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**THE COVER**

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How Does The Cross Make The Work Of The Holy Spirit Possible?  
Part I

By: Jimmy Swaggart

“There is nothing in the world worse than a false way of Salvation.”

QUESTION:

HOW DOES THE CROSS MAKE THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT POSSIBLE?

ANSWER:

Everything the Holy Spirit has ever done on this Earth, with the exception of the time of Creation (Gen. 1:2), has been made possible by the Cross of Christ. Of course, before Jesus came, the Sacrificial System served as a stopgap measure, so to speak. But, inasmuch as the blood of bulls and goats was woefully insufficient to take away sins (Heb. 10:4), this limited the Holy Spirit as to what He could do for humanity. However, to be sure, He did all that was possible for Him to do at the time.

THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

As we have previously stated, the Lord introduced the Sacrificial System immediately after the Fall of Adam and Eve, which caused them to be driven out of the Garden. He did so for many reasons, but the primary reason at the time was that they could have forgiveness of sins and fellowship with Him. However, it had to be through the Sacrificial System, which consisted of a lamb being offered as a whole Burnt Offering. The Fourth Chapter of Genesis sets the stage for the conflict between God’s Way, which is the Cross of Christ, and man’s way, which is that of his own concoctions. It has held true from then until now.

AN ILLUSTRATION

Sometime back a couple gave an EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE to their pastor. The pastor was involved in a particular denomination that did not like Jimmy Swaggart at all.

At any rate, the next Sunday morning following the Bible being given to him, he made the statement from behind the pulpit that, “Jesus didn’t pay it all at Calvary’s Cross.” Now, that’s an interesting statement!

My Grandson Gabriel was talking with the couple and they were asking him, “Should we leave this church and find another one?” “Unequivocally yes,” Gabriel quickly answered! In fact, as it regards most churches presently, the people would do better if they did not attend. One cannot sit under false doctrine and not be influenced by such, and in a very negative way. Untold millions are in Hell right now because of that very thing, and sadly, untold millions of others, in fact, the majority of the world’s present population, are on their way to that place of darkness.

There is nothing in the world worse than a false way of Salvation. Regrettably, if the Church omits the Cross, it has omitted God’s Way, and to be sure, there is no other way. To be blunt, it’s the Cross of Christ or it is Hellfire. That’s the reason the great Apostle wrote to the Church at Corinth saying, “Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect” (I Cor. 1:17). Paul wasn’t knocking Water Baptism; he was merely stating, and unequivocally so, that the emphasis must always be on the Cross of Christ and never other things, as worthwhile as those things may be in their own right. We should not forget that!

Please remember, we aren’t speaking here of mundane matters, but rather, the destination of the eternal soul of man. To be sure, nothing is more important than that. Paul said a long time ago, and it holds true presently:

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?” (A real friend is
The Apostle was perplexed as to how the Galatians could have forsaken the Holy Spirit, substituting in His Place the cold issues of dead Law."

one who will tell his friend the truth, even though it hurts.)

“They zealously affect you (speaks of the Judaizers attempting to subvert the Galatians in order to win them over to themselves), but not well (not for your good); yes, they would exclude you (they would shut the Galatians out from the benefits of the Gospel of Grace), that you might affect them (means to be drawn to their side).

“But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing (Paul wanted the Galatians to be as zealous over Christ and the Cross as it seems they were tending to be over false doctrine), and not only when I am present with you. (Their zeal for the right thing should be present at all times.)”

UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU

“My little children (presents the language of deep affection and emotion), of whom I travail in birth again (deliver to you again the rudiments of the great Message of Christ and Him Crucified, as though you had never heard it to begin with) until Christ be formed in you (presents the work only the Holy Spirit can do, and does so exclusively within the parameters of the Sacrifice of Christ, which must always be the Object of our Faith),

“I desire to be present with you now (as a loving parent wants to be at the side of a sick child), and to change my voice (refers to the fact that his true love for them would more profitably come through were he only standing before them in person); for I stand in doubt of you. (The Apostle was perplexed as to how the Galatians could have forsaken the Holy Spirit, substituting in His Place the cold issues of dead Law. Any Christian who presently has as his object of
Faith anything but the Cross is following the same course as the Galatians of old) (Gal. 4:16-20).

If the preacher is trying to please everybody, above all, he most definitely is not pleasing God. Concerning that, Paul also said:

ANOTHER GOSPEL

The Apostle in speaking to the same Churches in Galatia said:

“I marvel that you are so soon removed from Him (the Holy Spirit) Who called you into the Grace of Christ (made possible by the Cross) unto another gospel (anything which doesn’t have the Cross as its Object of Faith):

“Which is not another (presents the fact that Satan’s aim is not so much to deny the Gospel, which he can little do, as to corrupt it); but there be some who trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ (once again, to make the object of Faith something other than the Cross).”

ACCURSED

“But though we (Paul and his associates), or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you (Jesus Christ and Him Crucified), let him be accursed (eternally condemned; the Holy Spirit speaks this through Paul, making this very serious).

“As we said before, so say I now again (at some time past, he had said the same thing to them, making their defection even more serious), If any man preach any other gospel unto you (anything other than the Cross) than that you have received (which Saved your souls), let him be accursed (‘eternally condemned,’ which means the loss of the soul).

“For do I now persuade men, or God? (In essence, Paul is saying, ‘Do I preach man’s doctrine, or God’s?’) or do I seek to please men? (This is what false apostles do.) for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the Servant of Christ (one cannot please both men and God at the same time)” (Gal. 1:6-10).

WHAT TYPE OF OTHER GOSPEL?

The type of gospel of which Paul spoke was anything other than “Christ and Him Crucified.” Please note the following carefully:

- The Source of all blessings that we receive from God is the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6; Col. 2:10-15).
- The Cross of Christ, and the Cross of Christ alone, is the Means by which these things are given to us (Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 1:17, 18, 23; 2:2; Gal. 6:14).
- The Cross of Christ as the Object of our Faith, and the Cross of Christ alone as the Object of our Faith, is the way and, in fact, the only way that we can receive these things given to us, which Source is Christ and which Means is the Cross (Rom. 5:1-2; 6:1-14; Gal., Chpt. 5; Eph. 2:13-18).
- The Holy Spirit Alone is the arbiter as it regards our Faith and, in fact, everything we do (Rom. 8:1-2, 11; Eph. 2:13-18).

Getting back to the pattern laid down at the very dawn of time, it quickly becomes apparent as to the difficulties faced by the Child of God. Living for the Lord is not a simple thing. The first three Chapters of Genesis

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give us the re-creation of this planet plus the creation of man and his ignominious Fall. Beginning with the Fourth Chapter of Genesis to the end of Revelation 22:21, instructions are given as to how to live for God. Considering the voluminous amount of information, it should give us an idea as to the complexity of this situation. As we’ve stated, and say it again, it’s not simple! As we have also stated, God has a way and man has a way. They are forever at juxtaposition with each other. Let’s see what this Fourth Chapter tells us:

A MAN FROM THE LORD

“And Adam knew Eve his wife (is the Biblical connotation of the union of husband and wife in respect to the sex act); and she conceived, and bore Cain (the first child born to this union, and would conclude exactly as the Lord said it would, with ‘sorrow’), and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD (by Eve using the title ‘LORD,’ which means ‘Covenant God,’ and which refers to the ‘Seed of the woman,’ [Gen. 3:15], she thought Cain was the Promised One; she evidently didn’t realize that it was impossible for fallen man to bring forth the Promised Redeemer).”

