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The Lord of the Harvest

On our program, *The Message of the Cross*, we were discussing a word that the Lord had given us concerning the dreams of Pharaoh that were interpreted by Joseph. If you’ll recall, the seven fat cattle and the seven good ears of grain in Pharaoh’s dream symbolized the greatest harvest that Egypt had ever experienced, but the seven lean cattle and seven thin ears represented the consuming famine that followed. (Gen. 41).
AFTER JOSEPH interpreted Pharaoh's dreams, Pharaoh set Joseph over all the land of Egypt. To prepare for both harvest and famine, Joseph had great receptacles built to store the grain so that there would be food for the people during the famine—a famine such as Egypt and the Middle East had never known before.

Pharaoh
Now hear me on this: I believe that the dream of Pharaoh has something to do with the end-time as well. It was not just pertaining to what took place in Egypt four thousand years ago. No, it also has to do with some things now.

Egypt saw a great harvest of grain, but I believe a move of God is coming that will bring in the greatest harvest of souls such as the world has never seen before, such as the church has never seen before, where hundreds of thousands, if not millions, are going to be swept into the kingdom of God. And, like the famine that followed Egypt's bounty, immediately following this harvest of souls will be the great tribulation period, as represented in Pharaoh's dream by seven lean cattle and seven empty ears of grain. Jesus said this great tribulation will be worse than anything that has ever taken place on this planet and never will be again. That's how bad it will be when it comes. (Mat. 24:21)

But again, immediately preceding this great tribulation, I believe, will be a great harvest of souls. I don't necessarily see revival, as we didn't see revival in Pharaoh's dreams; it was a harvest.

Harvest
You say, “Well, how can there be a harvest without a revival?” Well, it can be, as the Word goes out. I wish to heaven that there would be a revival, bringing people back to the cross; I would to God that were the case. There will be some, I believe, who will experience a great move of God in their hearts and lives that you could constitute as a revival. But overall, as far as the denominational world is concerned, it has lost its way. Even the great Pentecostal denominations that once touched this world for Christ, and thank God for that, are losing their way now. And, I say that with sadness; I don't say it with any gladness of heart at all.

In 1993, give or take, the Lord told me, “My church is sick, the whole head is sick, and the body is full of sores.” These are words out of Isaiah concerning Judah, but the Lord gave it to me concerning the church today. “My church is sick,” He said. “The whole head is sick, and the body is full of sores that no medicine can mollify.” And, that's the condition of the church today. But when the Lord gave me that, He also gave me something else on that day some years ago. He said, “I'm going to start a move at Family Worship Center that is going to girdle the globe.” Hallelujah to the Lamb. As the Lord spoke that to me I thought, “How in the world can it be? How is it possible?” But with God, all things are possible. Praise God. The old song says:

1. GOD LOVES YOU!
"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life" (Jn. 3:16).

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD
"For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

"For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ...” (1 Pet. 3:18).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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1. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED AND ONLY INFAILIBLE AND AUTHENTIC WRITTEN WORD OF GOD (Ps. 119:105).

2. THERE IS ONE GOD, ETERNALLY EXISTENT IN THREE PERSONS: GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (1 Jn. 5:7).

3. THE DEITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, IN HIS VIRGIN BIRTH, IN HIS SINLESS LIFE, IN HIS MIRACLES, IN HIS VICTORIOUS AND ATONING DEATH (Rom. 1:1-4; Eph. 1:18; 2:13-18; Rev. 19:20).

4. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN (Rom. 5:1).


6. IN THE SANCTIFYING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY WHOSE INDWELLING IN THE 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 (Isa. 9:1-4; Eph. 1:10-21; Rev. 20:6-15).

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 Name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

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All I knew was missionaries, and I didn't really know what world evangelism was going to do. We were struggling to try to hold on to what we had, and not looking like we were going to make it. But, thank God, by His grace, we did make it. And, I'm beginning to see now: It's not what is going to be, but it is a beginning—the Lord is moving and touching hearts and lives all over this world, and I thank God for it. I thank God that He's using vessels such as this evangelist, even though we're not worthy of anything, to be honest with you.

