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**THE COVER**

The Doctrine of the Bible (see page 4)
THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS

There are no original manuscripts of the Bible, due to antiquity. The first Books were written by Moses (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). In fact, Moses probably wrote Job before he wrote any of the Books listed above, and did so in collaboration with Job, who was alive the last years of Moses’ sojourn in the desert, before leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt. If, in fact, that is the case, then Job is the oldest Book in the world.

Of course, the last Book written, which was approximately 1,600 years after Moses, was the Book of Revelation, written by John the Beloved. Incidentally, he was the last Apostle of the original Twelve to die.

Even though there are none of the original manuscripts left, and that is because of age, Scholarship states, that for any work of antiquity, if there are ten identical copies, the original is judged as genuine. There are over 10,000 copies of the Books of the Bible, or copies of part of the Books. This means that there is greater proof of the authenticity of the Bible, than any other book in the world. Probably the most recent discoveries of copies of particular Books in the Bible are the Dead Sea Scrolls.

THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

In 1947 three Arab shepherds were tending their sheep and goats along the cliffs on the northwest coast of the Dead Sea. One of them, Juma Muhammed Khalil, threw a stone into a small hole he saw in the cliff and heard a shattering sound that raised his hopes that gold might have been stored within. Muhammad edh-Dhib, a younger companion, later returned and entered the cave. Here he found about ten elongated jars, only two of which contained anything. Three large rolls were removed from one jar and later taken to Bethlehem where the shepherds sought to sell them to antique dealers. The Bedouins found several other Scrolls and fragments there.
some months later. Four of the manuscripts were sold to the Syrian Orthodox Monastery in Jerusalem, and later three Scrolls were obtained by the Hebrew University. After the discovery of these first Scrolls was publicized in late 1948, a clandestine search in many caves was undertaken by the Ta'amirah Bedouins. The Antiquities Department of the Jordan took charge in 1949 and worked out an arrangement with the Bedouins that encouraged them to offer their discoveries to the officials in charge. Thus began what has proved to be the greatest recent discovery of Biblical and related materials in the Holy Land.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH

From the first cave came the complete Isaiah “A” Scroll, which dates from about 100 B.C., the Isaiah “B” Scroll, which preserves parts of Chapters 16 through 66, dates from about A.D. 50; an almost complete commentary on Habakkuk 1 and 2, copied about 40 B.C. through A.D. 25; a fragmentary Aramaic interpretation of Genesis, from about A.D. 1 through A.D. 25; and, an important document containing the rules and teachings of the religious community (probably the Essenes) that occupied the settlement of Qumran, about seven and a half miles south of Jericho. The Essenes were a sect of the Jews who believed they had been chosen by God to prepare the way for the new age to come (Isa. 40:3) by living a holy life in the wilderness away from the “sons of darkness” dwelling in the cities of Judah.

THE ESSENES

They sought to observe the Old Testament Law perfectly, according to the Apocalyptic interpretations by their “teacher of righteousness.” They came to Qumran in the late Second Century B.C. and took over the ruins of an ancient fortified settlement built during the Ninth and Eighth Centuries B.C. by the Hebrews and destroyed in the Sixth Century B.C. Here the Essenes lived, farmed, wrote down their beliefs and rules, composed interpretations, and made copies of the Old Testament.

In periods of religious and civil tension among the Jews, their adherents apparently grew in number. The group at Qumran was evidently the largest, but the Essenes’ followers seem to have been scattered widely. They’d rendered a great service in their devotion to the copying of the Scriptures. During the First...
Century A.D. they were victims of the political disorder between the Romans and Jews and were forced to abandon their settlement in A.D. 68 when the Roman army attacked the revolting Jews in Jerusalem. Before leaving, the Essenes hid their sacred documents in tightly sealed jars in the nearby cliffs. Qumran was occupied by the tenth legion of the Roman army for a few years and again during the Bar Kokhba rebellion of A.D. 132 through A.D. 135. Evidently some of the caves had been entered, jars broken, the contents scattered, and some manuscripts removed during the centuries since. From 1951 through 1958 the site was excavated, and its complex of buildings proved to be an Essene settlement.

MANUSCRIPTS

From 1952 through 1956 ten other caves with related materials were discovered. In addition, five caves in Wadi Murrabbahat produced materials from the revolt of A.D. 132. The latter was twelve miles south of Qumran. More than 250 caves in the area have been carefully examined by archaeologists. In the nearby caves IV and XI, more than 40,000 fragments of manuscripts have been found. Almost 400 manuscripts of varying sizes from Qumran cave IV alone have been identified since 1956. Of a total of almost 600 manuscripts from the eleven Qumran caves about 125 are Biblical. Every Book of the Old Testament is represented except Esther, but only Isaiah “A” is complete.

In cave XI a manuscript, copied about A.D. 50, containing 37 Psalms was found and has since been translated and published. Included in this collection is the 151st Psalm, previously known only from the Greek. A Scroll of Ezekiel from cave XI was so disintegrated that it is a complete loss. In the same cave a copy of the Targum of Job was found (paraphrased in Aramaic), two-fifths of which is readable. It was translated in 1962; scholars set its date as A.D. 50. Also during 1962, in a monastery in Spain, a copy of the Palestinian Targum was recovered and it is believed to date from as early as A.D. 50. These discoveries have reopened the study of the history of the Targums, indicating an earlier origin than was previously thought. Thus, the study of the Essene writings found in the various caves not only greatly expands our knowledge of sectarian Judaism in the New Testament period, but also verifies the historical accounts left by Philo and Josephus concerning the Essenes, their practices, history, and doctrines.

(The only translation that can be concluded as the Word of God is a word-for-word translation, such as the King James.)

WORD-FOR-WORD TRANSLATION

Our present society is being flooded with so-called translations which are really interpretations or thought for thought translations, such as the Message Bible. Actually, these types of efforts cannot even be construed as Bibles. At best they are religious books.

The only translation that can be concluded as the Word of God is a word-for-word translation, such as the King James. There are one or two other word-for-word translations; however, with these I am not familiar. But yet there are several other things that need to be said about the King James Translation.

THE KING JAMES TRANSLATION

As we have already mentioned, the King James Translation, despite being edited several times, still contains a fairly liberal usage of Elizabethan English. To all King James devotees, and I am one, it must be understood, that the Prophets and the Apostles who were used by the Spirit of God to write the Sacred Text, did not speak Elizabethan English. As well, when Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, were originally written, the Words of Christ were not in red. These particular words in red are actually a marketing tool that was not used until the Twentieth Century. And again we emphasize, while the original manuscripts were most definitely inspired by the Holy Spirit and, thereby, error-free, doesn’t mean that the translation is error-free. No translation was inspired by the Holy Spirit, and none to my knowledge were claimed to be.

A CHRONOLOGY OF BIBLE TRANSLATION

The following chronology includes events of major importance in the long and dramatic story of Bible translation. The list is necessarily selective and places special emphasis on the background of the English Bible, providing information basic to further study of a fascinating field.

1500 B.C. through 500? B.C. — The Old Testament is put into writing.

250 B.C. through 100 B.C. — The Septuagint, a translation of the Old Testament into Greek, according to tradition, by 72 Hebrew scholars, was completed in Alexandria, Egypt. This version contains 45 Books, the
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(Covering parts of Southern Arkansas)

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(Covering parts of Northwestern Mississippi)

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(Covering Central Mississippi and Eastern Louisiana)

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(Covering Northern Louisiana)

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(Covering Central Arkansas, Western Tennessee, a small part of Northwestern Mississippi, and a small part of Southern Missouri)

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(Covering Southern Missouri, parts of Eastern Missouri, and Western Illinois)

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(Covering the Coachella Valley)

Winfield — Wichita, KS .............................. 91.9
(Covering South Central Kansas and North Central Oklahoma)

Crete, IL .................................................. 88.1
(Covering South Chicago and Chicago Heights)

Ottawa, IL ............................................... 88.9
(Covering Ottawa, West La Salle, East Joliet, and North DeKalb)

Kankakee, IL .......................................... 88.3
(Covering Northeastern Illinois and Northwestern Indiana)

Nashville, AR ........................................... 96.9
(Covering Southwestern Arkansas)

Mobile/Citronelle, AL ................................. 102.1
(Covering Mobile, Alabama)

Lafayette/Church Point, LA ......................... 91.9
(Covering Southern and Western Louisiana)

Ada, OK .................................................. 88.7
(Covering South Central Oklahoma)

Albion/Rochester, NY ................................. 102.1
(Covering North Western New York State)

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Alexandrian Canon, used by the Early Church, and continues to be the Old Testament Canon of the Latin and Greek Church.