And she again bore his brother Abel
(‘Abel’ means ‘vanity;’ Cain being the oldest, this shows that Eve by now had become disillusioned with her firstborn, undoubtedly seeing traits in him which she knew could not be of the Promised Seed; she was losing Faith in God.). **And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground** (both were honorable professions).”

**AN OFFERING UNTO THE LORD?**

“And in process of time it came to pass (the phrase used here refers to a long indefinite period), that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. (This was probably the first offering that he brought, even though the Lord had explained to the First Family the necessity of the Sacrificial System, that is, if they were to have any type of communion with God and forgiveness of sins.

“There is evidence that Adam, at least for a while, offered up sacrifices. Cain knew the type of Sacrifice that the Lord would accept, but he rebelled against that admonition, demanding that God accept the labor of his hands, which, in fact, God could not accept. So we have in the persons of Cain and Abel, the first examples of a religious man of the world and a genuine man of Faith.”

**THE FIRSTLINGS OF THE FLOCK**

“And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof (this is what God demanded; it was a blood sacrifice of an innocent victim, a lamb, which proclaimed the fact that Abel recognized his need of a Redeemer, and that One was coming Who would redeem lost humanity; the Offering of Abel was a Type of Christ and the price that He would pay on the Cross of Calvary in order for man to be redeemed). **And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:** (As stated, this was a Type of Christ and the Cross, the only Offering which God will respect. Abel’s Altar is beautiful to God’s Eye and repulsive to man’s. Cain’s altar is beautiful to man’s eye and repulsive to God’s. These ‘altars’ exist today; around the one that is Christ and His atoning Work, few are gathered, around the other, many. God accepts the slain lamb and rejects the offered fruit; and the offering being rejected, so of necessity is the offerer.)”

**THE LORD HAD NO RESPECT FOR CAIN’S OFFERING**

“But unto Cain and to his offering He had no respect (let us say it again, God has no respect for any proposed way of Salvation, other than ‘Jesus Christ and Him Crucified’ [I Cor. 1:23; 2:2]). **And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fallen** (anger, in one form or the other, is a result of the Spirit’s work in the heart of man). **And the LORD said unto Cain** (God loves Cain, just as He did Abel, and wishes to bless him also), **Why are you angry** (Abel’s Altar speaks of Repentance, of Faith, and of the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God without blemish; Cain’s altar tells of pride, unbelief, and self-righteousness, which always illicits anger)? **and why is your countenance fallen** (anger, in one form or the other, is a result of the Spirit’s work in the heart of man).”

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other, accompanies self-righteousness, for that is what plagued Cain; God’s Righteousness can only come by the Cross, while self-righteousness is by dependence on works)?"

THE RIGHT SACRIFICE

“If you do well, shall you not be accepted (if you bring the correct sacrifice, and thereby place your Faith)? and if you do not well, sin (a Sin-Offering) lies at the door (a lamb was at the door of the Tabernacle). And unto you shall be his desire, and you shall rule over him (the Lord promised Cain dominion over the Earth of that day, if he would only offer up, and place his trust in, the right Sacrifice; He promises the same presently to all who trust Christ [Mat. 5:5]).”

THE FIRST MURDER WAS CAUSED BY RELIGION

“And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and killed him (the first murder; Cain’s religion was too refined to kill a lamb, but not too cultured to murder his brother; God’s Way of Salvation fills the heart with love; man’s way of salvation inflames it with hatred; ‘Religion’ has ever been the greatest cause of bloodshed).

“And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel your brother? (Adam sins against God and Cain sins against man. In their united conduct, we have sin in all its forms, and that on the first page of human history.) And he said, I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper (He showed himself a ‘liar’ in saying, ‘I know not’; ‘wicked and profane’ in thinking he could hide his sin from God; ‘unjust’ in denying himself to be his brother’s keeper; ‘obstinate and desperate’ in not confessing his sin)?”

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

“And He (God) said, What have you done (this concerns man’s sins, the fruit of his sinful nature)? The voice of your brother’s blood cries unto Me from the ground. (There is some Scriptural evidence that Cain cut his brother’s throat. Thus, with the first shedding of human blood, that ominous thought sprang up, divinely bestowed, that the Earth will grant no peace to the one who has wantonly stained her fair face with the life-stream of man)” (Gen. 4:1-10).

The Sacrificial System would continue until the First Advent of Christ, a time frame of approximately four thousand years. During that time, God raised up a people of which at least some of them among the group would have Faith in God and, thereby, serve Him. To be sure, Israel was raised up from the loins of Abraham and the womb of Sarah, but regrettably, even after they grew into a large nation, most of them did not live for God. In fact, they destroyed themselves by crucifying their Messiah and our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Irrespective, the price was paid, and the Blood of the Sacred Victim was shed in order that the fallen sons of Adam’s lost race could be Saved. The song says:

“Millions have come,  
“But there’s still room for one,  
“There’s room at the Cross for you!"

WERE PEOPLE BORN-AGAIN BEFORE THE CROSS?

Yes! People were Born-Again before the Cross, but
they did not have nearly the privileges that we presently have since the Cross.

We must remember that while Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ, still, He operated under the Old Covenant. In other words, the happenings of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, took place under the auspices of the Old Covenant. Admittedly, those times were the doorway to the New Covenant but still were under the Old.

The New Covenant did not come about until the Lord gave its meaning to the Apostle Paul, which, in essence, is the meaning of the Cross. Even though the date is not certain, it is probable that, regarding Paul, this Revelation took place about the year A.D. 44 or 45.

(This message was derived from the book, “Brother Swaggart, Here Is My Question About The Holy Spirit”.)
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“A CONSPIRACY”

(This article was originally printed in August, 2009)

A conspiracy of silence is controlling the modern church! Many Believers who used to love God are being destroyed because of false teachings that are rampant in the church, but no one is allowed to talk about it! Modern Believers are preconditioned, or should I say “brainwashed,” thinking that if they point out someone teaching false doctrine they are a “troublemaker” or worse, a “religious bigot.” They are shamed into silence, and in so doing, choose their own deaths as they leave false teachers free as birds to spread their poisonous doctrines! Remember, “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump” (Gal. 5:9). But, prayerfully there will soon be a remnant of the Lord who will be able to assuage this false guilt and condemnation put upon them by the enemy and his followers; hopefully, this remnant will have the Fire of God “shut up in their bones,” which will Overcome and speak the Truth no matter the opposition (Jer. 20:9)! In fact, the truth is that if any one of us preaches anything contrary to what the Bible teaches, cries should go up from other pulpits all over the country, but shepherds are no longer protecting the sheep! Instead, pastors today stare off into space like zombies refusing to spot the wolves, whether the wolf infiltrates as a leader or layman. We must ask ourselves, however, if such men are true shepherds because Jesus told us: “But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd . . . sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep . . . The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep” (Jn. 10:12-13). Perhaps, if you are one such “shepherd” who prefers leaving your sheep to the wolves, you should try “fleeing” your Pulpit first!

THE SILENCE IS DEAFENING!