The Dream
God called us for world evangelism when I was eight years of age. At that time, I didn't really know what world evangelism was. All I knew was missionaries, and I didn't know much about them. But God gave me a dream when I was about ten years old. In that dream, I found myself standing out in front of our house up in northeast Louisiana. I looked to my right, and I saw a replica of the globe, about the size of a basketball, and I knew it was this planet, Earth, suspended in space. It turned, slowly, and I could see the continents on it. As I looked, it did not seem strange to me that this thing was just hanging in space with nothing holding it up.

Then, all of a sudden, I saw a figure standing under it, a little bit off to the side, looking up at the globe. Instantly, I knew the figure was Satan, but somehow there was no fear. I looked at him as he stood staring at the replica of Earth. Then he turned, looked at me, and said, “You will not do it. I will stop you.” I didn't know what he was talking about. What did he mean? At the time, I didn't know, but since then I have come to know exactly what he meant. Satan turned back and looked at the globe again for a period of time. Then he turned back at me and said the same identical words again: “You will not do it. I will stop you.”

World Evangelism
I came to learn through the years that God had given us a commission for world evangelism, to touch this world for Christ. Satan did try to stop us—and he came very close to doing so. But by the grace of God, he did not succeed, and by the grace of God he will not succeed. Praise the Lord.

I don't know how many more in the world that God is calling, but I do know that He has called this ministry for world evangelism.

I remember when we were trying to get people to help us with the translation work. We had gotten a few, but trying to translate programming twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week is horrendously expensive. Anyway, the Lord spoke to me and said, “Forget about that, about the translation. Every door that I open, no matter where in the world it is, go through it.” Until then, I hadn't thought about it, but many times a great percentage of populations do speak English. I thought how some of them will get saved, and they'll work as a missionary in their own countries; and others, who are already saved, will give this message of the cross to their friends and relatives.

The Lord said, “Every door that I open, no matter where in the world it is, go through it,” and so that's what we have done and are doing.

We recently went on in 40 countries in Africa. We're also on every major cable system in the United States except for one, and that one had adamantly refused to air our programming. Then, all of a sudden, they changed their minds and put us on—we're not on their entire system, but we will be very shortly. I’ve been praying for the Philippines, and the Lord has opened the door there as well. I could go on and on about how the Lord is opening up different regions for us to get the gospel through. Praise God.

Everywhere
The Lord told me, “Everywhere that signal goes from these television cameras”—He said everywhere—“My Spirit will go with it,” and brother, there is nothing that the Holy Spirit cannot do.

The Lord told the great prophet Zechariah, “Not by might, nor by power (not by human might or human power), but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Zech. 4:6).

Our Lord Himself said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Lk. 4:18-19). This is the acceptable year, glory to God.

Ladies and gentlemen, I believe that many of you feel and sense it as well that God is about to do a powerful thing—a mighty move—glory to God!

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The Vision
In 1985, the Lord gave me a vision of a harvest, and, about two years ago in prayer, the Lord refreshed that vision. Once again I saw it—the fields of cotton as far as I could see in every direction. As preachers, we picture fields of grain symbolizing the harvest, so why did I see cotton? The Lord took me to His Word where He said, “Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (Jn. 4:35). And in Luke, He said, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest (who is Jesus Christ), that he would send forth labourers into his harvest” (Lk. 10:2).

The Lord said to me, “I have called others for localities, for certain areas of the world. But I have called this ministry alone for the entirety of the world.” And if you think about it, it’s not so difficult to understand. That’s what our ministry has been called to do from the very beginning—to touch this entire world for the cause of Christ.

The Commission
Anyway, as I saw this vision of the harvest again, the Lord said, “The commission that I gave you on July 1, 1985—that commission is still in force.” I was shocked and didn’t know how to take it because thirty-four years earlier He had said, “Don’t fail Me, because there is no one else to do it.” And I remember thinking then, “Lord, I tried my best, but I can’t do it all.” At that time, we had a tremendous move of God in Russia, in what was then the Soviet Union and many there had come to the saving knowledge of Christ. Even so, I felt that I just could not do all that the Lord desired to be done at that time.

