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“Now if we be dead with Christ (once again pertains to the Cross, and our being baptized into His death), we believe that we shall also live with Him (have resurrection life, which is more abundant life [Jn. 10:10])” (Rom. 6:8).

When Jesus died on the Cross, and when we evidence faith in Him, whenever that was when we were born again, at that moment, we “died with Christ.” That’s the way that God looked at the situation. As we’ve already stated, the old man had to die, and that we died with Him.

Paul also said, “We believe that we shall also live with Him.” Actually, the eighth verse is very similar to the fifth verse. Resurrection life, for this is what it is speaking of, can be had by the believer and, in fact, is meant to be had by the believer, but, it can be had only by us understanding that the resurrection life is made possible by what Jesus did at the Cross and, in essence, our dying with Him. Unfortunately, far too many believers attempt to have resurrection life while ignoring the Cross. Such is not to be, as such cannot be. It is the Cross of Christ that has made, and does make, all things possible.

DOMINION IS BROKEN

While the dominion of the sin nature is broken with the conversion of the believing sinner, still, for it to remain broken, the individual has to know and understand how it was broken to begin with. If believers understand anything about this at all—and most don’t—then they know that the dominion of sin was broken in their lives by virtue of the Cross. However, most of the time, if any thought is given to it at all, which it seldom is, most do not understand that what got them in keeps them in. Not understanding that, faith is transferred to something else. When that happens, the sin nature, as we have stated, begins to have a revival, and once again begins to dominate the child of God. And it doesn’t matter how consecrated that person might be or how much he loves the Lord, it is impossible for such a believer to properly live for God. They can be saved and can make heaven their eternal home; however, when it comes to victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil, when it comes to growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord, and when it comes to enjoying the “more abundant life,” which Christ spoke about, that they don’t have. And the sadness is, due to the paucity of preaching and teaching from the pulpit as it regards this all-important subject, these believers, and I speak of those who truly love the Lord, are left in a quandary. And sadder yet, this is not speaking or addressing one here and there but virtually the entirety of the present...
body of Christ. By not understanding the Cross—as it refers to sanctification and how we live for God—such an individual is programmed, so to speak, for failure. There are no exceptions!

While many aren’t controlled by vices, they are controlled by other types of sins. In fact, the Apostle Paul listed these “works of the flesh.”

WORKS OF THE FLESH

“But now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these (if one attempts to function by means of law of any nature, the ‘works of the flesh’ will be manifested in one’s life); adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like (if one is walking after the flesh [Rom. 8:1], one or more of these sins will manifest themselves in one’s life; the only way, and I mean the only way, one can walk in perpetual victory is to understand that everything we receive from God comes to us by means of the Cross; consequently, the Cross must ever be the object of our faith; this being the case, the Holy Spirit, who works exclusively within the confines of the sacrifice of our faith, will exert His mighty power on us).”

The unredeemed world has forever tried to manufacture another god. The church, sadly and regrettably, has ever tried to manufacture another sacrifice. The next verse gives us the answer to that.

DIED UNTO SINS ONCE AND LIVES UNTO GOD

“For in that He died, He died unto sin (the sin nature) once (actually means, ‘He died unto the sin nature, once, for all’): but in that He lives (the resurrection), He lives unto God (refers to the fact that all life comes from God, and that we receive that life by virtue of the Cross and our faith in that finished work)” (Rom. 6:10).

ONE SACRIFICE FOR SIN

There was and there is only one sacrifice for sin, and because only one sacrifice was needed. The phrase, “For in that He died, He died unto sin once,” proclaims several things. Some of them are:

HERESIES

The word heresy means “a departure from revealed truth.” So, while many Christians may not be involved in the vices, although many are, some are most definitely involved in heresy or idolatry. In fact, idolatry is rampant in the church, with untold millions putting their faith in their church denomination, etc. So, the works of the flesh run the gamut from the proverbial A to Z.

The point is this: If the believer doesn’t have his faith anchored in Christ and the Cross, but rather in something else, without fail, one or more of the works of the flesh are going to manifest themselves in one’s life. The Cross of Christ is God’s way. Unfortunately, most do not see that or know that.

WE BELIEVE:

» The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119:1; Mat. 4:4; Luke 24:27).
» There is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:7).
» In the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His Sinless Life, in His Miracles, in His Vicarious and atoning Death, in His Bodily Resurrection, in His Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in Power and Glory to rule a thousand years (Rom. 1:4-6; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. Chpts. 19-20).
» In the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ’s Coming (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
» The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and Faith in the Precious Blood of Christ (Rom. 6:1-3; 8:9-13-18).
» Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal Salvation (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
» The Baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to Believers who ask for it [Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7].
» In the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to Everlasting Life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

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

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

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• He atoned for all sin—past, present, and future—at least for all who will believe (Jn. 3:16).
• The word once means that it will never have to be repeated.
• It means, as well, that God accepted the sacrifice in totality.
• For someone, anyone, to propose another sacrifice is an insult to the Lord of the worst proportions.

LIFE
The phrase, “But in that He lives, He lives unto God,” tells us that Jesus Christ is the source of all life. But, it also tells us in the first phrase of this verse that the Cross is the means by which this life is given unto us.

The idea is, Jesus Christ has already won the victory, and has done so in every capacity. He died, and He lives! Herein lies all life and living. Understand this and the pieces of life, so to speak, will fall into place. Ignore it, and there is no life.

FAITH
“Likewise reckon (account) you also yourselves to be dead indeed unto (the) sin (while the sin nature is not dead, we are dead unto the sin nature by virtue of the Cross and our faith in that sacrifice, but only as long as our faith continues in the Cross), but alive unto God (living the resurrection life) through Jesus Christ our Lord (refers to what He did at the Cross, which is the means of this resurrection life)” (Rom. 6:11).

The idea is, considering that we died with Christ on the Cross of Calvary, spiritually speaking, and considering that that victory is just as valid today as it was when we first accepted the Lord, we are to reckon ourselves as “dead indeed unto the sin nature, and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

THE KEY TO VICTORY
It is not doing, but rather believing. It sounds easy, but actually, it is the hardest thing for a person to do. As a human being, we want to do something, when the truth is, it has already been done. When we believe that we died with Him, were buried with Him, and were raised with Him in newness of life, and that this is the key to all victory, and I continue to speak of our simple faith in what He did at the Cross, the Holy Spirit, who alone can make us what we ought to be, can then work mightily within our hearts and lives. It is all “through Jesus Christ our Lord,” and what He did at the Cross.

