Peter’s response: “Really, 490 times? Isn’t that a little extreme?” In reality, Jesus wasn’t expecting us to keep count. The idea was that we should always forgive. After all, He gave us the example. Forgive ourselves and others.

The Pain Of Not Being Forgiven
We have all experienced the pain of a rejected apology. No matter how contrite we are, the other person refuses to forgive us. How we wish we could go back and undo the wrong, but we cannot. We live with our regrets and sorrows.

Forgiveness Does Not Mean Restored Fellowship
We are commanded to forgive, no matter what the offence is, but we are not commanded to restore fellowship. An abused child forgives so that he could heal, but no one is suggesting that he place himself in danger through restored fellowship. We don’t forgive for the other person’s wellbeing; we do so for our own physical and spiritual well-being.

The Physical Cost Of Not Forgiving
There is pain when we refuse to forgive. Every time their name is mentioned, we relive the pain. Constant anxiety produces physical issues. Dr. Michael Berry, the author of the book, The Forgiveness Project says, “Of all cancer patients, 61 percent have forgiveness issues, and of those, more than half are severe.” Greater still is the spiritual damage. “But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matt. 6:14).

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It definitely appeared that Jesus had been defeated, captured, and killed as a prisoner of war, but that was not what actually happened. What appeared to be the biggest failure turned out to be the greatest victory the world has ever seen. In actuality, He overcame death, hell, and the grave by His death, burial, and resurrection. He totally paid the full price for the penalty of sin, overcame the power of sin, and provided the eventual destruction of the very presence of sin. He paid the ransom that was due God because of the sin of mankind. This was symbolized by the Year of Jubilee (Isa. 61:2) when all mortgages were canceled, all servants were released, all bondages of men annulled, debts were forgiven, and lands reverted back to their original owners. This is how He destroyed the works of the enemy (I Jn. 3:8), led captivity captive (Eph. 4:8), and He overcame Satan because He was stronger (Lk. 11:22).

Although Jesus became a prisoner of war, He did not remain one, and by overcoming, He made a way for sinful man to no longer have to be a prisoner of war of sin and Satan.

“He paid a debt He did not owe,
I owed a debt I could not pay,
I needed someone to wash my sins away,
And now I sing a brand new song,
Amazing Grace,
Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.”

The greatest prisoner of war of all time was Jesus Christ. Remember, a prisoner of war is someone who is defeated in war, captured, and imprisoned. Many times they are also mistreated, tortured, and even killed. Satan (Gen. 3:15) and religious leaders fought against Jesus. The religious leaders wanted to kill Him because of envy (Mk. 15:10). He taught against their hypocrisy (Mat. 23:13-29), cleansed the temple of crooked moneychangers (Jn. 2:13-16; Mat. 21:12-13), and healed several times on the Sabbath, which they said was breaking their law. They were afraid He was undermining their positions, authority, power, and popularity.

The trial of Jesus was illegal for many reasons. It was before Jewish leaders—at night—which was contrary to Jewish law. There were not two or three witnesses who agreed in their testimony against Jesus, which was required. Neither Jesus nor anyone representing Him was allowed to cross-examine the witnesses. Contrary to Mosaic law, the trial and the sentencing were not to be on the same day. Jesus was declared innocent three times by Pilate, and one time by Herod. Jesus had no legal representation, and He did not have to incriminate himself.

Jesus certainly was abused and tortured. He was mocked, ridiculed, and spit on. He was slapped, and hit with fists many times. He was beaten nearly to death with a whip that had multiple thongs that had pieces of metal or rock tied to their ends so they tore apart the flesh of His back. He was beaten on the head with rods many times, and a crown of long thorns was jammed down on His head which caused much pain and injury. He was stripped of His clothes and exposed for all to see. Then He was crucified with nails driven through His wrists and ankles. The weight of His whole body hung from these spots, which made it very difficult and eventually impossible to breath. This is one of the most cruel ways to kill someone.

“It has never been such a sight
As Jesus’ body42.3535
hung on the cross42.3535—later to rise, to win.
It is a sight, a scene, a scene of war,
That will never be seen again.

“War” is a picture of Jesus, a prisoner of war.
Jesus was a prisoner3.5
worse than anyone could be—
He was led captive, led captive.
He was captured, captured, and led captive.

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“Prisoners of War
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“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me…to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” —Isaiah 61:1

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SPECIAL EVENT: MAY 4, 2018 – KANSAS CITY, MO
Gabriel Swaggart Rally
C. Stephen Metzler Hall at the Folly Theater
300 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105
www.gabrielswaggart.org
→ FRI 7 PM | DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

SPECIAL EVENT: SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 – STAFFORD, TX
Gabriel Swaggart Rally
Stafford Centre Performing Arts Theatre
10505 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477
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MAY 3-4, 2018 – SINALOA, MEXICO
Pastor José Heras
Leading Man Back To The Cross Ministries
Templo Cristiano de San Lazaro, Sinaloa, Mexico
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MAY 6, 2018 – CALIFORNIA
Leading Man Back To The Cross Ministries
Henry Lozano Center
12-800 W. Arroyo Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240
→ SUN 10 AM Adult Service

Send The Fire Ministries
1604 7th Street, Cochella, CA 92236
For information contact Pastor Daniel Muñoz at 760.342.9612
→ SUN 6 PM Children’s Crusade but open to all ages.

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APRIL 13-15, 2018 - BOWLING GREEN, OH
Pastor Willie & Eloise Miller
Faith Hope Love Christian Church
404 Dunbridge Road
419.260.2294

FRI 7 PM
SAT 10 AM (Teaching) | SAT 7 PM
SUN 10 AM | SUN 6 PM
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APRIL 6-8, 2018 – ODESSA, TX
Pastor John Van Hoose
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— FRI 7 PM
— SAT 10 AM – 12 PM (Teaching) | SAT 6 PM (Sharon Ministering)
— SUN 10 AM

MAY 4-6, 2018 – DENVER, NC
Pastors Jason and Summer Collins
Lakeside Church
6636 Pine Ridge Drive, Denver, NC 28037
704.620.8583 | www.mylakesidechurch.com
— FRI 7 PM (Sharon Ministering)
— SAT 10 AM – 12 PM (Teaching) | SAT 7 PM
— SUN 10:30 AM | SUN 6 PM (Sharon Ministering)

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APRIL 6-8, 2018 – NORTHFIELD, MN
Pastor Steve Roberts
Gospel of Life Family Church
2010 Jefferson Road, Northfield, MN 55057
507.259.2644 | gospeloflifefamilychurch.org
— FRI 7 PM
— SAT 6 PM
— SUN 10:30 AM

JULY 1, 2018 – MONTEGUT, LA
Pastor Nathan Parfait
New Beginning Church
194 Highway 665, Montegut, LA 70377
985.856.4217
— SUN 10 AM | SUN 6 PM

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