Christians today are also being told that they need to fellowship with and work with men who do not know God, men whose doctrines are just as unscriptural as those of the Pharisees. And, in the process, of course, discerning Believers are not supposed to rebuke such men for any of their doctrinal compromises. Yes, the silence is deafening! People are failing to hear the Truth! Don’t you know, Believer, that Christ gave you authority, in His Name, to silence demons? They aren’t supposed to silence you! “And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spoke . . . ” (Mat. 9:33). And in accordance with this devilish conspiracy, our Lord and Savior is also being presented today as if he had been a Pharisee’s doormat, as if He was only meek, lowly, kind, and very loving to the false teachers. This, however, is a totally false picture of the Jesus Christ of the Bible! Have we forgotten the day Jesus drove the moneychangers out of the Temple with a whip (Jn. 2:15)? When Jesus dealt with false teachers His Words were sharp, even harsh at times, and His Actions were completely plain. No one could have misunderstood.

LOYALTY TO THE WORD

Jesus did not sugarcoat anything, turn a blind eye, or leave anyone with a false impression. In Matthew 23:23-34 false preachers were called: “hypocrites,” “blind guides,” “blind,” “whited sepulchers,” “serpents,” and a “generation of vipers.” Dear Christian, just because someone is a high-ranking leader in the church doesn’t put him above mistake; much less make him a god. When the people tried to worship the Disciples due to the Miracles God worked through them, Barnabas and Paul were tremendously grieved and asked the people, “. . . Sirs, why do you these things? We also are men of like passions with you . . . ” (Acts 14:15). At times a religious leader happens to be a true man of God who is temporarily deceived, and sometimes he is an actual wolf in sheep’s clothing. But, either way, your loyalty must always be to God and His Truth, not to human leadership. Christ, in fact, admonished true Believers to
do what is right in the sight of the Lord even when our leadership does not. “Then spoke Jesus to the multitude, and to His Disciples, saying, The Scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat: all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not” (Mat. 23:1-3).

A FORM OF GODLINESS

The Church at Ephesus was commended because they had “tried them which say they are Apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars” (Rev. 2:2). The church at Pergamos was rebuked because they tolerated those that held “the doctrine of Balaam” and the “doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate” (Rev. 2:14-15). God hates the doctrines of men, so it is never right to tolerate a false teacher. Men who teach unscriptural doctrines are to be “tried” and/or “judged” by the Word of God and exposed expressly as a false teacher. Unfortunately, preachers today seek every means possible to avoid their duty to discern and judge, despite the Light given to us in Scripture regarding such. Romans 16:17: “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned (refers to the fact that false teachers are to be identified); and avoid them (turn away from and shun these).” We are also to rebuke them: “This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the Faith” (Titus 1:13). We are to have no fellowship with them: “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11). We are to withdraw from them: “Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how you ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you” (II Thess. 3:6-7). We are not to receive them into our house: “If there come any unto you, and bring not this Doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he who bids him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (II Jn. 1:10-11). We are to turn away from them: “Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth” (II Tim. 3:5-7). Now, how can Believers turn away from false teachers if we do not identify them?

COMPARE IT WITH THE WORD

Every message we hear must be compared to the Word of God. A true man of God will always do this. “Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and Doctrine” (II Tim. 4:2). God-called men and women are to be just as faithful as Paul was in the task of exposing false ministers and openly rejecting their messages. We are to judge their Jesus, their spirit, and their gospel by the Word of God: “By the Word of Truth, by the Power of God, by the armour of Righteousness on the right hand and on the left. . .” (II Cor. 6:7). Look at II Corinthians 11:13: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ.” Then Verses 14-15: “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” Paul says these preachers are ministers of Satan! False doctrine is, therefore, not to be brought into our homes in any fashion. We must guard what we allow into the hearts and minds of both ourselves and our loved ones. In other words, we should not read the literature of false teachers, listen to their music, nor listen to them by radio or T.V. The enemy is too sly; we should not give him room. “Neither give place to the Devil” (Eph. 4:27).

FALSE TEACHERS

God’s Word goes even further and tells us we are to separate ourselves from false teachers. God’s People must come out of apostasy and religious error. Paul did not hesitate to stand strong and firm.

• He once had to name Peter publicly: “But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the Circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the Truth of the Gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If you, being a Jew, live after the manner of the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why do you compel the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?” (Gal. 2:11-14).

• Paul named Demas: “For Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica . . . “ (II Tim. 4:10).

• He named Hymenaeus and Alexander: “This charge I commit unto you, son Timothy, according to the Prophecies which went before on you, that you by them might war a good warfare; holding Faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning Faith have made shipwreck; of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme” (I Tim. 1:18-20).

• He named Hymenaeus and Philetus: “Study
to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as does a canker of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; who concerning the Truth have erred, saying that the Resurrection is past already; and overthrow the Faith of some” (II Tim. 2:15-18).

You see, false doctrine causes Christians to stumble and lose their way with God. This is the reason we must expose it.

- Paul also named Alexander the coppersmith because he was the enemy of Truth: “Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: of whom you beware also; for he has greatly withstood our words” (II Tim. 4:14-15).
- John named Diotrephes: “I wrote unto the Church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receives us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither does he himself receive the Brethren, and forbids them who would, and casts them out of the Church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He who does good is of God: but he who does evil has not seen God” (III Jn. 1:9-11).
- Moses called the name of Balaam: “He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the Earth, and they abide over against me” (Num. 22:5). Jude exposed the error of Balaam: “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core” (Jude 1:11).
- Nathan identified the man: “And Nathan said to David, You are the man. Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul” (II Sam. 12:7).

DANGEROUS!

The world of religion has become quite dangerous as false teachers have broken down the barrier of separation between God’s People and false religions. In some ways King Jehoshaphat was a good king, but he did not practice separation, causing his son to marry the wicked King Ahab’s daughter. Jehu named King Jehoshaphat for his error. Read II Chronicles 18:1-21. In Verses 1 through 6 of this Chapter, Jehoshaphat made an alliance with Ahab and went to battle with him. But, he was rebuked by a man of God. “And Jehu the son of Hanani the Seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Should you help the ungodly, and love them who hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon you from before the LORD” (II Chron. 19:2). We could ask that question today: “Is the Church to partner with ungodly religions even if the motive is to help cure AIDS or other social problems?” No! In the first place, we can’t cure any problem, but secondly because partnering with the ungodly will only lead to apostasy just as Jehoshaphat found out the hard way. Thank God, we later find Jehoshaphat repenting and going out among the people to bring them back to God. “And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba to Mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers” (II Chron. 19:4).

TWISTING OF SCRIPTURE

Rick Warren tells the church today that we are to partner with false religions in the spirit of cooperation for the common good of all Americans. Those who love God know better than this! The church was not established for this purpose. Warren, however, grossly twists Scripture to try to justify working with the unsaved crowd. Referring to Matthew 10, Warren says that, “There’s a man of peace in every village, in every government, in every business, in every church . . . When you find the man of peace, if he’s open and he’s willing to work with you, you bless him and you start your work there . . . The man of peace is open and influential . . . The man of peace does not have to be a Christian Believer. Could be a Muslim. Could be Jewish.” (Warren interview with Charlie Rose, Aug. 17, 2006.) This is not what Matthew 10 teaches! “And if this house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you” (Mat. 10:13). You see, false teachers have to misuse Scripture to promote their private agendas and interests. They want as many people as possible to follow them, but they don’t care about their spiritual condition. The Lord, on the other hand, is concerned with the souls of lost people rather than the manpower those people can offer. “Say not you, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (Jn. 4:35). The massive social works of apostate religious leaders have nothing to do with the True Work of God!
Joshua 19:1-9 – “And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even for the Tribe of the Children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the Children of Judah. (Simeon, because of his misconduct [Gen. 49:7], was under a curse. As a result, he was really to have no inheritance in the Promised Land. And so he didn’t, and again, so he did!)