A.D. 52? through A.D. 100? — The New Testament is written, coming to us in Koine (common) Greek, the common language of the time, although some portions may have been first set down in Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ.

A.D. 100? — Formulation of Palestinian Canon of Hebrew Bible at Synod of Jamnia.


About 400 — Jerome completes his final translation of the Bible, the Latin Vulgate, based on the Septuagint and translated from the Hebrew, and other ancient versions.

About 600 through 900 — The Masoretic Text in Hebrew is developed by the Masoretes, a school of Jewish textual critics. The Masoretic Text, used in the Jewish Bible, has been an important reference in preparing translations into other languages.

1382 — John Wycliffe completes his translation, the first complete Bible in English.

1456 — The Gutenberg Bible, a folio edition of the Latin Vulgate, is printed from moveable type, an epochal event that inaugurated the era of printing.

1516 — Erasmus completes his translation in Greek.

1522 — Martin Luther translates the Bible into German.

1535 — William Tyndale issues his English translation, which powerfully influenced all of the English versions that followed.

1535 — Miles Coverdale issues his translation dedicated to King Henry VIII.

1537 — Coverdale’s Bible becomes the first Bible to be printed in England.

1537 — Matthew’s Bible is produced, based primarily on the Tyndale and Coverdale Bibles.

1539 — Coverdale issues the Great Bible, essentially a
combination of his own earlier work and Tyndale’s Bible. This work was authorized by Henry VIII.

1560 — The Geneva Bible, produced by Coverdale, William Whittingham, John Knox, and others in Geneva after Mary became queen. It is the first English Bible to divide the Chapters into Verses.

1582 through 1610 — Douay-Rheims (Catholic) Bible appears, a direct translation into English from the Vulgate by the Catholic College; the New Testament issued at Rheims, the Old Testament in 1609 and 1610 at Douay, France.

1611 — The great King James (or Authorized) Version. Completed by the group of “learned men,” all renowned scholars, appointed by King James.

While there have been other translations from then until now, the King James is concluded by many scholars to be closer to the original text than any other effort. Down through the last several centuries, it, by far, has been the most widely used and widely known.

THE CANON OF SCRIPTURE

At the end of the First Christian Century, the Jewish Rabbis, at the Counsel of Gamnia, closed the Canon of Hebrew Books — these Books considered as authoritative by the Jews. Their decision resulted from:

- The multiplication and popularity of sectarian apocryphal writings.
- The fall of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), which created a threat to the religious tradition of the Jews.
- The disputes with Christians over their interpretation of Jewish Scriptures in preaching and writing.
- There never was any doubt about the five Books of the Law — the Pentateuch — but, beyond that various sects of Judaism disagree. The prophetic collection was generally agreed upon by 200 B.C., but the major problem concerned the other writings. Four criteria operated in deciding what Books should occupy a place in the authoritative Old Testament Scriptures:
  1. The content of each Book had to harmonize with the Law.
  2. Since Prophetic inspiration was believed to have begun with Moses (1450 B.C.) and ended with Ezra (450 B.C.), to qualify for the Canon and to be considered inspired, a Book had to have been written within that time frame.
  3. The language of the original manuscript had to be Hebrew.
  4. The Book had to have been written within the geographical boundaries of Palestine, with the exception of Daniel and possibly Esther.

WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TERM “APOCRYPHA”?

On the basis given above, the thirty-nine Books of the Old Testament were selected for the Palestinian Canon of Scriptures. Failing these criteria, the rest of the ancient Jewish writings came to be classified as “Apocrypha” or “Pseudepigrapha” literally, “false writings.”

A number of Christian writings, other than those that came to be accepted from the New Testament, appeared early and were considered by some authorities to be worthy of Canonical status. The Didache, the Epistle of Barnabas, I and II Clement, the Shepherd of Hermas, the Apocalypse of Peter, and the Acts of Paul were some of the more popular ones. By the beginning of the Third Century, twenty-two of the Books comprising our present New Testament had become widely accepted. Four principles or considerations operated in determining which Books should occupy a place in the authoritative New Testament Scriptures:

1. Was the Book written by an Apostle?
2. Was the Book’s content of a Spiritual nature?
3. Was the Book widely received by the Churches?
4. Was evidence in the Book of Divine Inspiration?

As far as is known, it was the Easter letter of Archbishop Athanasius of Alexandria in A.D. 367 that first listed the 27 Books of the New Testament as authoritative. Jerome, by his Latin translation of these same twenty-seven Books (A.D. 382), further established this list as Canonical for the Churches.

The group of Books, which numbered about 14, and referred to as the “Apocrypha” is believed to be spurious, or at least non-Canonical. This in no way implies that the Books in question do not contain some good things, nor does it mean they were written by evil men. It simply means they were believed not to be inspired; consequently, they were not placed in the Canon of Scripture.

Eleven of these Apocryphal Books have been accepted by the Catholic Church, included in the Roman Catholic Canon and placed in the “Douay Version” of the Bible.

Why were these Books not considered inspired or Canonical by the rest of the Church? Some of the reasons relate specifically to the Old Testament, some to the New Testament.

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(This message was derived from the book, “Brother Swaggart, How Can I Understand The Bible?”)
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THE REASONS

• As far as the Old Testament was concerned, these particular Books were not included in the Hebrew Canon of Scripture.

• The Lord Jesus Christ, the Apostle Paul, nor any other writer in the New Testament ever quoted from these writings. Yet they quoted frequently in the New Testament from the Books that were included in the Hebrew Canon of Scripture.

• Josephus, the Hebrew historian, expressly excluded these as "false writings."

• None of the Apocryphal books claimed Divine Inspiration.

• The Apocryphal have historical, geographical, and chronological errors.

• As literature, they are considered to be myth and legend.

• Their spiritual and even moral stance is generally far below both the Old and the New Testaments.

• Most of these books were written much later than the Books that were considered to be authoritative and inspired.

DIVINE INSPIRATION

Satan has done everything within his power to hinder, destroy, dilute, and outright do away with the Word of Almighty God. But through the Power of God, the Bible as we have it today — all 66 Books, both Old and New Testaments, from Genesis to Revelation — is the Word of God. Nothing else can be added to it.

When any person or any Church claims that other writings, other books, other so-called inspirations should be included in the Canon of Scripture, we can be sure that the Evil One has been at work. Paul put it aptly when he said, "Though we, or an Angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8-9).

Some so-called scholars have said that the Bible is filled with historical, chronological, and doctrinal contradictions. But a close examination of their objections reveals that the problem lies, not with the Bible, but with our limited perspective.

CONTRADICTORY PASSAGES EXPLAINED

For instance, there are several seemingly contradictory Passages about what happens when men gaze upon the Face of God, etc. St. John 1:18 says, "No man has seen God at any time" and Exodus 33:20 says, "And God said, You cannot see My Face: for there shall no man see Me, and live." Yet, in Genesis 32:30 it says, "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face." Further, Exodus 33:11 says, "And the LORD spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaks unto his friend." Which is correct?

What most of us fail to realize is that the word "seen" or "see" also means "to comprehend" or "to understand." So, the Verse in St. John does not contradict the Verses in Genesis and Exodus at all. What John was saying was that no man has ever comprehended or understood everything about God — not at any time. We use the same kind of terminology in our conversations today. For instance, we will explain something to someone and then say, "Do you see?" But we don't really mean "see," as to look with the natural eye. We simply mean, "Do you understand? Do you comprehend?" So there is clearly no contradiction here.