So this time, when I heard the Lord say, “The commission is still in force. Get it done,” I realized that when God calls us to do a certain thing, at the same time, He calls a lot of other people as well, to help. And that’s where you come in. Without you, we can’t do it. He has called you, as well as me. Your support—both prayerful and financial—is not just happenstance, so please don’t look at it that way. Understand that God has placed you where you are and has given you a burden for this ministry to touch this world for Christ, and that means you are a part of it. That’s a tremendous honor and privilege of unprecedented proportions.

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The Biblical View of Homosexuality

PART I

“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.”

—ROMANS 1:26-27

AFTER READING a vast variety of emails, articles, news clips, etc., I feel strongly impressed by the Holy Spirit to address the very delicate and controversial issue of homosexuality; not only homosexuality as society knows it to be, but God’s biblical standard concerning it. I do not wish to speak from standards of my own making here, nor the ethical standards of our modern culture, but from the standards of a Holy God who has asked me to reach out to all who will hear Him concerning this very critical issue of our time. I hope to make it clear to you how the Lord feels about homosexuality and, as well, His solution for this terrible sin.

I once heard a wise man say that while God is the greatest embodiment of love that has ever existed, or will ever exist, it is not love that makes Him God. God is God because of His power! He is God because of His authority! He is all-powerful, all mighty, and all knowing. Yes, God is love, but love is not God. The love of God is holy. This presents a problem for a fallen, sinful creation. Mankind cannot receive the love of God without willingly submitting to His order and authority by the way of the cross. The sacrifice of His son, Jesus, for the redemption of our sins was God’s way of showing us that within His great power was also great love. However, the conditions inherent in this way of the cross must be met for a man
to receive the love of God on a personal basis — to receive salvation. We must make Jesus both our Saviour and our Lord. Therefore, the way of the cross requires a man to surrender lordship of his own life to God, and he must also agree with God that it is His standards alone that constitute holiness. Therefore, if God deems anything to be sin, man must agree. It is not man’s right to make the distinction between right and wrong; that is His right as Lord. His Spirit is, in fact, speaking continually to the hearts of men saying, “I am the Lord.” We are without excuse. “And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you” (Ex. 3:14).

The Word Homosexuality

Many today would try to argue that we can’t be sure how the Lord views homosexuality because the specific word homosexuality is not found in Scripture. However, this argument is completely foolish because the Bible does use plenty of other words and phrases that mean precisely the same thing. Besides, the word homosexuality did not even enter the English vocabulary until the early twentieth century. It is, in fact, for this peculiar sin that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, giving the word sodomy its biblical origin. In ecclesiastical Latin, sodomy is translated “peccatum sodomiticum,” or the “sin of Sodom.” “But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly” (Gen. 13:13). “Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground” (Gen. 19:24-25). “There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel” (Deut. 23:17). “And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel” (I Ki. 14:24). “And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord …” (II Ki. 23:7).

The Meaning Of Homosexuality

Also, referring specifically to homosexual acts, Leviticus 18:22 says, “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” Leviticus 20:13 says, “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.” And perhaps, the most obvious evidence that the Lord opposes homosexuality is that it is simply unnatural. It clearly goes against His intention as creator because it goes against the natural sexual expression of human beings. It also tears down the spiritual type the Lord intended for marriage to display. God created marriage, as a covenant relationship between a man and woman, as a picture of the covenant relationship a believer enters into with the Lord when he is born again. A Christian becomes one with Christ as a husband and wife become one. The family unit then becomes a means of protection, security, and love, which demonstrates the very provision the Lord provides for His children. “And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:22-24). I Corinthians 6:9 uses the word effeminate, which is a Greek word specifically meaning “sodomite” or “male homosexual prostitute.” It does not merely refer to a man with feminine qualities as we use it today. I Timothy 1:10 uses the phrase, “…them that defile themselves with mankind …” The Greek word used in this verse is arsenokoitais and means “male homosexuals.” Referring back to I Corinthians 6:9, this same Greek word was also originally used in place of the phrase, “…abusers of themselves with mankind.” Therefore, arsenokoites more specifically refers to “abusers,” or “to be guilty of unnatural offenses; a sodomite; a homosexual; a sex pervert.” The Holy Spirit, here, likens homosexuality to predatorial abuse, even the abuse of oneself.