“Judah shared her inheritance with the outcast brother, and thus doubled her joy. Dividing Divine blessing with others doubles it. This is a great principle, and should motivate our actions at all times.

“Thus it was that Simeon, justly doomed to wrath, was taken up in Grace — the curse being turned into a blessing — and given a seat among the sons at the King’s table; for the Lord sprang out of Judah [Heb. 7:14].

“Simeon was saved by Grace, not by works; the name means “hearing.” The Holy Spirit in Galatians 3:2 contrasts salvation by doing and salvation by hearing, and teaches that only upon the latter principle can sinners be given a portion in the Heavenly Canaan — Williams.

“In truth, Simeon and Judah proclaim a type of the human race, and our Lord in His Grace. The whole of the human race is cursed. But our Heavenly Judah, by His Grace, and certainly not through any good thing that we have done, has made room for us in His Inheritance. And, to be sure, a place in Judah’s Inheritance is the greatest position of all.)

“And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, and Sheba, and Moladah,

“And Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem,

“And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Hormah,

“And Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah,

“And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities and their villages:

“Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities and their villages:

“And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the Tribe of the Children of Simeon according to their families.

“Out of the portion of the Children of Judah was the inheritance of the Children of Simeon: for the part of the Children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the Children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.”

Temple Houston was the youngest son of Texan Governor Sam Houston. He was born in 1860, he was a strong willed child who also possessed a keen intellect, with an intelligence that would help him to learn to speak fluent Spanish, French, Latin, and seven Indian dialects.

At age 13 he left home and became a working cowboy, working on cattle drives from Texas to Kansas. It was at this time that he became an accomplished gunman known for being one of the fastest in the west.

After one cattle drive, he decided to go to New Orleans where a family friend got him a job as a Senate Page in Washington D.C. He did this for three years, during which time he became interested in debates, and the Law.

He returned home to Texas and entered Baylor University, completing four years of study in nine months. He then pursued the Texas Bar Exam becoming the youngest lawyer in Texas at the age of nineteen. Even at such...
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a young age, he proved to be such a fine attorney that within two years, he was appointed by the Governor as the Attorney for the Thirty-fifth Judicial District.

In no short time he became one of the best trial lawyers in America with several of his closing summations being published nationwide and even posted in the Library of Congress as examples of how a trial summation should be given.

His most famous case took place in 1899. Houston was in Court attending to another case when a prostitute named Minnie Stacy was placed on trial for prostitution. Unable to afford a lawyer, she stood before the judge alone, when Houston seeing her without representation, stepped up and told the judge he would take her case. He asked the judge for ten minutes to speak with his client. His unrehearsed closing argument was called “one of the finest examples of American oratory ever uttered.” Houston told the all-male jury:

“Our own sex was the author of her ruin. Where the star of purity once glittered on her girlish brow, burning shame has set its seal, and forever! . . . Now what else is left her? Where can she go and her sin not pursue her? Gentlemen, the very promises of God are denied her. He said, ‘Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.’ . . . Society has reared its relentless walls against her, and only in the friendly shelter of the grave can her betrayed and broken heart ever find the Redeemer’s promised rest . . . There reigns over her penitent and chastened spirit of desolation now that none . . . but the Searcher of all hearts can ever know.”

Alluding to opposing prosecutors across the room who

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would have “gathered a rock and stoned her,” he then challenged the jurors, “If any of us can say unto her, ‘I am holier than thou . . . ’ who is he? . . . No gentlemen, do as your Master did twice under the same circumstances that surround you. Tell her to go in peace.”

With scarcely a dry eye in the room, the jury unanimously acquitted the woman after a few minutes of deliberation. The trial and Houston’s oral arguments were reported to much acclaim, even outside Oklahoma Territory. Minnie Stacey, the story goes, quit prostitution and moved to Canadian, Texas, where she supported herself taking in washing, joined the Methodist Church, became a devout Christian, and died there in the 1930’s.¹

My friend, we were all born guilty, destined to stand before a Holy Judge, but thank God we had an Advocate Who pleaded our case not on the merit of us, the guilty, but upon the merits of our Heavenly Saviour Jesus Christ, and thank God the verdict was “not guilty.” That, my friend, is Grace, God’s Grace, Grace greater than our sin.

SIMEON

The Children of Israel now in the Land of Promise are receiving from Joshua their inheritance as it regarded their place of domicile within the Promised Land. God Himself had drawn the border for each Tribe, nothing was left to chance.

However, for Simeon and Levi, there was to be no inheritance because years before Simeon and Levi, the sons of Jacob were cursed by their father due to their cold-blooded murder of the men of the city because of the defilement of their younger sister, Dinah, by Shechem the son of Haman.

Genesis 34:30 says, “And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You have troubled me and made me to stink among the inhabitants of the Land. . . .”

In Genesis 49:5, 7, it says of Simeon and Levi, “Instruments of cruelty are in their habitations . . . cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel; I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.”

Now nearly 300 years have passed and the reality of that curse of no inheritance is coming true.

JUDAH

Joshua 19:9 says, “Out of the portion of the Children of Judah was the inheritance of the Children of Simeon: for the part of the Children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the Children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.”

In Bible typology, Simeon is a picture of the human race doomed to an eternal Hell. Judah, which was the Tribe of our Lord, portrays to us the Grace of Jesus Christ.

We had no place to go. But, our Heavenly Judah stepped up and said, “I have more than enough for both of our Tribes to dwell together,” and to receive an inheritance we didn’t deserve. A curse was turned into a Blessing. As for Levi, though cursed, God made them the Priestly Tribe of Israel. This is Grace in action.

GRACE

What is Grace? Grace is God’s Goodness given to undeserving humanity. Grace is God taking our wrong and putting it into His Right and making everything alright.

Right now no matter how deep in sin you may be, you have an Advocate Who has never lost a case, and if you will let Him, he will take your case and the results will be the same as Minnie Stacy.

Your Evangelist,

Donnie Swaggart

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**PLEASE NOTE: Time Warner airs infomercials from 3-7 AM (ET)**

### OVER-THE-AIR (DTV) TELEVISION

For those of you who are not familiar with digital television, these are the **free** “old fashioned TV channels” that are able to be picked up with a digital tuner and antenna. Most new televisions are equipped with built-in digital tuners or you can purchase a tuner from your local electronics store (Best Buy®, Radio Shack®, etc.). As well, you can purchase the new televisions that are able to be picked up with a digital tuner and antenna. Most new televisions are equipped with built-in digital tuners or you can purchase a tuner from your local electronics store (Best Buy®, Radio Shack®, etc.). As well, you can purchase the proper antenna at your local electronics store. Many viewers under the broadcast signal of the television station can use a small, digital antenna inside the home. For those on the outer edge of the signal or to receive the best signal, an outdoor antenna may be required. Both indoor and outdoor antennas are available for less than $50!

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THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

My, my, praise Jesus! What a wonderful Service this morning. We felt the Presence of the Lord so much in our little home. There were times when we got so carried away in the Spirit we didn’t even realize we were still in our home. The Lord has and is going to continue to bless Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, and we believe too it will grow in the days ahead. Every day our prayers are for Family Worship Center who we now call our Church. We love you all so very much.