Another quote of inconsistency, so-called, along this line appears in Exodus 3:20 where God says "No man can see My Face and live." Yet Genesis 32:30 says that Jacob saw God face-to-face. Again what must be understood is that God was not talking about appearance only. He was not talking about Moses looking upon His Face, as we would look upon someone's face. The word, "see" in Exodus 3:20 pertains to more than outward features. Here God was talking about His Glory, because He said "Call us at (225) 768-3072 • e-mail us at crossfire@jsm.org • www.crossfireyouthministry.org.
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Over the years we have received many e-mails, letters, phone calls, etc. from former homosexuals, fornicators, gamblers, drug addicts, and many others who have been in bondage to just about every sin you can imagine. Praise the Lord, the majority of them have been Saved! However, there are always those who do not want to change and do not see their need for a Saviour. Yes, we are taking a very strong stand against homosexuality, but I want to make it clear that we also take exactly the same stand against any and all lifestyles of sin. We do not just single out the homosexual. Unfortunately though, our society has seemingly embarked upon an all-out attempt to make homosexuality acceptable, and so we are compelled as watchmen to address its dangers. There were, in fact, many sins besides homosexuality going on in Sodom and Gomorrah, which contributed to the downfall of these cities, but it was the very nature of the particular sin we are addressing now that ultimately destroyed the life of this entire civilization.

Scriptural Insight

In order to gain further insight into why this is so, let’s look again at Romans 1:26-32: “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” You see, homosexuality goes against God’s Law of nature and, therefore, has exceptionally disastrous consequences. As flawed human-beings we always seem to make the mistake of thinking that truth is relative to our own experience, and thereby, elevating our own ideas and philosophies above Biblical Truth. For instance, the homosexual might say, “Well, I’ve always felt this way, so it must be normal/natural.” But, God’s natural design is quite different. Every person should strive to know His Order instead of their own “personal preferences.”

Perversion

In the above verse of Scripture, the word “natural” in the Greek is “phusis,” and means “the nature of things, the force, laws, order of nature, as opposed to that which is monstrous, abnormal, perverse.” The word “unseemly” in the Greek is “aschemosune,” and means “want of form, disfigurement, deformed, one’s nakedness, shame.” The word “vile” is “atimia,” meaning a “dishonor, ignominy, and disgrace.” The word “error” is “plane,” and means “a wandering, roving, or wrong action.” It carries the idea of an individual forcing his natural instincts, which were created by God, into perversion. Sadly, many homosexuals and lesbians have experienced change in emotional, mental, and even physical appearances for
the worse. In other words, their homosexuality shows in their mannerisms, which are repulsive because they go against natural/normal design. The word “women,” as used in the above verse, is not the same word used, such as, in John 4:9. The Greek word used is “thelus,” which means “a female,” a word which points more specifically to the gender role. The women were not trying so much to change the gender, but rather its purpose respecting the sexual sense. Trying to “change” the purpose is the reason that Paul used the Greek word for “female.” In the most rebellious and disgraceful way, these women were altering what God had designed for their gender, and in so doing, they took their role from a far higher purpose down to a far lower and degrading use. And, as we have seen, sin is never without its consequences. “Recompence” in the Greek is “antimisthian,” and means “a reward given in compensation, requital, recompense.” This word used in the above Scripture from Romans refers to the natural result of their sin as ordained by Divine Law, as it essentially pays them back for what they have done.

Many times people try to tell us that there is nothing in the Bible which speaks against homosexuality (which we have more than disproven in this and the previous article), or they only point to the Old Testament, excluding the teachings of the New Testament, such as in the example given below. This is an example of the kind of e-mails I have recently received:

E-MAILS

“Dear God Fearing Souls,
If you are going to use God’s word to attack, condemn and hurt people, then at least be complete in Your ‘Call to Duty.’ I give you the following ammunition to assist you in your Task. Deuteronomy 22:5 (‘. . . woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man . . .’); Deuteronomy 22:22 (‘If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die . . .’); Exodus 21:15 (‘And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death’); Exodus 21:17 (‘And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death’); Exodus 35:2 (. . . on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD . . .’); Leviticus 20:13 (‘If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination . . .’); Leviticus 24:16 (‘And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him . . .’); and, Deuteronomy 21:18-2 (. . . our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die . . .’). I will help you further and sum it up for you. I expect you to show the same hatred and fear that you show homosexuals to children that ‘smitteth’ their parent, children that curseth their parents, adulterers, those that ‘worketh’ on the Sabbath, those wearing clothing of the opposite sex, and those that take the Lord’s name in vain. All are abominations to God and punishable by death (usually stoning). I expect to see preachers teaching those women wearing pants ‘should be stoned to death.’ I expect people to stand outside of the homes of children ‘who rebelleth against thy parent’ or ‘curseth’ their parents with signs stating they are ‘abominations’ and ‘should be stoned to death.’ I expect God fearing people to come together and ‘stone to death’ those that work on the Sabbath Day. I expect people to tell those committing any of these ‘abominations’ that God hates them and that they are going to Hell. When I see this come to fruition, then I will know ‘You’ are truly following God’s commands completely, as clearly laid out in the Bible. But until then, I choose to love my neighbor as myself and to know that we are all human, whether Christian, Jew, Muslim, or not, and all have done something to be ‘stoned to death’ for. I choose to believe in a God that loves instead of hates. You choose your own path and leave me to mine. And, if along the way we should meet, I will gladly offer you a hand if you need it. I pray you might do the same. Amen.”

In response to this e-mail, I first want to say that The Old Testament Law, which you referred to, was completely fulfilled by Jesus Christ when He shed His Precious Blood at Calvary, so punishments like “stoning” are no longer in effect. The old Law of Moses and its penalties were all done away with in Christ. Even the old dietary
laws were done away with. Paul said that we are free to eat and partake of these things. It was only the moral law, the sins of the flesh, which carried on to the New Testament including the Ten Commandments. The only one of the Ten Commandments which was not carried over was the law regarding the Sabbath because the Sabbath Day of Rest was a type of the Rest that was fulfilled in Jesus, the Messiah. In other words, Jesus is “the Day of Rest.” Now, you mentioned Deuteronomy 22:5 which says, “The woman shall not wear that which pertains unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do are an abomination unto the Lord.” This does not mean that a woman is not supposed to wear pants. Men didn’t even wear pants in those days like they do today. They wore robes like a lot of Middle Eastern men still do presently. This verse was simply a statement against cross-dressing in general.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

It is, furthermore, a widely held misconception in the world today that homosexuality is only mentioned and dealt with in the Old Testament. This is a false and outright disregard for God’s Word. Homosexuality has been condemned in the New Testament under the New Covenant as well as under the old Levitical Law. Here are some more examples besides the ones already mentioned in the beginning of this article. “Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Rom. 1:31-32). “Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good” (II Tim. 3:3). “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude, Vs. 7). All of this evidence cannot be overlooked nor misunderstood. God still considers homosexuality a sin. And, while God is a God of Love, He is also a God of Judgment. Yes, He has given mankind the dispensation of Grace under which to live in for the time being, but that does not mean He will not judge sin. It is just that, under Grace, His Judgment will come after death to those who continued in their life of sin. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Be not deceived . . .” (I Cor. 6:9).

THE LOVE OF GOD!

You also addressed the Love of God in your e-mail. God demonstrated the greatest act of Love ever known when He sent His only Son down to Earth to die for all sinners so that we might be Saved. However, God saves man from sin, not in sin. There is no such thing as a homosexual coming to the Lord Jesus Christ and then continuing in his former lifestyle. That is not possible. The harsh truth is that homosexuality is a sin against God, against society, against nature, and against the human body, which should be a temple of the Holy Spirit. The Lord, however, is not a respecter of persons. In other words, no particular sin makes one sinner any worse than another sinner. He hates all sin, and the wage of every sin is death. Ultimately, though, God loves the sinner! He hates alcohol, but He loves the alcoholic. He hates murder, but He loves the murderer. And God hates homosexuality, but He loves the homosexual. The answer to homosexuality is not its legalization or public acceptance any more than such absurdity is the answer for the murderer. There is no profit in saying, “I have no choice in the matter,” “Society just has to accept me as I am,” or “God made me this way.” The answer lies not in trying to justify the sin; the answer is deliverance from this humiliating and corrosive bondage. And, yes, praise God, there is no bondage that Jesus Christ cannot break! When Jesus hung on the Cross at Calvary, he died not only for the heterosexual sinner, but for the homosexual as well. The Blood he shed on Calvary’s Cross was for everyone! So yes, there is help and hope for the homosexual, but it is not through science, education, or liberalization of laws. It comes only through the repentance of sin and the recognition of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour! This is the only answer there will ever be, and the only way positive change can ever occur! Jesus Christ and Him Crucified is the Only Way!