IGNORANCE
Actually the vast majority of the modern church world has no understanding whatsoever regarding the subject of the sin nature. Most have never heard a sermon preached on this subject, have never read any material about this subject and, therefore, have no knowledge whatsoever. In fact, I think one could probably say that most Christians have never even heard the term “sin nature.” And if they did, it was only in passing, with little or no explanation given.

But, please understand, ignorance is not bliss in this area of one’s life. In fact, what you don’t know about the sin nature can kill you.
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WHAT IS THE SIN NATURE?

Let us briefly state that the sin nature has to do with the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. Before the fall, their human nature was controlled by the divine nature. But, once the fall took place, then their human nature was controlled in totality by the sin nature. In other words, their very nature became that of disobedience, sin, rebellion, iniquity, transgression, etc. In fact, they were ruled by the sin nature 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And like Adam, so it is with all who are born thereafter, for every one of us was born with the Adamic nature, i.e., the sin nature.

When the believing sinner comes to Christ, the sin nature is made dormant, meaning that it’s made ineffective. But when the believer begins to place his or her faith in something other than Christ and the Cross, and no matter how religious the other thing might be, that’s when the sin nature has a revival, and can become dominant in our lives, actually dominating us, which it is with most Believers. I say most simply because most Christians have no knowledge of the Cross of Christ relative to sanctification, which means they simply do not know how to live for God. As such, the sin nature rules most believers. It is tragic and sad, but true.

DENIAL

Some preachers claim that once the person comes to Christ, there is no more sin nature. My answer to that is simple: If it is true that the believer doesn’t have a sin nature, then I wonder why the Holy Spirit took up so much time explaining something that doesn’t exist? Almost the entirety of the sixth chapter of Romans deals with this very subject.
LICENSE

Some few believers have a modicum of knowledge regarding the sin nature, in other words, they know they have a sin nature. Having this smattering of knowledge, they conclude that because they have a sin nature, they have to sin a little bit every day, etc. The Holy Spirit answered this by saying, “Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, who are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Rom. 6:1-2).

The Lord does not save us in sin, but rather from sin.

STRUGGLE

Oddly enough, some Christians think that the Christian life is simply a life lived in a constant struggle with sin. Please understand, Jesus defeated all sin 2,000 years ago at Calvary’s Cross. So, if the believer is fighting sin, he is fighting the wrong fight. It’s a fight that’s already been fought and won. The only fight we are called upon to engage is the “good fight of faith” (I Tim. 6:12).

If the believer is struggling with sin, it is a struggle he is going to lose. While there is a struggle, as stated, it is with our faith. This is where Satan attacks the child of God, and where the real struggle commences.

GRACE

Out of all the things we’ve named, grace is the only scriptural way and means that we are to address the sin nature.

First of all, grace is simply the goodness of God extended to undeserving believers. Secondly, when we place our faith exclusively in Christ and the Cross, then the Holy Spirit can give us good things and can do good things for us, which amounts to the grace of God, i.e., good things given to us. While grace comes from our Lord, it is the Holy Spirit who superintends this. He doesn’t demand much of us, as previously stated, but He does demand that our faith be exclusively in Christ and the Cross. That being done, good things can be given to us, and to be sure, good things will be given unto us.

INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD

“Neither yield you your members (of your mortal body) as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin (the sin nature): but yield yourselves unto God (we are to yield ourselves to Christ and the Cross; that alone guarantees victory over the sin nature), as those who are alive from the dead (we have been raised with Christ in ‘newness of life’), and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God (this can be done only by virtue of the Cross and our faith in that finished work, and faith which continues in that finished work from day to day [Lk. 9:23-24])” (Rom. 6:13).

CAN SATAN OVERRIDE THE WILL OF BELIEVERS, FORCING THEM TO DO SOMETHING THEY DO NOT DESIRE TO DO?

Yes, that is, if the believer has his faith in something other than Christ and the Cross, which then greatly hinders the Holy Spirit from helping us. Paul said as much in Romans 7:19, “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.” This plainly tells us that Satan can override the will of an individual if that, indeed, is what the believer is depending on. Satan is stronger than our will, as should be obvious. Some believers have the erroneous idea that the Lord gives believers superhuman wills when they get saved. That is not true! My will and your will are no stronger today than they were before we came to Christ. While the will is definitely important, the “will” is not God’s way of bringing about victory in our lives.

His Way is Christ and the Cross, and Christ and the Cross exclusively. Our faith placed in the finished work of Christ guarantees us victory, which then enables us to yield our body members to righteousness. However, the believer should understand, this is the only way it can be done.

SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION

“For sin shall not have dominion over you (the sin nature will not have dominion over us if we as believers continue to exercise faith in the Cross of Christ; otherwise, the sin nature most definitely will have dominion over the believer): for you are not under the law (means that if we try to live this life by any type of law, no matter how good that law might be in its own right, we will conclude by the sin nature having dominion over us), but under grace (the grace of God flows to the believer on an unending basis only as long as the believer exercises faith in Christ and what He did at the Cross; grace is merely the goodness of God exercised by and through the Holy Spirit, and given to undeserving saints)” (Rom. 6:14).
WHAT IS DOMINION?

While the Bible does not teach sinless perfection, it most definitely does teach that the sin nature is not to have dominion over the believer.

What is dominion?

It is when a particular sin dominates a person, with that person unable to throw it off, unable to quit, unable to stop, and in a sense, with it dominating his life. And please believe me, this will happen if the believer doesn’t have his or her faith exclusively in Christ and the Cross. Let the believer ever understand, our victory is in Christ and the Cross, and our victory is in Christ and the Cross alone!

Are we saying that if the Believer doesn’t have his faith exclusively in Christ and the Cross that sin in some way (the sin nature) is going to have dominion over that person?

That’s exactly what we are saying!