ARIZONA

I HAVE ACCEPTED THE LORD JESUS!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been watching SonLife Broadcasting Network, and I have accepted the Lord Jesus! Praise God! Thank God! You all have taught me and my family so many things, and I understand more about God and Jesus and God’s Plan for us more than ever before in my 33 years of life.

Thank you and keep it up! We love all the programs.

GEORGIA

SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK

Dear Brother Swaggart,

The first time I heard you I was about 4 years old, and my grandmother had turned the radio on because she listened to you. The family has loved you and prayed for you to preach to the world. We are blessed, and every time the TV is on it is on SonLife Broadcasting Network. We love you all for your stand on Jesus and the Cross, and the Blood that our Saviour gave to wash all our sins away! I can feel and sense the Holy Spirit in your shows. Brother Jimmy, you had a lot to do with my Salvation, glory to God!

NORTH CAROLINA

A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD

Sister Frances,

I just want to thank you and your family and staff!

I am so glad to see you all ministering at this capacity. Since I have found you on Cable I have been so blessed. Hearing Brother Swaggart preach, and your son, as well as all the Pastors, causes me to weep and shout for joy! Praise God for your Ministry. It is like a Light in a dark world!

We love you and are going to be committed to prayer and send Bibles out, along with donating as the Lord blesses us.

NORTH CAROLINA

EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE, CROSSFIRE EDITION

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am overjoyed to announce that I was able to witness to a young lady for the first time in my life. I was vacationing with my family, and I entered a restaurant one morning with my young son for breakfast while wearing a T-shirt that reads “My Saviour is Tougher than Nails.” I told her about how much I’ve learned from your Ministry in the past six months. It was such a delightful experience, I felt the Spirit of God using me as I spoke to the young lady and several others in that restaurant. She was not aware of SonLife Radio, so I told her about Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and www.jsm.org. I also ordered an Expositor’s Study Bible, Crossfire Edition for her. Without your Ministry, without the Message of the Cross I would be 110% destined for Hell, no doubt in my mind. God bless you!

NORTH CAROLINA

A MUSLIM FROM SAUDI ARABIA

Dear Brother Swaggart,

A woman called to say she has been witnessing to her niece’s children. Her niece married a Muslim from Saudi Arabia, and he has been a very angry man. His sister developed cancer and came to this country for treatment. This woman prayed for her and her cancer was gone! The Muslim man was amazed and could not understand. She also prayed for this man for Salvation. She is sending him a Bible today and one of Dr. Shayesteh’s DVD’s. He is now changed, and not angry anymore. Praise God!

DONOR SERVICES AT JSM
Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been seeking the truth of God all my life, and He has led me and kept His Hand on my life all my 74 years. Your Ministry has been such a blessing in my life. I am a member of your Media Church and watch you on DISH Network. I am like a sponge soaking up the teaching, music, worship, and praise. Through Frances & Friends I have learned so much about other people, churches, etc., that are not following the Word of God and getting off into all this worldly stuff. I cry for all the people that are trusting in leaders and churches to be teaching the truth. Many Ministers are deceiving the people that trust them to be their leaders. I just pray that what the Devil has meant for evil, will be turned around for good. I am studying a lot of your material and getting a lot more. I always pray for God’s Wisdom and how to use it, His Truth, and how to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Please know I am praying for all of you and may God bless you richly. Millions appreciate all your efforts and sacrifices.

MISSOURI

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I wanted to say that you all are so special to me, and you are doing such a good work preaching the Word of Jesus. I was going through a rough time a few months back, even to where I didn’t care if I lived anymore. Then I started working for a little lady who is 84 years old, and she watches you 24-7! She just loves you so much, and I will continue on watching. I just wanted to say thank you for all the hard work you do because you have really opened my eyes and have taught me things I really never knew.

God bless you and I love you all.

TEXAS

Dear Brother Swaggart

Thank you for the many hours of worship Services and song ministry. I help take care of my 94-year-old godly mother who has dementia. She can’t follow regular shows, but she knows your songs and music and sings with you. When the Bible is read or quoted, our sweet Mama finishes the verse with you. The Scriptures are hidden in her heart.

God is so good, thank you.

ALABAMA

Brother Jimmy,

I just wanted to send this to you to say how much I love your programs. I am a Pastor and have retired, but I am still preaching. I Pastor three small country churches and I love every one of them. I also want to tell you that even my preaching has improved since watching your programs.

I love you and I thank God for your life.

WEST VIRGINIA

Dear Frances,

I know it was God Who told me to turn on the Service last night. I was playing my piano, and I was playing “There Is Something About That Name”, and I turned on my TV and you all were singing and playing the same song at the same time, and I began speaking in Tongues.

I love all of you in Christ, and I have been with you all in Spirit since 1985.

E-MAIL

Dear Brother Swaggart

I just want to let you know that I received my order package a few days before Easter weekend, and I am truly delighted to hold in my hands these valuable books, The Expositor’s New Testament, and “How the Holy Spirit Works”. I thank God for the Ministry there in Baton Rouge, and for Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart and his family. The Ministry is certainly having a great impact pointing Believers to Christ Jesus and back to true understanding of the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you so very much for your commitment, dedication, and faithfulness to the Work of the Kingdom of God.

E-MAIL

Dear Brother Swaggart

I just want to say, “thank you” for your Ministry. I have written in before, but the more I grow the more grateful I am to the Lord and you all. Since I have found SonLife Radio, I have grown more than words can explain. I didn’t realize how lifeless my other church was until I found you all. This stays with you all week, not just on Sundays. I don’t know where I would be without you. I am so glad I have the answer now; the Truth definitely does set you free!

LOUISIANA
"MY EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD"

Genesis 15:1 – “After these things the Word of the LORD came unto Abram in a Vision, (this presents one of the four ways which God spoke to individuals in Old Testament times [Num. 12:6-8]: 1. He spoke in Visions [Amos 7:1]; 2. He spoke in Dreams [Gen. 41:1; Dan. 2:1]; 3. He revealed Himself by speaking directly to the Prophets ‘mouth to mouth’ [Num. 12:8]; and, 4. He spoke through His Word [Mat. 4:4]; [the time of the Gospels was still under Old Testament authority]), saying, Fear not, Abram (shows that fear had been present; he was afraid he would be killed by enemies before the great Promise of God could come to pass in his life, regarding a son being brought into the world, which was necessary as it regards the coming Incarnation of Christ): I am your Shield (protection), and your exceeding great Reward (the Lord was telling the Patriarch that he had his eyes too much on the Promise, instead of the Giver of the Promise; the Lord is to always be looked at as the Reward, and then the Promise is sure to come; but too often we get our eyes on the gift instead of the Giver).”

“AFTEIR THESE THINGS”

The setting of every Text is extremely important when it comes to determining the meaning and purpose of that Text. In Chapter 14, we read that Abram wins a great victory over four major kings. He succeeded in freeing his nephew, Lot, from their grasp, took the possessions they had absorbed while defeating five other kings, and returned home. With the help of the Lord and a little over 300 of his personal servants, who for the most part would not have been experienced warriors, he had prevailed. There is a very good indication that Abram was fearful that these kings whom he had defeated would retaliate against him. This could possibly end his life and nullify the Promises that God had made to him regarding a Redeemer coming through his family line. Abram should not have been fearful, but like all of us, he began to doubt God’s all-encompassing Protection regarding his life and his person. Whenever this happens, a lie of the enemy seems more real to us than the Promise of God.