TRUE LOVE NEVER LIES

So, why, one might ask, are many religious organizations and/or “churches” so tolerant and accepting,
refusing to tell homosexuals the Truth? Why are many hiding what the Bible truly teaches? What do they have to gain by insisting that God will accept homosexuals “just as they are”? The answer is actually quite frightening, the bottom line being that they have a hidden agenda. Now, while the average layman in these churches may not be aware of the plan, those higher in the ranks of leadership know exactly what they are doing. Sinner, please understand that such a leader’s seemingly remarkable reception of you is not because they love you. Remember, love never lies. Don’t let them fool you with the promise of God’s favor; they know what the Bible says! What these religious elite are actually doing is working with governmental authorities to establish their own “kingdom” on Earth, in which they may rule the masses. You see, it is the ultimate goal of any evil dictatorship to combine church and state. Why? — because nothing can control people better than religion. It is far more binding than secular socialism or communism, and they know that the homosexual (or sinner of any stripe) will not come to the church if he will be confronted regarding his sin. They cannot easily gain your trust, cooperation, and submission if they offend you, can they? Listen to Aldous Huxley, member of the Fabian Society which sought the gradual worldwide spread of socialism by peaceful means: “As political and economic freedom diminishes, sexual freedom tends compensatingly [sic] to increase. And the dictator . . . will do well to encourage that freedom. In conjunction with the freedom to daydream [shifting focus from reality to fantasy or imagination] under the influence of dope, movies and the radio, it will help to reconcile his subjects to the servitude which is their fate.”

The Truth!

People who want control will always try to seduce with illusions of acceptance in order to “compensate for the loss of freedom and privacy in the collective or ‘healthy’ community.”2 Indeed we are now seeing some of America’s most popular politicians and “pastors” working together, supposedly to solve society’s ills and/or manage the crisis events of the nation such as the AIDS crisis, poverty, or terrorism. These leaders understand that people today are often educated enough to know better than to depend on their government, but many are not quite as reluctant to place trust in a “church.” In fact, part of the plan is to make the local church a sort-of community center, where all the basic needs of life can be met, including health care. Listen to Rick Warren’s statement posted on the advertisement for his 2006 Global Summit on AIDS and the Church: “Just being tested for HIV/AIDS has proven to promote healthier behavior. And in many communities, churches are the most trusted organizations — where people would be willing to go for testing and counseling.”3 Yes, they even plan on testing for AIDS, the most dreaded and incurable disease facing the world today. But, what other motives could these men have for gathering and data-banking such information? Do you really trust religious organizations enough to protect your personal health record, especially one that does not clearly tell you what their most Holy Book really teaches? Even if you do not agree that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God, wouldn’t you at least rather listen to the people who will honestly tell you what it says? Would you not rather trust someone who openly disagrees with your chosen path of life than one who will lie to you? The Truth is, God does love you and is reaching out to you through His genuine servants who are telling you the Truth, even if it means losing your friendship.

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Frances Swaggart

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“REMEMBER ME”

1 Samuel 1:11 – “And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts (‘Jehovah Sabaoth’; could be translated ‘Lord of armies’), if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your handmaid (the word ‘handmaid’ denotes ‘humility’), and remember me, and not forget Your handmaid, but will give unto Your handmaid a man child (she wanted a little boy), then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head (in other words, she would dedicate him as a Nazarite, even from birth, which he would be all of his life; this was her ‘vow’).

INTRODUCTION

Hannah was one of the greatest women of Faith and Intercession in the Bible. Her life is an inspiration to all Believers as it regards not giving up. Hannah was the wife of Elkanah, who was a Levite of the order of the Kohathites, who were responsible for the vessels of the Sanctuary (Num. 3:27-31).

Though a Levite, Elkanah was not untouched by the sin and corruption of his day, as the Bible says that he had two wives, the other being Peninnah.

Polygamy was a failure in Israel that seemed to be tolerated by God during the Old Covenant, but it was never God’s Perfect Will.

HANNAH HAS NO CHILDREN

Verse 2 of Chapter 1, says, “. . . Hannah had no children,” and Verse 6, says, “. . . the LORD shut up her womb.” In Israel of that day, for a married woman to not be able to bear children was a disgrace with some even believing that the woman was cursed by God. That’s why the Bible tells us in I Samuel 16:7, “. . . for the LORD sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Simply put, we should not jump to conclusions based only on what we think we see or know.

WHY DID THE LORD SHUT UP HER WOMB?

The Lord is Omniscient (all-knowing), Omnipotent (all-powerful), and Omnipresent (everywhere). This tells us that the Lord is in charge and in control of everything. So, in effect, everything that happens to a Believer is either caused by the Lord or allowed by the Lord. The Lord doesn’t cause one to sin, but if one desires to do wrong, God will let them. They will suffer the consequences, but God created man with a free will.

A great work was about to be done in Israel with Samuel becoming the first man to stand in the Office of Prophet, and later David being anointed to be king. So, at times, the Lord allows severe things to happen to the individual, in this case, Hannah, to test one’s Faith. Great Faith must be tested greatly.

The Lord allows tests to teach us total dependence upon the Lord.

No effort of the flesh must ever succeed, that which God wants done must be done by Him and Him Alone.

God tests us in order for us to do right. So that which the Lord did as it regards Hannah’s womb was a test, a test she passed.

HER ADVESARY

The Bible says, “Peninnah had children.” Not only did she have children, but the Bible also says that Peninnah continually provoked Hannah and mocked her barrenness. Verse 6 says of Peninnah, “And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret. . . .” She was
REMEMBER ME

used by Satan to attack this godly woman. In effect, she became a type of Satan who is our adversary, who constantly accuses and slanders us. Satan’s name in Hebrew means “adversary.” The common name for Satan in the New Testament is “diabolos,” which means “Devil,” meaning “one who slanders or accuses.”

One has to wonder if Peninnah had any idea that her shameful actions toward Hannah would be recorded by the Lord and placed in His Word with untold numbers of people reading about her hatefulness towards Hannah. To hate and mistreat a child of God is to sin against the Lord Himself. To oppose God’s Man or Woman is to oppose God.

Peninnah didn’t know or understand that the Lord was doing a work in her life; as well, we must be careful how we treat God’s Servants that are going through a trial.

“REMEMBER ME”

Verses 9 through 19 tell us of Hannah’s intercession before the Lord. In spite of her barrenness, in spite of Peninnah her adversary, in spite of the long years, Hannah didn’t stop believing and didn’t stop praying. Her cry to the Lord was “remember me” and that’s a plea the Lord will not turn a deaf ear to. The dying thief on the Cross

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Some of you reading this, Spiritually speaking, your womb is closed, you’re barren, the adversary is accusing you and mocking you; but I’m telling you, don’t stop, keep crying unto the Lord, “Remember me!” The Lord hasn’t forgotten about you, He is preparing you for Miracles.

**“THE LORD REMEMBERED HER”**

I Samuel, Chapter 1, Verse 19 says, “And the LORD remembered her.” Now notice her prayer for a son, but when the Lord answered her, He not only gave her a son but He gave her the first man to stand in the Office of the Prophet. Elizabeth was barren, but the Lord remembered her and gave her the greatest Prophet to ever live.

“Remember me,” what a plea, and what a Miracle of God.