As I dictate these notes, there are millions upon millions of Christians around the world, and I speak of those who truly love the Lord, who are battling with some type of vice, or some type of sin and, in fact, are losing that battle. But if the truth be known, in any and every case, the problem is not getting better but rather worse. The church, regrettably, doesn’t have any solution to these problems, because the church doesn’t understand Christ and the Cross, at least as it regards our sanctification, i.e., how we live for God.

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**BY FRANCES SWAGGART**

Zechariah 4:6 — “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the _Lord_ of Hosts.”

*This letter received from* one of our listeners demonstrates a vital point regarding preaching that the church must remember:

“Brother Swaggart, I just found your broadcast on DirecTV and was blown away. I’ve been a tough guy all my life. I am 70 years old and have never shed a tear, even as a child. But through Jesus Christ, Jimmy Swaggart found the valve and turned it on. Praise the Lord! I just got saved in front of my TV.”

**THE ANOINTING**

On the day of Pentecost, after being filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter began to preach Christ to the crowd that had gathered under the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit. Three thousand souls were added to the church that day! In the natural, all Peter could have done was to give a good speech, but that speech alone would not have had the power behind it to change people’s lives. It’s obvious that the convicting power of the Holy Spirit weighed heavily upon the crowd as Peter preached. His sermon was only the spark that ignited the Holy Spirit’s fire. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Peter’s sermon was able to do what no intellectual, motivational, or even emotional speech, no matter how brilliant, could ever do. It went straight to the people’s spirits, bypassing their emotions, intellect, and hardheartedness. Three thousand people were saved from eternal hell and everlasting separation from the Lord because God the Holy Spirit was allowed to preach through Peter! Of course, the main focus of Peter’s preaching was Jesus, whom they had crucified. Jesus was the one who had died to save them, and as this truth was preached in the power and might of the anointing, people were saved. You see, the Holy Spirit puts the power into the preaching so that hearts and lives may be touched.
and transformed as the Word of God goes forth. It’s not the preacher; it’s the Holy Spirit! It’s really the preacher’s job to yield to the Holy Spirit so that God may speak to His people.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Let’s look at Peter before Pentecost. Peter had been with the Lord Jesus for over three years, from the very beginning of His ministry. He was part of the inner circle of those closest to the Lord. Still, Peter denied Jesus Christ in his own time of crisis. Peter denied the Lord when the Master was crucified. He failed miserably because he lacked the type of power he really needed. When Peter was with the Lord, he had seen miracles and had even been involved in them. When Jesus prayed for the sick, the disciples saw great healings take place and devils cast out. They witnessed many other mighty things done by the Lord. But, as soon as Jesus departed from them, they fell apart. They became wishy-washy, up one day and down the next. There were many things the disciples didn’t understand during Jesus’ ministry. They often blurted out statements or questions that revealed their complete ignorance of what He was trying to teach. We find the Lord having to rebuke them on more than one occasion. However, they underwent a life-changing experience on the day of Pentecost. Peter and the others, who had been weak, unsure, and incapable, were suddenly transformed into whirlwinds of faith. And this was no gradual transformation that took place. It was a sudden, explosive event!

A NEW BOLDNESS

Jesus had a reason for directing the disciples to wait in Jerusalem before beginning to minister. He knew the Holy Ghost—the Comforter—would be sent to revolutionize their lives. Only after they had received the Holy Spirit were they to begin preaching the gospel and healing the sick.

“And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high” (Lk. 24:49).

The difference in these men before Pentecost and after Pentecost was positively dramatic. John, James, Nathaniel, and all the disciples were changed. They had new priorities and a new boldness. Before the crucifixion, we see Peter being questioned by a young maiden in the temple court and denying he even knew Jesus.

But, at Pentecost (Acts, Chpt. 2), Peter stands up in front of all the mockers and scoffers, lifting up his voice and preached:

“You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God among you by Miracles and Wonders and Signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know. Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain” (Acts 2:22-23).

All the fear had left. What remained was the kind of courage that only the Lord can give.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

In fact, this boldness and power should and must be present in the life of every person who professes to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. You see, everything was different after Pentecost. The Lord had promised they would be empowered to do what He had called them to do. In John 16:13, He promised that the Holy Spirit would lead them into all truth. The Holy Spirit gives insight and understanding and reveals truth and He works the same way today. When a person receives the Holy Spirit, that person’s life is changed. God’s presence and plan is seen in greater clarity, and they become more zealous to save souls. They suddenly find that they love Jesus more deeply than ever before. They are filled with joy and turn from sin while worldly pleasures lose their attraction.

EARMARKS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

It is God’s intention that churches be patterned after the book of Acts. The church that appeared in the book of Acts was alive with power and enthusiasm. The New Testament church was totally committed to “freedom in the Spirit.” The Holy Spirit was directing their lives completely as He moved in authority and anointing. As well, the Lord was organizing His church that was to carry on His ministry. Therefore, sin had to be dealt with internally and swiftly. Sin could not be allowed to enter and corrupt the embryonic church. As we see in Acts
5:1-11—the account of Ananias and Sapphira—the Scripture says, “Great fear came upon all in the church and upon as many as heard of this incident.”

It is the Holy Spirit’s job to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Church, wake up! We must go back to the book of Acts! We must go back to allowing the Holy Spirit to direct the sermons that are preached from behind our pulpits. We must sing and play music that glorifies God instead of man’s flesh. We must go to church to worship God, not to fulfill our fleshly lusts. We are in this world, but as Christians we are not of this world.

THE CROSS

The entirety of the Bible should be used as the guide to our spiritual lives and all our church activities. We need to use the whole Bible, not just the parts that speak of God’s love but the parts that speak of sin, fallen man’s need for a Saviour, the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the meaning of the Cross, the meaning of the rapture, the meaning of the second return of Jesus Christ, and, above all, the need for repentance! Particularly right now, we need to repent for our failure to teach the whole of the Bible, our failure to believe in the full power of our risen Saviour, and the full victory that the Cross has afforded. We need to go back to church services that have an anointing so strong that no soul will leave without sensing they have come in contact with a living and holy God!