“FEAR NOT”

True Faith is not the absence of all fear it is the conquering of all fear. In this life there will be times when we experience fear. We will come face-to-face with it. Proverbs 3:25-26 says, “Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes. [26] For the LORD shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being taken.” So the Biblical evidence is that we are to conquer fear through Faith. We should ask ourselves some questions when fear attempts to grip our hearts. Has God ever let me down? Has God ever been defeated? What Promises remain for God to fulfill? Has God brought me this far to fail now? Of course not! Looking back at the times that fear has gripped my heart and soul I must say that I should have known better than to succumb to fear. Fear is an enemy of the soul. It causes us to take hasty action or debilitates the individual to stand still, to take no action at all. God, however, doesn’t throw us over at these times as some teach. Instead, over and over again in Scriptures He comforts His Servants with the Words, “Fear not! (be not afraid), neither be dismayed!” God walks with us and encourages us to let Faith rise and fear to be diminishing.

“I AM YOUR SHIELD”

The shield spoken of here is the smaller shield of the
warrior. No matter from which direction the enemy strikes, this shield is easily turned to ward off the incoming blows of the enemy. God says to Abram, and as well to us, "I am your Shield." What a comfort to realize and know that before the enemy can get to our person, our family, our ministry, or our Church, he must get by the Eternal Omnipotent God who stands guard over me at all times. At a time of great opposition, when nearly all of Israel stood ready to kill him, the attack being led by his own son Absalom, David pushed away the fear that attempted to grip his heart and declared in Psalms 3:3, "But You, O LORD, are a Shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." David trusted the Lord's ability to protect him and found the rest of Faith. Sure enough, Absalom's revolt was defeated and God brought David through victorious. He asks us to believe that He is our Shield, our Fortress, our Buckler, and our strong Tower. We run to Him in a time of adversity and we shall be safe!

"YOUR EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD"

It's at times like these that God teaches us a most valuable lesson, or tries to. That lesson is the true precious value of our relationship with Him! Our reward in this life is not what God does for us. It isn’t the Miracles that he performs. It's not the new job, the new car, the raise in pay that may come our way. Our reward is not seeing family members Saved, or our ministries spreading the Gospel affectively. All these can be Blessings and we should praise God for them. However, our true Reward is the fact that God, Creator of Heaven and Earth and sea and sky and all that in them is, walks with us, talks with us, and comforts us. We have the wondrous beauty of His Person. He is our Reward. Our relationship with Him is what Jesus died to supply, first and foremost. Even if the trial I am going through doesn’t conclude in the way that I had hoped, no one can ever take away the fact that God Himself walks with me through it. He is my Reward. His Person is my Gift. His Presence is my Treasure. My friend, when we as Believers let this truth dominate our hearts and lives, we win no matter what. So, today, I choose not to fear for God Himself is my Shield. And the Lord Himself is my exceeding great Reward!

• SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:
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II Kings 5:1-3 – “Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper. (Leprosy in the Old Testament was a type of the spiritual condition of unregenerate man. There was no earthly cure for leprosy, just as there is no earthly cure for sin. All of these great things said about Naaman did not save or heal him; he was still a leper. And so are the untold millions in the world who think their state, status, and position mean something with God. They don’t!)

“And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman’s wife. (This ‘little maid’ would figure prominently in history. The Holy Spirit does not even give her name; however, her testimony will affect nations. “It would have been very easy for her to have been bitter, morose, and angry toward God, for Him allowing her to be taken captive away from her land and family, and made a slave in Syria. But she exhibited none of these evil traits. She retained her testimony. The things she did not understand, she left in the Hands of God. What an example!)

“And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the Prophet who is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy (in effect, she said, ‘I know somebody, who knows somebody, who knows what to do for you!’).”

Naaman, at this time, was one of the most powerful Army Commanders in the world, and quite possibly the mightiest Field General in the world. He had the respect of those under his command, by his fearless stance against the great Assyrian Empire, whom God allowed to attack the Syrian army, but was defeated. He was looked at as a hero by his peers, and even known by the Holy Spirit as a “mighty man in valour,” “a great man,” and even “honorable.” However, even though it is said that he was a great man, the Holy Spirit also says that “he was a leper.

LEPROSY: A TYPE OF SIN

Leprosy in the Old Testament was looked at as a type of sin, for it would eat a way at the very vitals of the individual, eventually leading to death. And the worse part about it, there was no cure. Leprosy is a disease that is little around anymore, but back in Old Testament times, a person that would contract this hideous disease was looked at as a “dead man walking,” for it was a matter of time before this disease would attack his very vitals, where death was imminent.

The first signs of this disease were very small, very minute, and not easily detected. The ulcer of leprosy may continue unprogressive for months, or even possibly several years, all while that individual would go about their daily business. But soon, the ulcer would begin to grow and even spread, with corruption oozing from the sore that will result in the repulsive and foul disfigurement of the face or body. In other words, with this disease, fingers would begin to fall off, a nose would fall off, and ears would be eaten away by this hideous disease. Once again, when a person suffered from this disease, there was no cure. And it was said that this great and mighty man, Naaman, was a leper.

All lives that have been wrecked and destroyed by sin started out small. There is not one single alcoholic that started out an alcoholic, but rather became an alcoholic one drink at a time. Many think that the sin they are involved in is no big deal, thinking that they can control it. However, there will come a day of reckoning, where their lives are completely destroyed, all because of sin. Sin takes an awful toll of the person, causing destruction like nothing else, for Satan wants to destroy you, using whatever he can to do so. You must understand that Satan plays for keeps, and he will not rest until he destroys you (Jn. 10:10).

I KNOW SOMEBODY, WHO KNOWS SOMEBODY, WHO KNOWS WHAT TO DO FOR YOU!

As word came back to Naaman’s family, you can imagine
The heartbreak and the heartache that came with the hearing of this awful news. However, there was a little Jewish girl, who was nameless, that God had placed in that home, for that specific time, and her testimony would affect nations! She was actually a slave in his house. As we read about this young lady, there was no record that she ever complained about her situation. Many Christians, when placed in situations that we might not understand, would be apt to complain to God about their present condition. However, we must understand, as well, that everything that happens to the Believer is either caused or allowed by God to happen. What this means is that everything happens for a reason.

She came to her mistress, Naaman’s wife, and told her, in essence, “I understand that your husband is suffering with leprosy, but I know somebody, who knows Somebody, Who knows what to do for you!” Despite the situation at hand, and despite the fact that this disease had no known cure, there was and is a remedy! For she knows Elisha, and she knows the Power he has with God, and on top of that, she believes that Jehovah God is a God of Miracles, and that He can do anything! And because of her stance on this issue, that family would see one of the greatest Miracles recorded in the Word of God.