Your Evangelist,

Donnie Swaggart
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**OVER-THE-AIR (DTV) TELEVISION**

For those of you who are not familiar with digital television, these are 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 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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JANUARY 26-27, 2013 – FLORENCE, MS
Pastor Wesley Downes
Florence Assembly of God
3445 Hwy. 49 South
Florence, MS 39073
(601) 939-9978
Saturday: 6 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2013 – ATLANTA, TX
Pastor Curtis Hutchinson
Crossway Church of Atlanta, TX
1116 E. Main St.
Atlanta, TX 75551
(903) 799-7181
curtishutchinson@att.net
Friday: 7 PM
Saturday: 1-3 PM
Saturday: 7 PM
Sunday: 10 AM

David Borg
Office: 225-768-3890 • E-mail: davidborg@jsm.org

FEBRUARY 22-24, 2013 – GRENADA, MS
Pastor Farrell Wilson
Lighthouse Church of God
PO Box 2441
Grenada, MS 38902
(662) 294-0608
**Martha Borg will be joining us for the Friday night Services.**
Friday: 7 PM
Saturday: 7 PM
Sunday: 11 AM

MARCH 8-10, 2013 – SPARTANBURG, SC
Pastor Scott Corbin
Truth Chapel World Evangelism Fellowship Church
5310 S. Pine St.
Spartanburg, SC 29302
(864) 585-3006 • www.truthchapel.org
Friday: 7 PM
Saturday: 6 PM
Sunday: 10 AM

Until a channel comes to your area, enjoy your favorite radio and television programs by visiting www.sonlifetv.com. You can already view “live” services and prerecorded programming on-line!
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**TV PROGRAMMING**

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I CAN’T SAY ENOUGH HOW THANKFUL I AM

Dear Frances and Friends,

I am not able to see you “live” most days, so I have been using my computer and going into the archives and watching and listening to past programs. I am learning so much. I can’t say enough how thankful I am that the Lord led me to find SonLife Broadcasting Network, Family Worship Center, and you! My Bible has become alive and so real to me again. I have such peace knowing I am with the Lord and hearing the truth through your Ministries. Thank you for being faithful to the Word. I don’t attend a church here, so I am happy to have you all. I love the music and all the preaching and teaching. My daughter was watching with me, and she said of Pastor Swaggart, “That man has the sweetest spirit.” And I said, “Yes he sure does!” When you all come into my home at church time, I can feel the anointing. Thank you so much.

CALIFORNIA

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Brother Gabriel,

I am an Associate Pastor in our church, and I am contacting you to share a brief Testimony of my son. He is 22 years old, and has been preaching now about 2 years. He has grown to appreciate your Crossfire Ministry so very much, and he is now our new Youth Minister! In my preaching I have always been directed to preach Grace and Faith by the Holy Spirit. With SonLife Broadcasting Network, and some direction from our Pastor, I have finally found where I fit, with the Message of the Cross! My son caught on immediately, thanks in large to you, to this Message.

He was engaged to be married this next February to a young lady who was part of a Holiness Church. He was even helping with their Youth program there. As God began to deal with him, he realized that his spirit did not bear witness with their beliefs, as they were bound in law and self-righteousness. One Sunday night, his future in-laws decided to come and hear him preach, and he preached like I’ve never heard him preach before, sharing the Message of the Cross. Well, his future family was upset, to say the least, and later that night and the next couple of weeks began to rail against him. To make a long story short, the wedding is called off because he stood on the Word of God.

The biggest blessing yet is that he attended this year’s International Youth Conference 2012, and the Holy Spirit comforted him and your Ministry reinforced, through proper teaching and preaching, that he is preaching the right Message. He is now planning to attend College out there this next year. Thank you for being what God has called you to be, and inspiring my son to push forward. God bless you. Be encouraged, keep preaching the Cross and don’t let up. You are not alone, as we are serving together, and will be holding you up in prayer!

FLORIDA

THE ANOINTING

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to thank you all for the work that you are doing. I am a Minister’s wife, and went back on God for about 7 years. I was temporarily transferred on my job, and had an hour drive to work. One day on my way back to work, I found your radio station, SonLife Radio, and began to listen everyday. The anointing that is there through your music and the Word you preach brought conviction to my heart. I had begun to miss God and the Church. I have since come back to the Lord, and within 6 months my husband has started pastoring a Full Gospel Church and God is moving! I am sure my story is one of many, but I just wanted to thank you, and let you know that you are touching so many lives with the Message of the Cross!

E-MAIL

WHAT A BLESSING TO ALL OF US!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

My Dad, who is 88 years old, and has preached the Gospel for 67 years, listens to your Broadcast almost around the clock. What a blessing to all of us! Thank you for the wonderful work that you are doing.

NORTH CAROLINA
WATCHING YOUR PROGRAM BY INTERNET

Dear Brother Swaggart,

It is a pleasure to contact you. Lately I’ve been watching your Program by Internet, and it has been a great joy for me. Now I am happier for one reason, I found out that your Program is on a Satellite that covers our entire country of Brazil! Immediately I bought the device and had it installed, and now I watch you everyday without interferences. My wish is that you continue to do it. God bless you!

BRAZIL

MY EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE ON MY KINDLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am just so happy with my Expositor’s Study Bible on my Kindle. It’s not heavy to hold, and I can make the letters large so I can read it. Thank you so much for making it available for the Kindle. God bless you for all you do.

E-MAIL

THE ENTIRE COLLECTION OF THE JIMMY SWAGGART BIBLE COMMENTARIES

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to tell you a story of how I wanted the entire collection of the Jimmy Swaggart Bible Commentaries. I began to pray about it. I asked God to send me the money to buy these books. Sure enough, a side job came along. The pay came to the amount that these books, the entire collection, cost! God knows what we need. My wife also ordered for me a copy of the Sheepskin Expositor’s Study Bible for my birthday, and I love it. What a blessing you and your Ministry are.

NORTH CAROLINA

THE GIFT OF THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE

Beloved Pastor,

First be blessed and trust that the Lord Almighty is filling you more every day with the Spirit. I myself am the son of a Pastor in Costa Rica, and wanted to thank you greatly for the gift of The Expositor’s Study Bible sent to us Pastors here. I have no words to describe what this gift means to me. Maybe some people think it’s just a Bible, but I want you to know that it is only by your assistance in the past and now that has filled us with Blessings.

Thank you very much, and may the Lord reward you greatly! Blessings on you, your family, and the Ministry that God has placed in your hands.

COSTA RICA

READING THE BIBLE MORE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just want to tell you how much I love your Ministry.

I have been very blessed by it. I got an Expositor’s Study Bible back in June, and I have been reading the Bible more since then. Plus, it has helped me to understand the Bible even more, and it has ministered to me.

Thank you so much for what you are doing for the Kingdom of God.

MISSOURI

YOU ARE BROADCASTING OVER ROKU

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Wow! I discovered you are broadcasting over Roku, and thank you! I do not have any type of Satellite or Cable TV service due to high monthly costs. Now, I can see SonLife Broadcasting Network on Roku! Thank you, thank you, thank you. I love Sunday Services and Frances & Friends.

UTAH

PRAISE GOD!

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have been witnessing to my nieces’ children, as my niece is married to a Muslim man from Saudi Arabia, and he is a very angry man. His sister developed cancer, and came to this country for treatment. I prayed for her healing, and the cancer was gone. The Muslim man was amazed and can’t understand. So I also prayed for his Salvation as well. I am sending him an Expositor’s Study Bible today and Dr. Shayesteh’s DVD! Praise God!

DATA ENTRY CALLER

TOUCHE D ME AND INSPIRED MY LIFE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am a member of the Baptist faith. I just ordered one of your Expositor’s Study Bibles, and I wanted to tell you how much I love your television Ministries. They have touched me and inspired my life. You have a way of keeping me glued to your sermons and music. God has given you the great privilege of serving Him and His people, and from my standpoint you are doing a great job. Many preachers do not have the ability as you do. God be with you, and may He give you many years to continue His Work.

MISSOURI

CLASSIC CRUSADE

Pastor Swaggart,

I am watching your Classic Crusade program today. You are saying that people are going to hate you for what you’re preaching. I just wanted to let you know that I love you because you preach the way you do! You don’t sugarcoat it; you tell it like it is! God bless you, your family, and your Ministry.