TESTIMONIES

I’d like to share another email with you:

“I was listening to your program and one of your singers was singing, and as he was singing, the Holy Spirit took over and I was singing and shouting along like never before. My sisters came over for a visit and I could not wait to go and play that song for them. Now the Holy Spirit was waiting in the shadows for them, and He took over one of my sisters completely, she started crying and called out to the Lord. My other sister just sat there silently crying. Brother Swaggart, that music was so Holy Spirit filled that it touched me all the way to Chicago as I listened to it.”

And this one:

“I live in North Carolina and as I was watching your 10 a.m. service this morning, the Holy Spirit filled my living room. And as I danced and prayed in the Spirit, at one time my prayers in the Spirit became stronger and stronger and louder. In my heart I was being told that this prayer was going into the service there at Family Worship Center. I felt as if I was in the midst of the congregation. Also, the Spirit ministered to me about restoration with situations in my personal life. Then a message in tongues was given about restoration. I began to cry, dance, glorify God, and felt as if so much had already taken place. What joy filled my heart because, yes, so much had taken place within this time of worship. We worship with you and at times feel we may miss the assembling with others. But that’s okay, because God showed me all we need is His presence and if in our home is the place His presence is, then let it be. What an amazing service and amazing message that Donnie preached today.”

And this one:

“Brother Swaggart, I am 13 years old and I absolutely love your program. My grandmother only speaks Spanish and some English. She is always watching your program and she now has me watching it. When I hear you preach, I understand things more clearly. My friend Nicholoe was suicidal, and I got her to watching your program and she prayed to God and she no longer has thoughts about suicide. I love your program.”

I shared these emails with you just to further emphasize that everything must be done through the Holy Spirit. Man and his ways are not adequate, and that’s why we were sent the Helper. Preachers must not depend on their own strength and ability. It takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and lives. The Holy Spirit is one member of the Triune Godhead—the third member. He is the member who does the work of God, and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit specifically for this purpose after He had returned to the Father. The Holy Spirit was sent to reveal Jesus and the ways of God as He moves in the hearts and lives of believers. It is the Holy Spirit alone who moves in mighty and marvelous ways to accomplish the purpose of God on earth.

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JERUSALEM IS RUINED AND JUDAH IS FALLEN

BY DONNIE SWAGGART

Isaiah 3:8 — “For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of His glory.”

Isaiah was one of the greatest prophets to ever live. Actually, the Lord quoted Isaiah more than any other prophet. Isaiah’s ministry was almost exclusively to the kingdom of Judah. He did address other countries, but only as they related to Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah’s style of ministry would not be too appreciated by today’s modern church. He was bold and uncompromising in his preaching. He did nothing to curry favor with anyone. Though his preaching was harsh and stern, at the same time, he had great compassion and tenderness for the souls of men. He detested Judah’s sin, but he mourned over the fate of their eternal souls.

It is interesting to note that from Moses to Christ was approximately 1,500 years. Were two men to start a journey of time with one beginning during Moses’ time going forward, and the other beginning during the time of Christ, going backward at an equal pace, they would intersect at Isaiah 53:6: “All we like sheep have gone astray: We have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

Simply put, one could say that Isaiah was a “Cross preacher.” What a great compliment.

JUDAH’S APOSTASY

When Isaiah began his ministry, Judah had lost her way. In Isaiah 1:2, the Lord, speaking through the prophet, would say: “I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me.”

Their rebellion came about because Judah had abandoned the Word of God. When a nation abandons the Bible—God’s Word—the only outcome is complete insanity. Government becomes corrupted, business becomes corrupted, morality becomes corrupted, and there is no respect for human life.

I think it is fair to say that this is a perfect picture of America and much of the church today.

Yet despite Judah’s sin and rebellion, the Lord tried to bring them back. Actually, the prophecies given
by Isaiah to Judah concerning her destruction were given about 100 years before they would come to pass, even though the Holy Spirit through Isaiah speaks in the past tense as though these events had already happened.

This tells us two things: First, it tells us of the grace of God. The Lord doesn't want one soul to go to hell. He will plead and He will send prophets to warn them because He loves them. Second, it tells us that the Lord knew they would not repent; therefore, He spoke in the past tense.

**JERUSALEM IS RUINED, AND JUDAH IS FALLEN**

As one reads these sobering words, one’s heart should feel the pathos and pain of the words. God’s people have turned their back on the one true God and are now worshipping idols, even to the point of offering up human sacrifices in honor of the idol Moloch.

Is it wrong to think that one could say today, “Washington is ruined, and America is fallen”? I don’t want to take the idea too far, but the similarities between Judah of old and America of today are striking.

Washington is ruined. We have no leadership. We have no respect for God, His ways, His people, or His book—the Bible. Washington is nothing more than a cesspool of wickedness with our leaders promoting and glorifying abortion, same-sex marriage, socialism, and intolerance of people of faith.

Washington is ruined and America is fallen. We are just a shell of the nation we once were. Our once glorious country has fallen as it worships its idols of humanism, socialism, secularism, and atheism.

However, the real truth is this: the church is ruined and the church is fallen. A nation can always be judged by the condition of the church of that nation.

I believe that just as God raised up Isaiah to speak to the nation of Judah, the Lord has also raised up SonLife Broadcasting Network to speak to the nations and to the church. Please do not take that statement lightly. Time is running out for our country and the church; there must be a voice to cry out, “return to the old paths”; there must be a “voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.”

I believe the Lord has spoken to my heart: “SBN is a church for the world.” I believe that with every fiber of my being.
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JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH  

**Romans 5:1-2** – “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

The greatest experience that one could ever have is the experience of being born again. There is no greater moment in an individual’s life that can quite compare to the time in which they are saved. If you think back for a moment to your own personal life, you will see that one second you were once lost, and suddenly you were found. You were once declared unrighteous, and the next thing you knew—in a quick moment of time—you were declared righteous.

What a day that was for me as a 5-year-old boy, sitting on the edge of my bed, not wanting to go to sleep, but demanding that my father preach me a sermon. He did. Now, it wasn’t some long, drawn-out message that lasted an hour. No, it was quite the opposite; his little sermonette only lasted about three minutes. But when he gave the altar call that night, it was for me, and when I said yes to Jesus Christ, in an instant I was saved, born again, a new creation in Christ Jesus. It was the single greatest day of my life, and it set me on a path that has led me to where I am today.