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Yet, today, in city after city, there are entire areas given over to the homosexual lifestyle. The acceptance of this practice in modern society has been gradually building for sometime now, but in the last several years, we have seen an explosion in its growth as the minds of reprobate men fail to understand its far-reaching consequences. With this delusion has also come the demand for the approval, inclusion, and support of homosexual rights. The demand is harsh and determined, and it is not only coming from homosexuals but from our very own government. They press on, despite the fact that, historically speaking, every time a city was inflicted with this vice and left to run its natural course, the city became so shaken that it crumbled and fell. Homosexual practice is, in fact, widely recognized as one of the causes for the downfall of the Roman Empire. They destroyed themselves by their own perversion, similar to ancient civilizations that literally sacrificed themselves out of existence. This is exactly what we are facing today in the United States! From this point on, every decision we make concerning the issue of homosexuality will have lasting effects on our survival, not only as a nation but as a human race. In times past, it was only particular segments of the world that were permeated with this vile sin and destroyed. Today, because it is embraced worldwide, the entire global community stands to be judged. This is absolutely one of the greatest signs of the times before us! Get ready, saints, for our “redemption draweth nigh!”

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“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” —MATTHEW 5:13-16

The Responsibility of Citizenship

ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE | Part I

THE SERMON ON the Mount was the greatest sermon ever preached. Matthew 5:3-16 gives us the moral responsibilities of the believer during our lives here on earth.

The moral responsibility of citizenship is not a debate, according to the Bible. While there are many responsibilities, there is one that I want to highlight, and that is voting. Dwight D. Eisenhower said, “The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter.” Yet the fact is, far too many never vote, or they vote wrong.

As Christians, we have the moral responsibility to vote, and to vote for the person whose platform is the closest to biblical principles. As Christians, there are two issues that we must always oppose, and those two issues are abortion and same-sex marriage.

According to the Bible, abortion is murder, and same sex marriage is an
attack upon God’s first institution—the home. You can’t call yourself a Christian and vote for anyone who is pro-abortion and pro same-sex marriage. I know people become very angry when I say this, but I am right. I am right not because of opinion but because my belief is biblical.

I will give you a brief overview of the text, as well as a few other verses, to give you a biblical foundation of our responsibilities as citizens and Christians.

As one reads our text, it becomes obvious that the believer is to be a deterrent to evil and a preservative of righteousness. We are to be a reflection of Jesus Christ in speech and action, hence the Lord’s pronouncement that we are to be “salt” and “light.” Let’s look at these verses.

The Salt Of The Earth
Salt is a preservative, therefore the Lord is telling us that we are to be a preservative of all that is good, holy, and righteous. We are to preserve the truth of God’s Word by living it in public.

Light Of The World
The believer is not only to be a preservative, but also light in the darkness. Of course, we understand that this is light derived solely from Christ. In other words, we are to be a reflection of the one true Light—Jesus Christ. The world sits in darkness, as Matthew 4:16 tells us: “The people which sat in darkness saw great light and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.” Not only is the world in spiritual darkness, but also in spiritual death. So in our civic duties, we are to bring light into the darkness by upholding the values of life and the sanctity of marriage.

Neither Do Men Light A Candle, And Put It Under A Bushel
As believers, we are not to hide our light, but boldly let it shine. When you neglect your responsibility to vote, or you vote for people whose platforms are anti-Christian, you are hiding your light and therefore not helping the kingdom of God. Matthew 5:16 actually sums up the entire idea: “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

I would hope that every believer has enough biblical sense to understand that we are never to condone the murder of the unborn or same-sex marriage. It is sin plain and simple: to not vote, or to vote for those who support such means you are complicit in that sin.