VIRGINIA
Colossians 2:11-15 – “In Whom also you are circumcised with the Circumcision made without hands (that which is brought about by the Cross [Rom. 6:3-5]), in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the Circumcision of Christ (refers to the old carnal nature that is defeated by the Believer placing his Faith totally in the Cross, which gives the Holy Spirit latitude to work):

“Buried with Him in Baptism (does not refer to Water Baptism, but rather to the Believer baptized into the death of Christ, which refers to the Crucifixion and Christ as our substitute [Rom. 6:3-4]), wherein also you are risen with Him through the Faith of the operation of God, Who has raised Him from the dead. (This does not refer to our future physical Resurrection, but to that spiritual Resurrection from a sinful state into Divine Life. We died with Him, we are buried with Him, and we rose with Him [Rom. 6:3-5], and herein lies the secret to all Spiritual Victory.)

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh (speaks of spiritual death [i.e., ‘separation from God’], which sin does!), has He quickened together with Him (refers to being made spiritually alive, which is done through being ‘Born-Again’), having forgiven you all trespasses (the Cross made it possible for all manner of sins to be forgiven and taken away);

“Blotting out the handwriting of Ordinances that was against us (pertains to the Law of Moses, which was God’s Standard of Righteousness that man could not reach), which was contrary to us (Law is against us, simply because we are unable to keep its precepts, no matter how hard we try), and took it out of the way (refers to the penalty of the Law being removed), nailing it to His Cross (the Law with its decrees was abolished in Christ’s Death, as if Crucified with Him);

“And having spoiled principalities and powers (Satan and all of his henchmen were defeated at the Cross by Christ atoning for all sin; sin was the legal right Satan had to hold man in captivity; with all sin atoned, he has no more legal right to hold anyone in bondage), He (Christ) made a show of them openly (what Jesus did at the Cross was in the face of the whole universe), triumphing over them in it. (The triumph is complete and it was all done for us, meaning we can walk in power and perpetual Victory due to the Cross.)”

WHY SHOULD I PLACE MY FAITH IN CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED?

In Colossians 2:11-15 Paul qualifies why our Faith should remain in the Cross. In the last four installments of this series we have laid the foundation for this statement. The first six Benefits have already been discussed. They are:

1. Verse 11a - Faith in Christ’s Cross causes a person to be Born-Again.
2. Verse 11b - Faith in Christ’s Cross brings me freedom from the dominion of the sin nature.
3. Verse 12a - Faith in Christ’s Cross causes one to be united with Christ, burying his past life forever.
4. Verse 12 - Faith in Christ’s Cross causes the Believer to be Co-Raised with Him and to live in Him.
5. Verse 13a - Faith in Christ’s Cross Co-quicks or energizes the Believer by the Spirit of God.
6. Verse 13b - Faith in Christ’s Cross Provides me with forgiveness of all sin, past, present, and future.

(14) “Blotting out the handwriting of Ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His Cross. . . .”
revealed our need for a Saviour. This is in regard to our ungodly spiritual condition and plainly proves Me Freedom from Law as the Means to Benefit #7 - Faith in Christ and the Cross Provides Me Freedom from Law as the Means to Righteousness.

To be freed from the Law means that the Law can no longer indict and condemn me. The purpose of the Law was to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that man is a sinner. The Law was man’s “schoolmaster” that instructed us in regard to our ungodly spiritual condition and plainly revealed our need for a Saviour. Galatians 3:24 says, “Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by Faith.” When describing the New Covenant to the Church in Rome, Paul said this in Romans 3:21, “But now the Righteousness of God without the Law is manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets.” True Biblical Righteousness then, does not include Law. As well, living free from the dominion of sin does not include Law. In Romans 6:14 Paul would say, “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the Law, but under Grace.” We also find that in the Time of Christ, Israel’s Spiritual condition was not a result of a lack of zealousness. It was a lack of not knowing how to pursue Him. They felt that by doing certain things or by just being a Jew, God viewed them as Holy. Paul described their true state in Romans 10:2-4 when he said, “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (3) For they being ignorant of God’s Righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the Righteousness of God. (4) For Christ is the end of the Law for Righteousness to everyone who believes.”

ESTABLISHING OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS

The way man establishes his own righteousness or, in reality a false perceived righteousness, is through works. Most men claim righteousness or holiness based upon the bulwark of works. They think, “I act good, so that makes me good.” Every society on Earth evaluates people in the same way. Each society or culture has some system of rules or guidelines. If a man keeps those, he does not violate them, then he is good, he is righteous. If a man does not, then he is evil or no good. So, in the mind of man, in either a secular or a religious setting, the righteousness of a person is established by their works. This is righteousness by Law. Keep a certain system of rules, do a certain thing, don’t do others and you are righteous. However, true Righteousness, a perfect Righteousness, which God requires before entering into relationship with Himself, can only be attained by Faith in Christ and His Saving Work at Calvary. When the believing sinner places his heart-felt Faith in Christ Jesus, the Perfect Spotless Life of Christ, the Righteousness of Christ, is imputed into my account. The only Righteousness that God accepts is this imputed Righteousness. All else is as “filthy rags.” Therefore, my righteous standing is accomplished by Faith alone. Paul would go on to teach in Colossians 2:6, “As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk you in Him.” This would mean that the way we obtain Righteousness is also the way by which we achieve righteous living. If Righteousness is our standing then righteous action should be the result. However, once again, living righteousness is not possible for the human being on his own. Not even a seasoned, Spiritually-matured; Bible-believing spirit-filled God-fearing man will arrive at sinless perfection in this life. This is not an excuse to sin or remain the same, it is just a fact. The only way for me to achieve righteous living is for me to consistently place my Faith in the Person and Work of Christ. Then the Holy Spirit is free to help me. Paul taught this in Galatians 2:20-21 when He said, “... and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the Faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me. (21) I do not frustrate the Grace of God: for if Righteousness come by the Law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Only Faith in Christ’s Finished Work at Calvary, in the Cross, produces freedom from sin’s grasp and furnishes the Grace of God, that is, the effectual Working of the Holy Spirit, that I
Genesis 25:23 – “And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in your womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from your bowels (those two nations were the Edomites and Israelites; from the time of their birth, Esau and Jacob would be separated, divided, even hostile, for they would have nothing in common); and the one people shall be stronger than the other people (Jacob, who was younger, would be the stronger, but only through the Lord); and the elder shall serve the younger (every person is born with a sin nature, which makes that the ‘elder’; the Divine Nature comes into the Believer at conversion, and is the younger; however, if we follow God’s pattern of victorious living, which is Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, ‘the elder shall serve the younger,’ meaning that the Divine nature will be victorious over the sin nature).”

THE SIN NATURE VERSUS THE DIVINE NATURE

Every person is born with a sin nature, which is the nature that is bent towards sin. Due to the Fall in the Garden of Eden, mankind was thrust into sin, which means that every child that will ever be born, will be born in original sin. But, when we come to Christ, a new nature comes in, the Divine Nature. This new Nature, which comes to us on the basis of our Salvation experience, comes to us on the basis of our Faith in the Finished Work of Christ, which will make us more like Christ. Jacob and Esau represent these two natures that struggle for dominance in our lives.

Esau, who was born first, represents the sin nature. Jacob, who was born second, represents the Divine Nature. This means that every person is born with a sin nature. This also means that the nature of that person is bent wholly towards sin. As an unbeliever, the sin nature ruled and dominated every part of our lives. It controlled us, it made us do things that we normally would not do, and brought all sorts of trouble into our everyday lives. However, when we accept Christ as our Lord and Saviour, a new Nature comes in to dwell, the Divine Nature. The Divine Nature is stronger than the sin nature, and is the younger of the two natures. This new Nature, ordained by the Holy Spirit, will come in and usurp authority over the sin nature to reign supreme in the life of the Believer.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SIN NATURE AT CONVERSION?

One thing we must understand about the sin nature is that once the Divine Nature comes in, the sin nature does not go away, but rather remains and for a specific reason. It remains as a disciplinary measure in the life of a Believer, meaning that if the Saint of God does not understand how to live a Victorious, Overcoming Christian Life, which is through Faith in the Finished Work of Christ, then the sin nature will once again rear its ugly head, and dominate that person exactly as it did before our conversion. But, the sin nature does not have to rule in our lives, even though it is present. What this means is that if we ever keep our Faith anchored in the Finished Work of Christ, we are dead to the sin nature and, as Paul would say, we are “now alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:11).