I want to take a closer look at what it is to be justified by faith, what it means to be justified by faith, and what takes place when a person is justified by faith. It’s more than saying a few words. Rather, it is a life-changing experience that declares us applicants for so many things. As well, we must state that this “free gift,” as Paul would put it, is available for anyone who would simply ask. In fact, the theme of salvation is and has always been “whosoever will,” which means that this is for anyone who would like to have it, and it’s available for all, no matter their color, creed, socio-economic background, or anything else.

**What does it mean to be justified?**

To properly define justification, we need to look at what both the Hebrew and Greek say about this word. The Hebrew root for justification is sadag and means “righteous or righteousness.” The Greek word for justification is dikaioo, and this means “to acquit, to vindicate, or to pronounce righteous.”

The meaning of this word, both in the Hebrew and in the Greek, lends itself to the fact that the word justification is a legal term and a legal work. It declares...
an obvious guilty sinner justified by God through the means of faith in God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and what He did for us at Calvary’s Cross.

Let’s say it a better way. Humanity, and I speak of all humanity, owed a tremendous debt to God, a debt, incidentally, that we could not pay. The debt held against us was too much for us to pay on our own accord; the bill too high. Consequently, there was nothing that we could do to pay down this debt. Knowing this, God did something that would literally alter the course of man, or anyone who would believe. God would step out of eternity and into time, take on the form of man, but never sin, and pay the debt that He did not owe so that man might be declared righteous. His death on Calvary’s Cross would be accepted by God as the legal payment that many owed, which places the work of Christ on the Cross as a legal work.

**MAN: GOD’S HIGHEST CREATION**

Let’s go back even further. Through God’s omniscience, He knew that He would create this universe, that He would create this planet we call Earth, and that He would create his highest creation and possession—man. David would write of this and say, “For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and have crowned him with glory and honor” (Ps. 8:5).

However, the word angels here in this text really should have been translated as Elohim, which means “the Godhead.” It was an unfortunate translation, but what David was really saying was, “For you have made him a little lower than the Godhead.” This one verse proves that mankind was, and is, for that matter, God’s highest creation.

Upon simple faith in Christ, we are placed into Christ and become one with Christ. This means that His righteousness becomes our righteousness, and His perfection becomes our perfection. Now, let me clarify that last statement. I personally do not believe in sinless perfection, and I do not believe that any Christian can reach a status of becoming sinlessly perfect. There has only been, and will ever be only one person who can say that He was sinless and perfect in every way and that one is Jesus Christ.

What I mean when I say that is, the perfection of Christ comes upon us to where God the Father no longer sees our sin; He sees the perfection of His Son. It also means that His victory is now our victory. Hallelujah! Whatever was lost at the fall by the first Adam, Jesus (the second Adam) purchased back through His death at Calvary’s Cross.

**CONDEMNATION VERSES THE FREE GIFT**

Paul, in the fifth chapter of his epistle to the Romans, contrasts what Adam brought to this world, and what Christ brought to this world. Through his failure, Adam brought condemnation and guilt into the world. He plunged the entire human race into a morass of sin from which we could not remove ourselves.

Picture a person trapped in quicksand. He can’t get out on his own, and the more he fights to get out, the quicker he sinks and perishes. That is exactly what has happened to the human race. We have been trapped in the quicksand of sin with no chance of escape through our own accord. This is why Jesus came! He came to pick us up out from the quicksand of sin and place us on solid ground. Paul would declare that this was the free gift. Jesus did it freely for anyone who would simply believe. And when that person believes—irrespective of age, location, or socioeconomic background—he or she is instantly cleansed from all sin and is born again.

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- Sermon: Not One Hoof Shall Be Left Behind

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Not One Hoof Shall Be Left Behind
In John 4:50, Jesus tells a man, “Go your way: your son lives.” In this anointed message, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart follows this man on his 25-mile faith walk that starts with Christ’s word that healed his son that same hour.

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- Trust In The Lord (FWC Choir)
- It Will Pass (Donna Carline)
- If Not For Grace (Martha Borg)
- This World Is Not My Home (Jimmy Swaggart)
- Sermon: Jesus Said It, I Believe It, And That Settles It

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It’s Real
Preaching at the International Youth Conference, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart reminds the church that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is a real experience intended for every believer. Anyone desiring to be filled with the Spirit must experience this powerful service.

Includes:
- Praise & Worship (Grace Larson)
- That’s The Kind of God That I Server (Dudley Smith)
- Sermon: It’s Real
- Bonus: You’ve Got To Be Born Again (Dudley Smith)

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Reach Out Your Hand And Take It!
In this powerful message, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart compares the believer to the floating ax head in II Kings. The believer is joined to the stick—the Cross of Christ. Learn how the Cross alone can join man back to God.

Includes:
- Hallelujah Anyhow (Bob Henderson)
- The King Of Who I Am (Grace Larson)
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- Sermon: Reach Out Your Hand And Take It!

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The New Cart
In one of the most controversial messages ever preached at Family Worship Center, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart admonishes the church to wake up and realize that neither believers nor the church should use the sinful methods of the world—new carts

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- Praise & Worship (Robin Herd)
- I’ve Got A New Song (FWC Choir)
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Momma got filled with the Holy Spirit at Dripping Springs Assembly of God Church while she was pregnant with me, so you might say that my Christian walk started out before I was even born. As I got older, I saw the power of God move in that church just like the stories you hear about the Azusa Street Revival, with grown men shaking under the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

At the age of 10, I realized that I was lost and needed salvation, so I went to the altar and wept my way through to the Lord. By 12 years old, I felt the call to preach, but ran from it during my teenage years. At 16, I was hanging out with friends at the local dirt track where I started racing stock cars. Soon I was consumed with racing and started drifting away from the Lord.

I raced with the help of my dad. He was a mechanic all of his life and loved to work with engines and make cars go faster. He and I didn’t always get along, but we loved each other, and he always knew how to keep me settled down when I got upset at other racers.