Now I know some say the Bible doesn’t mention voting in particular, and that is true; however voting was not applicable to the world of that day. Times have changed; we have a different process now, but our Christian responsibility has not changed. We are to be salt and light in every aspect of our lives.

I believe we are to vote, and to vote for those who stand for Christian principles even though the individual may not be our definition of a Christian. Never forget: we are not voting for a spiritual leader, but a political leader—a political leader whose platform supports Judeo-Christian principles.

Proverbs 29:2 says: “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.” All good government is good because of its recognition of the authority of the Bible. Whenever government upholds biblical principles, freedom and prosperity follow.

In closing, Proverbs 14:34 says: “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” Let every Christian heed these words and stand for righteousness and vote—and vote correctly.

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Noah 09-118
Noah walked with God, the Bible says, and he was just and perfect in his generations—his lineage. Noah also found grace in the eyes of the Lord, which happens to be the very first time that the word grace is mentioned in the Word of God. So, what was it like for Noah to hear the Lord say that He would destroy all flesh on the earth? God told Noah, and Noah alone, that the flood was coming. For decades, the people around Noah watched his struggle to build an ark based on pure faith in God. Still standing on dry ground, they mocked the man of God while eating, drinking, and refusing to heed Noah’s warning that rain was coming. Then, just as God said, the flood came.

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“While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.” —MATTHEW 25:5-6

THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH,
Go Ye Out To Meet Him
Part II

AS CHRIST CONTINUES this all-important narrative, it is now midnight. However, when he speaks of midnight, He is not actually speaking of the time of day, but rather that we are living in the last of the last days. I want to focus on the fact that we are not told in Scripture when the Lord is going to come back, and because of that, we must live our lives as being ready for that momentous event to take place at any time. Of what momentous occasion are we speaking? We are, of course, speaking of the rapture of the church. I want to take this time to answer some questions about the rapture of the church that some of you may have.

When Will The Rapture Take Place?
The first question that I want to answer is regarding when the rapture of the church will take place. According to our text, and several others that we will refer to, we do not know when the rapture will take place, but one thing we do know is that it could take place at any moment. Jesus said in Matthew 24:36, “But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels in heaven, but My Father only.” We have heard from many individuals peddling the idea that they have decoded some secret message throughout the pages of the Bible that will guarantee the exact date of the rapture, but all have been proven wrong. The above Scripture tells us that NO ONE knows when this event will take place. So, when you hear someone proclaiming that he knows when the rapture will take place, do not believe him. I can tell everyone one thing about the rapture, and that is that it will take place. Seeing that major events take place every 1,000 to 2,000 years, we know that this day is drawing nigh. And seeing that we don’t know when the rapture will take place, we should live our lives as prepared as we possibly can.

What Are The Qualifications Of Being Included In The Rapture?
This next question is one that has been asked by many throughout the years, and
the answer is very simple. The only qualification to be included in the rapture is to be saved or, in other words, born again. This means to accept Christ as one's personal Lord and Saviour, to be washed in the blood of the Lamb, to believe that Jesus Christ died and rose again, and He is now seated by the right hand of the Father. To make a few unhappy with my statement, this means that you do not need to speak in tongues to be saved and to make it to heaven. I understand that there are some who believe that in order to be saved, the individual in question needs to speak in tongues, but that is a wrong belief system. There is nothing in Scripture that says that one has to speak in tongues in order to be saved. Nothing! However, I do want to make one thing very clear—I believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues, but one does not need that in order to make the rapture or to make heaven his home. The baptism with Holy Spirit is for service, meaning that we need the infilling of the Holy Spirit to live this life here on earth. As someone has said, “We don’t need the Holy Spirit to get to heaven, but we need the Holy Spirit to go to Wal-Mart.”

Without The Baptism With The Holy Spirit, Little Can Be Done For God

I understand that some may disagree with this next statement, but I believe it to be scriptural. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, and I speak of one being filled with the Spirit, there is little that can be done for God on this earth. This is why it was an imperative statement made by Christ in Acts 1, that every single disciple (Christian) needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak with tongues. I have had many Christians try and argue this point by bringing up individuals who have done a great work for Christ without being filled with the Spirit. My answer to them has always been the same—they walked in the light that they knew, and God honored such. However, we have been given much more light, and being filled with the Spirit is a part of that light. If we reject what God has provided, there is not much that He can do within our hearts and lives.