It is because of the Finished Work of Christ on the Cross that we are dead to the sin nature, and that we remain dead to the sin nature. All of this is done by simple Faith. Without Faith, it is impossible to please God, as the Scripture says. But what does this Passage mean? As a Believer, the only currency in Heaven that God will recognize is Faith. We do not recognize our works, and He does not recognize our abilities. He only recognizes Faith, but that Faith must be in the right Object, the Cross of Christ, and as a result of our Faith being properly placed in Christ and the Cross, then we have just started on the road to unlimited Victory. Having said that, we, as humans, are not sinlessly perfect. There will be failure in our lives at some point. But, as a Believer, our Victory does not move up and down, providing we keep our Faith anchored in the Finished Work of Christ. For the only way that one could lose their Victory is by moving their Faith from Christ and the Cross to something else. At that moment, Victory is forfeited, and defeat will be recognized. Our Victory is never through what we’ve accomplished, or what we’ve done, but rather through Christ and what He has done for us at Calvary’s Cross, and as long as we keep our eyes on Christ, and not in ourselves we can live in a state of constant and unlimited Victory.

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH SAY ABOUT THE SIN NATURE?

There are five different ways that the sin nature is viewed in the modern church today, four of them being the wrong way, and one
being the right way, they are: ignorance, denial, license, struggle, and Grace. Let’s look at these a little closer.

THE WRONG WAYS

Let’s start with “ignorance.” The reason we will start here is that there are very few sermons preached in regards to the sin nature, which will lead the Believer to plead ignorance. This means that they have never heard of the sin nature, and do not know what that means. And because of a lack of understanding, untold problems will occur in the life of the Believer. We must look at the Bible to see that the Holy Spirit devoted much time and explanation of the sin nature, which means that this subject is of utmost importance.

Secondly, there is “denial.” This means that some preachers, even youth pastors, deny the fact of the existence of the sin nature. What is meant by this is the belief that we had a sin nature before we accepted Christ, but once we became Born-Again, the sin nature disappears, and no longer is present. This is wrong as well. The Believer faces this conflict on an everyday basis, because of these two natures within.

Third, some would say that because we have a sin nature, we cannot help but sin. This is called “license.” Those that believe this, claim that due to the Grace of God, which covers all sin, it does not really matter what they do. They say that they can do whatever they want, and the Grace of God will automatically cover their sins. Romans, Chapter 6, Verse 2, gives us the Holy Spirit’s response to that claim, “God forbid!”

Then there is “struggle.” This is where most Christians are. They do not want to sin, but not understanding the Cross of Christ relative to our everyday life and living, they think that they have to struggle everyday against the sin nature. I’ll admit that as a Christian, we are told to fight, but we are not told to fight against sin. The Holy Spirit tells us to “fight the good fight of Faith,” which means that we fight to keep our eyes on Christ and the Cross at all times. Satan will only fight one thing, the Cross. And he will do whatever he can to move us away from the Finished Work of Christ to something else.

GRACE

And the last way is “Grace.” There is only one way that we can live this life for Christ, Victorious over every sin that has plagued us in the past, through the Grace of God. The Grace of God is, what my Grandfather says, “The Goodness of God is given to undeserving man, and it is made possible to us only through the Finished Work of Christ.” When we look to the Cross exclusively, this will give the Holy Spirit the ability to Work within our lives, to take out the bad and put in the good.
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Everyone can agree upon the fact that America is currently facing tough times. The combination of severe weather events and economic woes mixed with high unemployment and gross immorality has plagued America. However, these are only the symptoms of the deep festering cancer that remains hidden and covered over in society by political correctness, general apathy, an unquenchable appetite for recreational stimulus, class warfare, racism, etc. What is the true problem? The problem is sin. America is suffering from the sin of unbelief.

UNBELIEF

Referring to unbelief alone is just an ambiguous statement with little meaning. I am specifically addressing unbelief towards the One True God. I am speaking of the Death, Burial, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A lack of Faith towards God and in the Sacrifice He supplied for us through the Death of Jesus Christ is the reason America is feeling chastisement. Consider the following: was what Germany faced after World War I and the subsequent rise of Adolf Hitler a result of their unbelief? The brilliance of German wisdom and education replaced Faith in God with faith in man. Instead of looking for the Christ, Who was and is the Lord Jesus, they accepted a type of the Antichrist. One might say that because of this, they were ripe for deception. Let us look at some similarities between America today and Germany at the rise of the demon-possessed madman known as Adolf Hitler. He brought Germany up from a nation drenched in deep despair, depression, and hopelessness to a nation full of workers willing to give themselves over to what they thought was a coming utopia of societal perfection. Germany looked to Hitler as their new messiah. Herr Fuehrer declared to the German people, “Just like Christ, I have a duty to my own people.” With regard to the destruction of the Jews, he said, “What Christ began, I will complete.” He also spoke to his close followers saying, “Whoever proclaims his allegiance to me is by this very proclamation and the manner in which it is made, one of the chosen.” Hitler was the Messiah, and Nazism was his religion.

PROMISES, PROMISES

A glimpse back at pre-WWII Austria shows a country suffering from deep financial depression. Nearly one-third of the work force was unemployed. Banks loaned money out at a rate of 25% because inflation was so high. People went door-to-door begging for food. Businesses were closing everyday, and there simply were no jobs to be found. Promises were made that if Hitler was elected, then he would bail out businesses, unemployment would end, and farmers would get their farms back. The people reacted with a joyous 98% vote to elect Hitler. Immediately, his new government opened up big field kitchens and everyone in Austria was fed. Hitler also appointed German officials to quickly restore law and order, albeit with an extreme emphasis on national security. Yes, there was hope, but there also came change. The similarities between the Austria of yesterday and America of today are all too obvious. Take for example the sustained high unemployment rates over the last few years. Also consider the fact that participation in food stamp programs has increased drastically, rising to nearly forty seven million participating Americans in 2012 from seventeen million enrolled in 2000. More than one hundred million Americans are on Welfare today, and that does not include Medicare, according to the Survey of Income and Program Participation conducted by the U.S. Census. Currently, the Government runs almost eighty different “means-tested” Welfare programs, and almost all of these have experienced substantial growth in recent years.
EDUCATION, CHILDREN, AND THE FAMILY

In Austria Christianity was removed from the schools when Hitler took power. The children were strictly taught the NAZI way, as all education was nationalized. Before the Nazi exclusivity, religion was taught in schools since the majority of the population was Catholic. Once Hitler was elected, teachers told students they would no longer pray or have religion classes. Instead, children sang songs about the Fatherland and had more physical fitness instruction. Pictures of Hitler replaced religious pictures. An emphasis was placed on the need for women to work as a priority over raising the family; the custom in Austria was for the men to go out and work, allowing for the women to stay home and handle domestic work. Hitler, however, spoke of women having “equal rights,” and he used the job market to display his point. What became of the children with mothers now working instead of raising them? They were raised in day-care centers. Government child-care facilities grew like fresh grass in the spring. Children from four weeks to school age could get around-the-clock care, seven days a week, for free. This was all done by the government in order to indoctrinate the next generation of children with NAZI ideology. Instead of motherly love caring for the children, they received instruction and influence from individuals highly trained in psychology. At this point in time, the citizens realized that they had been deceived, but sadly it was too late.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL

Nazism is a close ally of Socialism. Government handouts became a way of life for many in Austria and Germany. The tax rates went up to 80% of income to support the programs the Government supplied, including universal healthcare, and the government had total control over healthcare. Although healthcare was free for the public, the doctors were salaried by the government. Hospitals were constantly full, and doctors had filled waiting rooms. If you desired elective surgery, then you would have to wait a year or two for your turn on the operating table. The best doctors in Austria finally left because no money went into research. Instead, funds were funneled into this socialized healthcare system. Another example of government programs was that newlyweds immediately received a $1,000 loan from the government to establish a household, according to Kitty Werthmann, who lived in Austria at the time Hitler ruled. She testifies that all day-care and education was free, while college tuition was subsidized by the government. Everyone was entitled to free handouts, such as food stamps, clothing, and housing. Business and commerce became more regulated, and other restrictions were further imposed upon the people, such as gun control. The Germans were eager to confiscate guns from the people. Hitler instilled the idea that people were getting injured by guns. He believed the way to catch criminals was by matching serial numbers on guns to the offender. Of this time, Kitty Werthmann says, “Most citizens were law-abiding and dutifully marched to the Police Station to register their firearms. Not long afterwards, the police said it was best for everyone to turn in their guns. The authorities knew who had them, so it was futile not to comply voluntarily.”