I want you to read these words carefully, I may not know what is going on in your life, but I know somebody, who knows Somebody, Who knows what to do for you! There is an answer for your problem and situation, Jesus Christ and the Cross is your Answer! There is no
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SOCIALISM, THE DESIRED OUTCOME

America’s educated once embraced the dream of individual freedom and opportunity. How was that gradually replaced? The dream was replaced by an education philosophy, which was implemented and facilitated by “change agents.” The methods used to indoctrinate, and ultimately dumb down Americans were well-crafted social engineering tactics. Modern education prepares its “students of deception” to accept the government’s plans for their futures. In other words, according to these social engineers, the government will plan your life for you. Resisters will be met with severe punishment and career limitations unless they comply with the new order. Freedom of choice is being replaced by preparing individuals to accept collectivism and what is best for the whole of society. The process is being implemented not only in our public (government-run) schools, but also by religious leaders who no longer adhere to the Bible and a Believer’s personal relationship to God through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Interestingly, the very people who are subjected to this change towards socialism are the same ones financing it. The American people are actually the ones underwriting socialism! Our tax dollars are being used to support public education and its global agenda. Tithes donated to churches where the pastor operates as a “change agent” are part of the social engineering agenda. Large corporations also fund educational programs with grants to voice their opinion of how students should be educated to function in the workforce. These corporations will also submit to the new system so that they may continue to exist.

SOCIAL ENGINEERING

The means by which the general public is moved in a new direction involve creating a “crisis.” An example of this can be taken from our public education. Historically, public education was in local control by a school board and funded by property taxes. Currently, organizations seeking to socialize society will produce studies that point to a crisis of their own making. Consequently, a solution is required, lest the crisis expands and brings about the so-called destructive consequences. Ironically, not only are the studies conducted and the crisis manufactured by these organizations, but the solution and consequences are as well! In the 1980’s, U.S. Secretary of Education, T.H. Bell, implemented changes suggested by a report entitled, “A Nation At Risk.” T.H. Bell said, “We need to create a crisis to get consensus in order to bring about change.” This is a concise definition of the Hegelian Dialectic process originated by the German philosopher, Georg Wilhelm Hegel. In this Hegelian Dialectic process, there are three major components: the Thesis, the Anti-thesis, and the Synthesis. The Thesis represents an accepted practice or established belief; the Anti-thesis is an opposite opinion or crisis of opposition of the Thesis created by the “change agents”; and, the Synthesis is the movement towards the desired outcome, which is “consensus.” Ultimately, the Anti-thesis causes the Thesis to compromise. How does this apply to you? If you hear the term “common ground” associated with something, then you can be sure that the preceding principle has been used to manipulate the issue.

How did “change agents” succeed in getting control of our public schools? Continuing with the example of public education, the Thesis (accepted practice) was that education be under local control by a school board and funded by property taxes; the movement away from this involved training a global workforce (Synthesis). Next, the crisis was manufactured. Property taxation allowed local control, but it also provided the “change agents” and teachers’ unions with the means to create the crisis: escalating school budgets. The crisis yielded consequences, which came in the form of increased taxes to fund the budgets. Frustrated property owners became willing to accept the solution proposed by the “change agents,” which involved reducing property taxes by transferring some of the funding to the state income tax level (Anti-thesis). The new state and federal control made it easier to implement the goal of creating a global workforce and moved from academics toward global training.

TRAINING VS. ACADEMICS

Training treats humans as animals. It is sensory-driven and very manipulative. The goal of training is to create an experience for the child that moves them away from free will to collective will. In order to accomplish this, Pavlovian/Skinnerian animal training methods are incorporated. The goal of these training methods is to materially reward correct answers. If a student does not supply the expected response, then they will suffer the punishment of ridicule by the other students, followed by rejection. Students will be less inclined to take controversial stands because they will be trained to know the severe
outcome for the wrong answer/behavior.

This concept, however, is not just limited to students, but is also used by corporations and churches. The “Cell” group strategy in churches uses this manipulative approach to move doctrinally correct believers to compromise and accept significant experiences and newer doctrinal beliefs as a basis for faith as opposed to Scripturally based beliefs.

Corporations openly use training techniques for their management force. If you desire to move up the “corporate ladder,” then you must understand and support the “corporate culture.” If you desire a promotion, then you will be expected to demonstrate the “actions” that are demanded of you. If you fail to conform, then you could be demoted, moved to an undesirable location, or terminated. In the business world they call this Total Quality Management (TQM). It is no different than Outcomes Based Education (OBE) used in the Public schools. Academically speaking, you can nearly fail and be almost illiterate, but the system will pass you along if you are not viewed as a dissenter, thus meaning that you are unfit to know and think for yourself and are able to take orders. This translates into an indoctrinated new breed of citizens that will vote for those who support socialist policy, protest against those that are critical of the establishment, and be willing to take from those that are producing. The new consciousness is the collective thinking that suggests you are “entitled” to the excesses.

Academics supply the student with a fundamental comprehension of working skills that breed individuality and enables the student to see their likes and personal capabilities. Academics foster creative thinking that leads to innovation. Personal achievement and individual advancement, however, are the enemies of a socialist society. Opportunity is not a reward for proper behavior; neither is it just “going along to get along.” Opportunity is not sold for the price of fear and abandonment. Opportunity is the freedom to choose and then be rewarded for hard work and individual development; it is freedom to trust God and His abounding supply.

PSYCHOLOGY, THE FALSE SCIENCE SOCIALIZATION RODE IN ON

The roots that spread into the fertile ground of socialist thinking in education came from the seeds of psychology. This man-centered, ungodly mix of philosophy and humanism, in their minds, supplants man’s need for God. The likes of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and Swiss educator Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi believed religion should not be a guiding principle in education. Rousseau promoted “permissive education” in which a teacher “should avoid strict discipline and tiresome lessons.” Pestalozzi believed the whole child should be educated by “doing.” Under the scientific experiments of Wilhelm Wundt he posited that humans were nothing more than a body, brain, and nervous system. The way to educate, according to Wundt, is by inducing sensations in the nervous system. Through these experiences, the student will learn to respond to any given stimulus with the correct response. In this setting, a student’s actions are thought to be pre-conditioned and beyond his control. Thus, according to the student’s thinking, he is his reaction.

In future articles I plan to explain the techniques used by the education gurus to brainwash our youth. I will look at the breeding grounds called colleges and universities that control our educators, who in turn indoctrinate our children and young adults. The outcome, very simply put, is socialism, and the goal is total control over society. The ingredients used to accomplish this are a mixture of so-called scientific research coupled with pre-determined results. Sadly, it is nothing more than human experimentation and war on the human mind. Satan’s Endtime push to pervert the mind is to create a new reality that eliminates individuality, thereby, creating a new world order. If he can raise up a “new paradigm” of thinking in the church that appears to be of God, but is actually another training mechanism to breed socialism, then church will gladly follow his pernicious way, all-the-while thinking they are serving God. Satan’s greatest weapon is deception, and he only needs disciples of his lie. If Satan’s ministers “appear to be Angels of righteousness,” then unsuspecting Christians will be deceived and become his servants. The infestation of church growth movements like G-12 and The Purpose Driven Life have already ripened the church world to psychological principles and techniques, and have moved many from “Thesis” to “consensus” (compromise) by the crisis (lie) that the church needs to serve society (Anti-thesis). Schools and businesses have done their part to move the process further into society. Television and radio news programs supply ample opportunity for so-called experts to debate various points of view on any given subject. The dialectical process is at work everywhere, as it was designed to be by the planners who desire a new world order. 

The Evangelist

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FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH

Over 100 people a week are joining FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH. How so very pleased and happy we are to have all of you as a part of this Work for God.

And what does it actually mean to be a member of the FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH?

It means first of all that you look at FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER as your Church, irrespective as to where you might live in the world. We want you to join with us, as you can, as it regards every Service. And I speak of Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night, plus the Campmeeting Services. Of course, in some parts of the world, and we have people who are members from all over the world, the times will vary; however, if the times are out-of-pocket for you so to speak, you can tape the Service and watch it at the time you like.