Water Baptism

Along with this thought, there are some who believe that we need to be water baptized in order to be saved. Once again, this is an erroneous belief. What are we to do with the dying thief who hung next to Christ and died believing that Christ was, and is, the Messiah? He did not have time to be water baptized, and neither was he filled with the Spirit, but yet, Christ told him that he would be welcomed into paradise. Think of this: when that dying thief went down with Christ to paradise, he didn’t stay for long because when Christ led captivity captive and brought the old covenant believers to heaven, he was one of them. That man is in heaven right now all because he believed. Water baptism is simply an outward sign of what has already happened on the inside of the individual. Water does not, and cannot, save anyone. There are many who believe that one has to be baptized in water to be saved, but once again, that is not scriptural. I once heard a famous country music singer make the statement when asked when he accepted Christ, that he was baptized in water at a young age, and because of that, he was good to go. Notice that he never made a profession of faith, or that once he said yes to Christ, he knew that he had been changed. The only thing he said was that he was baptized in water. Am I saying that this famous country music singer is not saved? No, because I don’t know his heart. What I am saying is that if that person, or anyone, places his faith in the act of water baptism and not in Christ, then all that happened was a ceremony.

Faith in Christ and the cross is the only requirement to be saved, and as such, is the only requirement to be qualified for the rapture. If you are truly born again, then you are a candidate for heaven. In the meantime, while we are waiting, we must be vigilant in what God has given us. We never know when that day will come when He will call us home, whether in death or by the rapture. We see from our text that when the Bridegroom came, there were five virgins who were not ready, and neither were they looking for Him.

Part III of this article will be continued in the March issue of The Evangelist.

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Jesus Has More For You

For some of you, when you read the title to this article, the words jumped off the page, and that’s because God has been dealing with you about more that He has for you.

Others will read this title with a wondering heart and desire to know what the statement “Jesus has more for you” means. Throughout God’s Word, we see that God is the God of more. The same is true of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The eternal Godhead—the Trinity—always has more for people. When Jesus saved us, He gave us more than we could understand with our human minds. But Jesus does not stop being the Saviour of more after we get saved. As a child of God, He always has more for you.

First, let me clarify what I am not referring to. I am not referring to “more beyond Jesus and what He accomplished at the cross.” Some churches have the belief that we are to move beyond the cross in order to grow in the Lord. The belief is that you’ve got to leave the cross and get into the “deeper things” of God. That is a lie! If you go beyond the cross in regards to any aspect of your relationship with God, then you’ve gone too far, and you need to come back. Let me state this plainly, there is nothing good beyond Jesus, what He accomplished at the cross, and His Word (the Bible) that declares such. When we go beyond Jesus and the benefits of His death and resurrection, we will not get deeper in the things of God, we will get shallow in Him.

Jesus cried out on the cross right before He died, “It is finished!” (Jn. 19:30). It was a statement of total victory over Satan, sin, and all the powers of darkness. Everything that God does in our life, He does it by His Spirit through our faith and dependence in what Jesus did at the cross. This is the foundation and the high water mark of receiving salvation, sanctification, deliverance, and living with the character of Jesus—the fruit of the Spirit.

What I am referring to is that Jesus has more of Himself, and all the benefits of what He accomplished at the cross for us. All that He has for us is endless, limitless, eternal, infinite, and inexhaustible!

When Paul was preaching at Antioch-Pisidia, he referred to David as a “man that was after God’s heart” (Acts 13:22). David understood the heart of
God, that God is a blessing God. In Psalm 103:2 David wrote, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” David wanted all of God and all the benefits that come with knowing God—forgiveness, healing, deliverance, love and mercy, fulfillment, and a renewed strength.

In Philippians 3, Paul declared the same thing: “That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 3:10-14).