Once, at a big money race, I started helping local racer Wayne Brooks, who was pretty famous around that area. When I was hired on full-time pit crewing for him, I found myself living the dream—working on race cars and traveling all over the U.S. from track to track, sometimes home only two days a month.

At times, my mind would drift back to that little Assemblies of God church and the power of God that was there. When that happened, I’d try to forget what the Lord had called me to do.

Around the tracks, I would run into the superstars of racing—yes, the NASCAR drivers and car owners—and soon it became normal seeing these guys. One time, while driving to one of the tracks with Wayne Brooks, he said, “You know, the way you work, I could get you a job on a NASCAR team.”

“Really?” I asked.

Wayne looked at me and said, “All you gotta do is say the word, and I can hook you up.”

I started to tell him yes, let’s do it, but I couldn’t get the words out. I didn’t know why, but then it came to me: If I take this opportunity, there’s no coming back—a thought that I kept to myself.

Not long after my conversation with Wayne, the race car got sold and I was out of a job. So I went back to work for a local contractor and started hanging out with friends. One night in 1999, my sisters asked me to go to a revival. I can’t remember the title of the message that was preached, but I do remember the conviction I was under. That night I made my way back to the Lord.

I attended a Word of Faith church, but, being a new Christian, I didn’t know there was anything wrong
with that. I met my wife Kim there; she was the best thing I got from that church. Still, I sang with the praise team, helped out with church functions, and drove the church bus, but I wasn’t happy with what I was hearing from the pulpit—things I hadn’t heard before.

In 2004, I heard that Jimmy Swaggart had bought a local radio station. I was instantly drawn to it because when I was as a kid, my family watched the Jimmy Swaggart telecast every Sunday morning before church. So I started listening to Brother Swaggart’s radio station and was getting upset because everything I had heard at my church was wrong.

When I first heard the Message of the Cross I didn’t understand it, but I kept listening. One morning, Brother Bob Cornell said that they needed to explain the message again, and, as he started going through it, I got it!

Not long after that, we left the Word of Faith church. We searched for a church that preached the Message of the Cross but couldn’t find one.

Still, God was working. Day by day, I grew in the Lord until I finally surrendered to the call that He had placed on my life so many years before. In 2006, we started Way of the Cross Church, on Easter Sunday. That day, my dad stood up in the congregation and testified that he had never been more proud of me. Just a few months later, the Lord took him home and that was really tough on me, but my faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified and the power of the Holy Spirit brought me through.

The Message of the Cross is everything to me. Way of the Cross Church would not exist if not for the Message of the Cross and the SonLife Broadcasting Network. I want to thank Brother and Sister Swaggart for holding fast to God’s Word and standing for truth; it’s much needed in this day and hour.

Russell and Kim Merriman pastor Way of the Cross Church in Kensett, Arkansas, now in it’s tenth year. Their daughter, Jacqulin, is a 2016 graduate of World Evangelism Bible College.
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—Missouri

DEAR EVANGELIST: I strongly suggest for all to take advantage of the discounts for purchase of books, but especially the commentaries. I bought the entire set of commentaries, and these books make an immeasurable difference in my Bible study. I first purchased only the commentary on Revelation, but it was so good and helped me so much that I went ahead and bought the whole set!

—California

DEAR EVANGELIST: I watched this morning a taped edition of the 10 a.m. service with Gabriel Swaggart preaching. Although I live in the nation’s capital, I really sensed the presence of God when he was teaching on going through the valley of Baca. It was more than a service; it was a move of God. I normally don’t get excited watching church on TV; today was the exception as God demonstrated His power. It was like a lightning bolt piercing through my life and hitting all the reset buttons. It goes without saying that I was blessed. God bless you all.

—Washington, D.C.

DEAR EVANGELIST: Hello. I am writing to you and it is a pleasure for me to do so. I don’t know how to even start telling how grateful I am to you for your services. You made me discover God. I was born as a Muslim and I grew up as one. But deep in me, I had the feeling that the truth was somewhere else. I was not comfortable as a Muslim. These questions kept resonating on my mind for years until I discovered your great ministry and services on TV through the satellite. As a Muslim, I was not allowed to watch SBN. One day, I tried to find out why they were asking me not to. On that day, I was home alone, I switched to that channel and what I found was God, manifesting His powers through you, pastor. From that day on, I would make sure I watched it whenever I was alone. I had a chat with a friend of mine who is a Christian, and he gave a copy of the Holy Bible. I secretly sneak it into my room, and I would spend the whole night reading and making references from your preaching. What I discovered was miraculous and endless joy. Right up to now, I have not discussed this topic with anyone apart from the friend who gave me that Bible. I secretly worship God. I pray and watch you preach and manifest the Almighty God’s own words. Another thing that fortified my faith and spiritual life are your melodious songs. They touch the innermost part of my body and soul. I don’t know yet what my Muslim family will do to me when they discover that I have become a Christian and secretly worship God. But what I know is straight and simple, that God works in very wonderful ways, ways in which no one can understand. I know that I He will guide, oversee, and protect me from any forms of persecution. This reminds me of the Bible verse: “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye” (Ps. 32:8). Please extend my regards to Frances, Donnie, and Gabriel and all the SBN family over there. I love you, guys. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

—Email
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**DEAR EVANGELIST:** I just wanted to thank you for everything all of you do from top to bottom. I have grown in the Lord tremendously since I first found SBN on TV, and I’m very grateful for that. Also, I wanted to say that I’ve been completely nicotine-free for over a year now thanks to the moving of the Spirit during a sermon Brother Borg preached a year ago at the 2015 Resurrection Campmeeting. I learned that day, because of what Jesus Christ did on the Cross, I could be free even after being in bondage to it for 31 years. It’s amazing how it just rolled right off. Thanks to what Christ did on the Cross and to each and every one of you for doing what the Lord has called you to do.

—Alaska

**MUSLIM IN IRAN CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY**

**DEAR EVANGELIST:** I was born in a Muslim family, but four years ago, with the great help of God, I converted to Christianity, and today I feel so brilliant about this great change. I want to thank you all because of your useful daily programs that I follow every day. God bless you all, and please pray for me. I have great hope and faith in my Lord Jesus Christ, but I really need your prayer to the Lord for my problems that I am sure someday my Lord will solve them. God bless Jimmy Swaggart and all people who work for God. Thank you all.