As members, what do we require of you?
We actually ask three things, and they are:

• That you pray for us, hopefully on a daily basis. We are attempting to touch the entirety of the world with THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS. We need your prayers.
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• As a member of FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH, yes, we would ask you to pay your tithe to the Organization. But once again, that’s between you and the Lord. No one will ever write you or say anything to you about the amount you give. And yet, as you know, it costs money, and quite a bit of it, to get the Services to you each and every day, actually 24 hours a day. So I would ask that you take that into consideration.

I have people all the time write me and ask, “Brother Swaggart, where should I pay my tithe?”
The answer to that is very simple. You should pay your tithe to where you are fed.

WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRESENTLY SAYING TO THE CHURCHES

You’ve heard me say it many times, “I believe that THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS is what the Holy Spirit is presently saying to the Churches.” If that, in fact, is the case, and I most definitely believe that it is, this means this Message is of the utmost significance. While our Lord, of course, is the Source of all things we receive from God, it is the Cross that provides the Means by which all of these wonderful things are given to us. In other words, without the Cross of Christ, the Lord could not even look at us, much less have communion and fellowship with us, and in every respect. In other words, no sins could be forgiven were it not for the Cross. So, that being the case, and it has always been the case, this should tell us how important this Message actually is. But yet, sadly and regrettably, most of the modern church has little understanding of the Cross of Christ. This means that even though they are Saved, their everyday life and living is definitely not what it ought to be. In fact, there can be no victory outside of the Cross. Now that’s quite a statement, but it is true, so true, in fact, please allow me to say it again.

THERE IS NO VICTORY OUTSIDE OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST

That’s the reason that the Lord has raised up the SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK. That’s the reason that it is the fastest growing Network of any kind in the
world today. That’s the reason that the Lord is using it to change untold hearts and lives. To be frank, every heart, every life that’s been changed, and from the very beginning of time, is through what our Lord has done at the Cross. One must remember, every Sacrifice offered up before the Cross was a picture of the Cross, and what would there be accomplished.

THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH . . .

I’m speaking of your help as it regards the sound system that we’ve had to install in FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER. The old one was over 30 years old and completely worn out. A sound system is not something you can look at and tell by observation the quality of it. But, when they get 25 and 30 years old, the parts start breaking down with the speakers having vibrated so many untold thousands of times, that they lose their resonance. We almost didn’t get through the last Campmeeting. So we had no choice but to get another Sound Set. The cost was and is some $650,000.

I want to thank you so very, very much for those of you who helped us to get the Sound Set. It is completely installed, and we are most thankful to the Lord and for you.

This is something that is used regarding every Service at Family Worship Center that goes out all over the world. So, to say it was needed is really and understatement. Thank you for realizing how important this is and doing what you did to help us pay for it.

RETIREES . . .

I want to speak to those of you who have retired, that is if you want the remaining years of your life to really count for the Lord. Of course, I realize that some cannot make any changes, but for those of you who can, even as some are now doing, we would love to have you in Baton Rouge. You can be a part of the Church, a part of our efforts regarding the SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK. We need people on the phones and, in other words, we need your help for this worldwide task.

If you would choose to come, of course, you can do whatever it is you like or not do what you don’t like. We will leave that with you. But I do believe that you can make your life count in a way that will bring glory to the Lord because you will be a part of a worldwide effort to touch the entirety of mankind with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So, pray about it!

THE SHARE-A-THONs

These take place the middle of each month, as well as one special day the first of each month for the Bibles, which is our Bible-thon. If you live in driving distance of Baton Rouge, we are always in need of people to answer the phones. If you could drive over and be with us, we would appreciate it so very, very much. Regrettably, we don’t have the money to pay any type of wages, but your help would be unto the Lord, and would be a great blessing to many, many people.

You will be able to talk to the scores of people who make the SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK possible. And I can assure you, you will be a blessing to many people. We have people who call who want to be Saved, others who want to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and still others who need healing, etc. So, what you will be doing is actually a Ministry. So pray about it!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FRANCES . . .

How old is she?
I’ll give you her age . . . she is 39 and holding.

Frances is up every morning by at least 5 o’clock and is the last one to go to bed at night. She works on material regarding her program day and night. And to be sure, her program FRANCES & FRIENDS, has one of, if not the largest audience of any program on the Network. She, along with Donnie, Mike Muzzerall, Jim Nations, and John Rosenstern address just about every Bible subject that one could think, plus social issues as well. To be sure, her program is immensely interesting. Every once in a while she will let me be on, but not too often.

I’m going to ask you to help celebrate her birthday, by you helping us with the Sound Set, with whatever amount that you desire. And I might say in closing, the Lord put us together when both of us were kids. It’s been a long, long time ago, but the Lord could not have given me anyone any better for His Work. I know and believe that you understand her role in the Ministry. I call her the “First Lady of the Gospel.” And to be sure, she fits that bill. I know that all of you love her as well, and I’m asking you to show that love by what I have requested, if that is at all possible.

Incidentally, her birthday is August the 9th.

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other answer that man can give you to help your situation. Only the Cross of Christ can do for you what needs to be done.

PRIDE: THE CROWNING SIN OF ALL SINS

Naaman, along with his servant, came to the house of Elisha the Prophet expecting to be waited on hand and foot, for that was what he was used to. But instead, the Prophet coming out to meet him, he was met by Elisha’s servant. How insulting that this was to Naaman. Not only was this insulting, but the directions given to Naaman by Elisha’s servant were even more insulting. The command given to Naaman was to dip seven times in the River Jordan, a river that was not the most enticing river to go into, nor was it the River of choice by Naaman. The real reason for this command was not that the healing of the leprosy would be seen, but that the pride of Naaman would be dealt with.

Pride is the crowning sin of all sins, for it is pride that keeps man from accepting Christ. Pride says that “I don’t need a Saviour, I can save myself.” Pride says that “I am better than God, I can live this life just fine on my own.” The reason why most people will not accept Christ as their Lord and Saviour is pride. It was pride that caused Satan to revolt against God, for he thought in his mind that he could be higher than God (Ezek., Chpt. 28). Also, pride is what sends millions of souls to Hell on a daily basis.

THE JORDAN RIVER: A TYPE OF CALVARY

Naaman will not be cured by pomp and circumstance, but rather obeying the word of the Prophet, which was to dip in the Jordan River seven times. What was so special about the Jordan River? Did it contain any healing properties in it? No. The reason why the Prophet commanded Naaman to dip in the Jordan River was that the Jordan River was a Type of Calvary. Jordan was a muddy stream, and Calvary was bloody, and ugly, which speaks of the Price that Christ paid, for it was beyond our imagination. One might say that Calvary is repulsive to man’s eyes, and that Calvary is repugnant to man’s feelings, but one could also say that Calvary works.

If you find yourself in a situation that is causing you pain, try Jesus. What do you have to lose? Even Naaman’s servant told him to try it, for he had nothing to lose. Likewise, you have nothing to lose, except your sin, shame, degradation, spiritual disease, etc. Once Naaman dipped seven times, of which “seven” is the Number of God and stands for perfection, he came out of those waters healed. Calvary works, and is the only thing that does work. Man may not work too well, but the Cross of Christ works!

In Him,

Pastor Gabe

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