Paul understood the heart of His Saviour, Jesus Christ. He knew that Jesus did not die on the cross only to save him from hell, but that Jesus wanted to give Paul more of Himself, on this side of glory. Paul realized there is more of Jesus for himself personally, but he knew there was more of the power of Christ for others as well. There were more people to be saved, to be healed, to be baptized with the Spirit, and to understand the cross for sanctification. This is why Paul asked the believers in Ephesus to pray for him “that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel” (Eph. 6:19). There were more doors of ministry that needed to be opened, and Paul knew that only God could open those doors.

Every revival and move of God, individually or corporately, has been fed by the desperation and faith on the inside of believers who believed that Jesus had more for them. Being content with the religious status quo of going through the motions is completely contrary to the nature of God. Jesus wants to manifest Himself (Jn. 14:21) in your life like you have never known up to this point. Look to Him, trust Him, seek His face, expect more of Him, and expect more of His benefits.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians 3:20, “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

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believers, then we will have to first learn how to receive it. The God kind of love is not normal for fallen humanity. Love for self is the norm. The means by which we receive the God kind of love can only come by grace through faith. Godly love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

God’s grace, propelled by proper faith in the heart of the believer, allows two things to occur. First, it diminishes the activity of the works of the flesh in a believer’s life. Secondly, it causes the fruit of the Spirit to increase and abound. Therefore, properly placed faith in Christ and Him crucified would be vital in the promotion of Christianity. Sadly, we do not see enough of this God kind of love (agape) from one Christian toward another. Perhaps now would be a good time to consider how we as Christians treat one another.

The Command to Love

The night before He was crucified, Jesus made a number of rather important declarations to His disciples. One of those declarations was a command that they love one another. He had previously declared that the believers must love their enemies—those who persecute them and those who despise them. However, in these statements Christ makes the case for the need of the believer to love other believers. Why would this be important? It would be important because, ultimately, it would reveal to the world a religion that did not cause men to be at odds with one another. Instead, Christianity would provide the ability to its adherents to love one another. Jesus stated that the evidence would be vital in the promotion of Christianity. Sadly, we do not see enough of this God kind of love (agape) from one Christian toward another. Perhaps now would be a good time to consider how we as Christians treat one another.

The Source of Love

Jesus said that we are to love one another with the same passion, prominence, and resolve that He extends toward those who have accepted Him. The evidence of Christ’s love for humanity was exemplified by His willingness to lay down His life for others. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (Jn. 15:13). If we are to successfully exhibit this love toward other believers, then we will have to first learn how to receive it. The God kind of love is not normal for fallen humanity. Love for self is the norm. The means by which we receive the God kind of love can only come by grace through faith. Godly love is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” —JOHN 13:34-35

The Way of Love
not only diminishes the occurrence of sin in the life of the saint, but it is also the only means by which the fruit of the Spirit may flourish and increase. Once more we see the importance of what Christ did for us at Calvary. He took away the penalty of sin and defeated the dominating power of their enemies with kindness. This is contrary to fallen human nature. Mankind is intrinsically selfish and generally focused upon his own needs. We find it difficult to love those who do not prove to be of any benefit to our own personal designs. We find it almost impossible to love those who actively and hatefully pursue our destruction and downfall. So, the ability to love must come from the God of love. The power to love comes from the Holy Spirit who indwells us. The believer’s source of love and his ability to love are intrinsically tied together. Once again, it is our faith in Christ and the cross that provides us with these specific aspects of God’s grace. This grace (the work of the Holy Spirit) gives us a desire to love others and the ability to rise above selfishness. We will find the ability to love only through faith in the finished work of Christ.