—Iran

**AS A RESULT OF YOUR TEACHING, MY FAMILY ENCOUNTERED CHRIST**

**DEAR EVANGELIST:** Dear Jimmy Swaggart and management, I write to say thank God for you and your team. I was a teenager decades ago when you visited my home country, Liberia, to teach and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. As a result of your preaching and teaching, my family members encountered Christ, and today I bless God that I, too, know Jesus as my Saviour.

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HOLDING OUT OR HOLDING ON?  

by loren larson

Gensis 32:24 — “And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.”

THE LIFE OF JACOB

In the story and life of Jacob we find, in regard to sanctification, a type of every believer’s struggle. Sanctification is impossible for the believer who is trusting in his own ability and his own power to handle every situation.

Scripturally speaking, growth and maturing in Christ is not going to happen unless the believer empties himself of self-trust and learns to depend entirely upon what God has done on his or her behalf. At Calvary, Jesus paid the price for our salvation. Faith in who He is and what He did at Calvary is sufficient for salvation. What we must all arrive at as believers is the elimination of faith in self in regard to our sanctification. As an Old Testament type, Jacob stands as a perfect picture of this struggle. We can learn great lessons by reviewing how God worked on Jacob. It’s also good to remember, no matter how long the process, God never quits.

JACOB’S APPROACH TO LIFE

No one was ever named more accurately than Jacob. His name described the nature of the man. He was a deceiver, a supplanter, a manipulator—a regular con man. Jacob survived by his wits, his instincts, and his powerful self-will. He did what he thought he needed to do to obtain what God had promised.

The Bible tells us of a prophecy that was given as both Jacob and Esau were born. That “word” stated that the older would serve the younger! However, rather than letting God bring this to pass, Jacob pounced on the chance to purchase the birthright from Esau for food when his brother was extremely famished. A little later, Jacob and his mother deceived Isaac into blessing Jacob instead of Esau. While Isaac was being disobedient to God’s choice of Jacob, Jacob should not have intervened. He should have waited upon and trusted in God. His deception cost him 20 years away from the land God had promised him. However, the conniving nature of Jacob was plainly exhibited through these choices.

GOD SENDS JACOB HOME

After 20 years of exile, God tells Jacob to return home. He gathers his wives and family together and sets out to return. While nearly home, Jacob sends a message to Esau that he is on the way home. Esau responds by getting together an army of 400 men and heading Jacob’s direction. Again, Jacob leans to his own

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understanding. Thinking that Esau’s intent is to kill him, Jacob connives again. He sends gifts of animals totaling well over $100,000 in today’s currency. Then he places the least favored family members in a position to meet Esau first. If Esau’s intention was evil, then Jacob would escape with the most favored of his family. After dividing up the family in this way, Jacob is ready to ford the Jabbok River, but is hindered from doing so by a man.

**CHRIST STOPS JACOB COLD**

The man Jacob encountered was Christ Himself. He wrestles with Jacob. I am so glad that when going the wrong way, believing the wrong thing, or attempting something unpleasing to God, that Jesus will block my way. Jacob’s self-will and stubbornness holds out all night long as he grapples with the Lord. Finally, near daybreak, the Lord touches Jacob’s thigh, making it impossible for him to fight in his own strength any longer. If we do not submit our strength to the Lord, He might need to take our strengths away, in order to teach us to trust and depend upon Him. Jacob now holds to the Lord and won’t let Him go. Jacob sees his need for God’s help and refuses to release the Lord until God blesses him! He has moved from holding out to holding on!

**HOW ABOUT YOU?**

So what about your life? What are you trying to change about yourself or your circumstances that only God can change? How long will you keep wrestling with God—manipulating, conniving, and deceiving—even in an attempt to do God’s will? God doesn’t need our help. If you insist on this path, He may have no choice but to cripple you. Why don’t we stop holding out and start holding on to what God has provided? Let’s move from being Jacob (the deceiver) to being Israel (prince with God). Those who trust in Him will never be ashamed!
ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH  

BY JOHN ROSENSTERN

Romans 11:2, 15, 23, 30-31 — “God has not cast away His people which He foreknew. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For as you in times past have not believed, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.”

All throughout history the church has tried to allegorically explain Romans, Chapter 11, to mean that the church is the remnant that replaced Israel. Through this deceptive and unscriptural error, the church missed one of its most important callings: the opportunity to truly bless Abraham!

THE GENTILE WORLD

The Gentile world, in a sense, received God’s mercy first because of Israel’s rejection of Jesus Christ. It is now the responsibility of the church to demonstrate the mercy of God toward Israel, so that those who once did not believe may now do so.

America’s great prosperity can be directly linked to its spiritually rich sentiment towards lost souls, including the Jews. William Bradford stepped off the Mayflower in 1620 and proclaimed, “Come let us declare in Zion the Word of God.”

Although the 101 passengers that he arrived with were not Israelis and Israel was not their destination, the discovery of their New World also continued to foster the rediscovery of the Old Testament. The Roman Catholic Church had deemphasized the Old Testament, but starting with the Reformation, the Puritans saw the God of the Israelites as a covenant God. Bible phrases began to enrich the English language. Many clergy and laymen began to use biblical names for their children, such as Jesse, Sarah, Samuel, Rebecca, etc. The Puritans would seek for parallels in their persecution by recalling the Jews and their ancient faith.

A FREE NATION

The mid-18th century witnessed the Great Awakening. Revivalist faith spawned new churches, known as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, etc. New learning institutions, such as prestigious Dartmouth and Princeton, were established to assist these new churches in the spreading of their doctrines. America began to look for a new millennium, one in which the old
The concept of predestination would be replaced with a fresh fervor toward individual salvation and evangelism. Jonathan Edwards encouraged this Great Awakening by embracing the idea that, “Every nation shall be a free nation.” Matthew 5:14-16 was used as the motto for America to be “the light of the world.”