RIPE FOR DECEPTION

America has seen, at least in part, all the above being developed. The deeper and wider plan of Satan has no boundaries. One cannot seek protection behind the veil of education or financial independence. There is only one escape from deception: we must be crucified with Christ. We must be wholly prepared to view all things through the Cross. America and Europe were once great beacons of light that shined the Gospel Light throughout the world. Today, we are steeped in paganism and false doctrine that denies the Saving Blood of Jesus. Germany was in the same condition at the time of Adolf Hitler. Those who accepted him saw Hitler as their only hope. They accepted his word as Gospel and his promises as true. Sadly, for a season, he delivered the goods. Within a short five-year period, he brought Germany up from the depths of economic despair to a vibrant economic position. The hope was nationalism, and the idea was that the German people would begin to see themselves as gods. Hitler confided in those who were closest to him that he was under orders from higher beings in his unique mission. He claimed, “I will tell you a secret . . . I am founding an order . . . the Man-God, that splendid Being will be an object of worship . . . but there are stages about which I am not permitted to speak.” He would also say, “Man is becoming God . . . man is God in the making.” Are the modern church Growth Movements of today not preparing America for a similar deception? Will an unprepared Church face tomorrow like Germany? The ingredients are frighteningly similar. Next month we will examine the spiritual condition of Germany that made her ripe for deception. We must learn from the past and not face tomorrow like yesterday.
TOUCHING THE WORLD

It’s a tall order, and in the natural, impossible; however, “With God all things are possible.”

I believe, and I actually can say, “I know” that God has called this Ministry (Jimmy Swaggart Ministries) to touch the entirety of the world. In fact, that should be the Mission and the Ministry of every Believer on the face of the Earth. All of us are responsible for taking this Message to the world. For those who do not know, who have not heard, Jesus died in vain.

But I firmly believe that God has given us a specific mandate for the entirety of the world, and that’s what we’re setting out to do. That is the reason I believe, that THE SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK is the fastest growing Network in history, as far as I know. This didn’t just happen. It was caused, and caused by the Lord.

Why?

There are many reasons, but it is the Message, and I speak of the MESSAGE OF THE CROSS that is so very, very important. The Early Church, as recorded in the Book of Acts, came in regarding the Message of the Cross. This was what the Lord gave to the Apostle Paul. Jesus Christ is the New Covenant; the meaning of that Covenant was given to the Apostle Paul, which is the meaning of the Cross. It is imperative that all know and understand what was given.

After the death of the Apostles and those who knew them, the church gradually went into apostasy, and morphed into what we now know as the Catholic Church. It plunged the world into the Dark Ages, simply because the Word of God was withheld from the people.

But then there was the Great Reformation in the early 1600’s that changed the course of history. It was followed by the great Holiness Revival, which began in Wales and Scotland, etc. And then at the turn of the Twentieth Century, the great Pentecostal Move began, which was a fulfillment of the “latter rain” outpouring as prophesied by the Prophet Joel. And now, it is the Message of the Cross, which means that the entire effort of the Holy Spirit has now come full circle.

YOU!

As you read these words I wonder, do you really know just how important that you are as it regards what the Lord is now doing? Do you realize that you are not just a bystander, not just an onlooker, but if you’re Saved by the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and baptized with the Holy Spirit, the Lord has put you, as our partner, our helper, in the taking of this Message to the world. I need you! I need your prayers! I need your support! And what a privilege it is to be part of what God is doing.

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as they are able to do so. We consider these people to be an integral part of this Ministry. In fact, what God has called us to do; I simply cannot do without you.

There’s only one requirement for you to join, and that is to be “Born-Again.” Somebody asked, “How much money does it cost?”

Actually, it doesn’t cost anything money wise; however, we would strongly encourage you to support that which is feeding you. And, how so much, I thank God for the thousands of Media Members who do support this Work on a monthly basis. And, of course, I would strongly urge and encourage all of you to do so. We need the help, and you need the Spiritual Nourishment, and above all to know that you’re helping to take this Message of the Cross to the entirety of the world.

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS?

That’s a good question, and the answer is so simple that a child can understand it, and at the same time the most complex on the face of the Earth. Let me briefly explain:

- Jesus Christ is the Source of everything we receive from God (Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 29; Col. 2:10-15).
- As Jesus Christ is the Source, the Cross of Christ is the Means by which all of these wonderful things are given to us (Rom. 6:1-14; Col. 2:10-15; Gal., Chpt. 5: 6:14).
- With our Lord as the Source and the Cross as the Means, then the Cross of Christ must be the Object of our Faith at all times (I Cor. 1:17-18, 21, 23; 2:2). And when we speak of the Cross of Christ, we aren’t speaking of the wooden beam on which He died, but rather what He there accomplished. He Atoned for all sin, past, present, and future, at least for all who will believe (Jn. 1:29). In doing this, He defeated Satan and every power of darkness. As well, in Atoning for all sin, which includes original sin, this made it possible for any Believer to come boldly to the Throne of Grace in time of need. It was Calvary that did it all.
- It is the Cross of Christ, what Jesus there did that gave and gives the Holy Spirit the legal means to do all that He does within our hearts and lives. Before the Cross He was greatly limited, but now, as it regards the Cross of Christ and what was there accomplished, the Holy Spirit can live within our hearts and lives forever (Jn. 14:16-17; Rom. 8:1-11; Eph. 2:13-18). It is the Cross of Christ which makes it all possible.

The truth is, no Believer, no matter how sincere, can honestly and truthfully live a victorious life without his or her Faith being exclusively in Christ and what Christ did for us at the Cross. This is the meaning of the New Covenant.

PRAY

I’m urging you to pray for China. One billion three hundred million souls reside in that country, almost all without the Gospel. While it’s impossible with man for that door to open, God is able to do all things.

As well, pray for Israel. Unfortunately, due to the weakness of the church as a whole, the support for Israel from the White House has never been weaker.

MY WORD FOR YOU

“. . . Fear not . . . For thus says the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the Earth” (I Ki. 17:13-14).

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With all this in mind we must define what it means to live by Law. Basically, it is the thought that if I perform well I will be righteous. I will earn a righteous standing through my works. The pain of living this lie is that no man performs the task to perfection. God resists the proud who would attempt to take this route and allows sin to dominate them. To try to earn Righteousness, or maintain Righteousness, or to live righteously by man’s efforts is highly offensive to God. For the lost that attempt to do this, they remain the lost never able to achieve to Righteousness. For the Believer who chooses this false way of righteousness, God views them as a Spiritual Adulterer. When they came to Christ, when they were espoused to Jesus as a new convert, they trusted in Him and His Work of Redemption on the Cross. They stated they would look only to Christ for their Redemption. However, their faith turned to their works and some outside method other than Faith in the Cross. I thank God that my Faith is securely fastened to the Person of Christ and His Work for me at Calvary. I am free from the Spiritual grind of attempting to achieve righteous standing or righteous living in my own effort. Christ has blotted out the Law that condemns me and establishes me in righteousness by faith. When my Faith is properly placed in Christ, the Spirit of God then goes to work, progressively enhancing and increasing my righteous activity by the means of Faith through the Work of the Spirit. Why should my Faith be in the Cross? Because He has taken away the demands and the indictment of the Law as a means to righteousness and has extended to me righteous standing and righteous living by Faith in the Lamb of God Who loved me and gave Himself for me!

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