**AMERICA’S MISSION**

New America was not unlike the old tribes of Israel, according to Ezra Stiles, president of Yale University, who noted that the similarity of the number of Israelites at Mount Sinai was the population of the United States at the time of independence. Samuel Langdon, the president of Harvard University and a licensed minister, suggested that “instead of the 12 tribes of Israel, we may substitute the 13 states of the American union.” The image of those tribes crossing the wilderness to Canaan adorned the Great Seal of the United States.

America’s new mission was to save the world in a spiritual sense by preaching the gospel and in a political sense by promulgating freedom.

Commitments to service were given by those zealous to God for His protection. For example, the Haystack incident, led by Samuel John Mills, was made famous because Mills and five students hid in a haystack during an electrical storm, claiming their safety was a result of God honoring their confidence in Him.

Mills pledged, “We must not rest satisfied ‘till we have made our influence extend to the remotest corner of this ruined world.”

**FOREIGN MISSIONS**

Word of the incident spread to Harvard, Brown, Middlebury, and Andover Theological Seminary, where both Levi Parsons and Pliny Fisk would study. The students would petition their churches for support to sponsor missionary efforts overseas. In 1810, church elders responded by establishing the American Board for Foreign Missions. The Middle East aroused the new board’s excitement.

The Puritans moved away from the old concept that Jews were eternally punished for not accepting Jesus Christ. Many believed that by repatriating the Jews back to their homeland, Christians would recreate the conditions for Jewish sovereignty that existed at the time of Christ, and this climate would set the stage for His glorious return. By the second Great Awakening, the idea of reinstating Jews back to Israel was quickly becoming accepted doctrine. Ezra Stiles believed that “the return of the 12 tribes to the Holy Land” would spark an outburst of spiritual energy sufficient “to convert the whole world.”

Many others would spend their wealth to assist in preparation for Jews to return home. Missionary journeys, like those of Pliny Fisk and Levi Parsons, would be launched with letters of accommodation by our government. The hope of Muslims either being converted to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ or utterly destroyed was also a driving factor. Increase Mather, Harvard’s first president, called the destruction of the Ottoman Empire an avenue for the Jews’ return.

**AMERICA AT THE CROSSROADS**

Today, virtually the entire world, including the United States, is pressuring Israel to divide her land and share real estate with terrorists whose only desire is her extermination. The denominational church world prefers to boycott Israeli products instead of supporting Israel. America is at a crossroad. A collapsing economy, government takeover of healthcare, financial reform, hate crime laws, illegal immigration infiltration, and so much more plague our country. When our nation was young and growing strong, our forefathers were busy preparing for the coming of the Lord by blessing Jews with the gospel. Part of that hope was to assist Jews in returning to their homeland. Now that the Jews are finally home, let us continue the tradition and help them stay there!
IN CHRIST—A NEW CREATURE  BY MIKE MUZZERALL

THE APOSTLE PAUL LOVED to use the term en kristos, “in Christ.” Paul used it 75 times. He saw the only place for a Christian to be was “in Christ.” Paul stressed the blessings of being “en kristos” as well as the unifying characteristic of all true Christians as being “in Christ.”

IF ANY MAN BE IN CHRIST

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Cor. 5:17). This verse starts off with a conditional clause: “if any man be in Christ.” There are two parts to a conditional clause: The if clause is called the “protasis;” the fulfillment clause is called the “apodosis.”

Paul knew what it meant to be “en kristos”

Paul had experienced this. Saul became Paul not in name only. He had been a leader in Judaism, persecuting the saints of God and attempting to destroy Christianity. Now he was persecuted as a saint of God while strengthening the new Christian church. He became a new man being “in Christ.”

Paul let go of his past

Paul was proud of his heritage. In the great book of Philippians, Paul listed some of his accomplishments.

“And be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith” (Phil. 3:9).

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT DRINKING ALCOHOL? PART II

BY DAVE SMITH

Most Christians who believe that the Bible is the Word of God, agree it is sinful to get drunk, but some do not know that the Bible teaches against any drinking of alcohol. Please look with me at the following Scriptures:

Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not; when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again (Prov. 23:29-35).

FRUIT OF THE VINE?

These verses from Proverbs indicate that drinking alcohol reaps the following results:

- Woe: Destruction, grief, and despair.
- Sorrow: Sadness; pain because of unmet expectations and desires.
- Contentions: Arguing, quarreling, and brawling.
- Babbling: Senseless talking and complaining from regret of lost fortunes, health, and friends.
- Wounds without cause: Physical and emotional injuries resulting from conflicts that would have usually been avoided.
- Redness of eyes: Bloodshot eyes and reduced vision.
- Tarrying: Long hours spent wasting time.
- Seeking: Wasted effort in searching for, desiring, and demanding alcohol.

TRAITS OF ALCOHOL

Also in Proverbs 23:29-35, note how the Holy Spirit describes alcohol and its effects:

- When it moveth itself aright: Alcohol tastes good, brings excitement, and stimulates conversation.
- Biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder: “At the last,” it’s like being bitten by a poisonous snake that affects the whole life—body, money, health, brain, morals, and reputation.
- Eyes shall behold strange women: It causes one to see things differently, especially lust and immorality.
- Heart shall utter perverse things: Drinking distorts values of right and wrong, which leads to saying wicked things.
- Lieth down in the midst of the sea: One who drinks is like a drowning person who seemingly is unaware of the possible consequences.
- They have stricken me and I was not sick: Alcohol numbs physical feelings so that pain is not felt or avoided.
- When I awake I will seek it yet again: Even with all of these negative results, people will go after it again because alcohol is addictive and leads to bondage.

FORGETTING GOD’S LAW

“It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine; nor for princes strong drink; lest they drink, and forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted” (Prov. 31:4-5).

These verses indicate that drinking alcohol causes a person to ignore or cease to care about God’s law. It also results in changing or altering the basis of good decision-making.

THERE WAS NO PROFIT

“I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life…. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun” (Eccl. 2:3,11).

“Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity” (Eccl. 12:8).

Solomon said that, among other things, he made a moral decision to seek after and search after wine. But, after drinking, he realized that it was worthless, useless and unprofitable, and it fed upon and grasped at his spirit.

Next month, we will look at some more Scriptures that deal with drinking alcohol.
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