The Result of the God Kind of Love
If the witness to the world that Christianity is a worthwhile endeavor depends upon the ability and the power that Christians have to love one another, how important should this command of Christ be on the Christian’s list of priorities? Some of the greatest examples of hatred and unkindness have been displayed by the way that Christians deal with one another. Arguments over doctrines can easily get out of hand. This is not to say that believers should compromise truth just for the sake of fellowship, but it does indicate the need to exercise great self-control and patience as we minister the truth to those who have opposing views. The pride in man provides a natural tendency to divide the church. Man’s innate love of self, coupled with the pride of life within, is inclined to defend whatever we have chosen to become a part of. All of us want to believe we are connected to the right thing, the best thing, or the winning team. So, instead of using our structure as a tool to promote the love of Christ, we too often promote our church, fellowship, or denomination above Christ and His commands. How we treat one another speaks volumes as to what lies within the heart of the believer. The love that truly comes from God needs to be displayed to the world. They do not need to see another system that cuts the throat of its competitor. They are already in that system, which is the system of the world. Again, we do not speak of fellowship or unity to the point of compromise, but perhaps there is a lesson to be gained if we will look more intently and earnestly upon the new covenant commandment of Christ to love one another. Then the observing world just might develop a desire to come to know the Christ we serve. As John the apostle declared, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (I Jn. 3:18).

“How we treat one another speaks volumes as to what lies within the heart of the believer.”
“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” —COLOSSIANS 2:8

Philosophy and New Age Poisons

SINCE THE FALL of man, mankind has ever tried to create his own society without God. Cain built a worldly dynasty. It wrought music and agricultural development that cultivated a society built on labor and works without faith in God. From then on, mankind has attempted to build and rebuild society apart from the Word of God. It is no less marvelous to witness how society has not improved the condition of mankind, although his discoveries and inventions have made life more practical and convenient. All the while, it has left the masses steeped in a morass of dissatisfaction. Sadly, the modern church has not turned to God and His word but has opted to integrate the principles of the world system, albeit governed by Satan. In so doing, the modern church has impregnated its adherents with a heightened level of enthusiasm to believe. That belief is that it can accomplish anything it so desires by means of experiences and philosophy gained from observing previous efforts of man to form a perfect society.

In my last several articles, I dealt with the modern church’s use of mysticism and how the meditation practices of Buddhists and Hindus can be assimilated into Christian meditation to gain a closer experiential knowledge of God. This is one spoke in the wheel of the modern church being recreated in the image of worldly society. Just exactly what has the church borrowed from the world and philosophy to be just another child of Satan rather than a truthful witness of Jesus Christ to a wicked generation?

“The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and there is no new thing under the sun” (Eccl. 1:9).

Pratfall of the Modern Church Aground in Philosophy

The age of reason may portend to have graduated from Greek philosophy to an heightened era of rationalists and empiricists. From the seventeenth century on, there was a group of thinkers, which was known as the Continental Rationalists, and was made up of Rene Descartes, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, and Baruch Spinoza. They assumed on faith the mind’s ability to function correctly, independent of any external guidelines for
thought and independent of God’s revelations about his creation. They felt that the mind could build a sound, unshakable system of thought by deductive reasoning from simple premises. This would be reinforced by truths retained from the biblical worldview from which they could borrow for the sake of convenience. Contrary to their idea was another group of philosophers known as the British Empiricists, who took things a step further toward modernism. This group, composed of John Locke, George Berkeley, and David Hume, denied the existence of the “innate ideas” held by the rationalists. All that man can know, they proposed, must originate in experience. All “abstract ideas,” such as God or truth, must derive from some sense impression in order to be intellectually valid. More particularly to David Hume was the thought that all man can legitimately know from experience is a succession of sensations. Therefore, since things, such as God, one’s personal identity, and the events of life, are not immediate sense impressions, such as pain, color, or size, we cannot know that they exist. Man experiences only a succession of events that habit and memory lead him to connect together into various unifying experiences. In fact, what Hume was saying, was that just because the sun has risen every day for thousands of years, that gives us no reason to predict it will come up again. Hume had just declared the death sentence on what philosophers call causation, the very foundation upon which modern science is founded. The idea of cause and effect is efficacy, by which one process or state (a cause) contributes to the production of another process or state; an effect where the cause is partly responsible for the effect, and the effect is partly dependent on the cause. The ideal of science is to show through experimentation that a process is repeatable and, therefore, provable. Why is it necessary to consider all of these philosophical concepts of the past? By having a basic understanding of man’s thoughts, we can quickly identify them as foolish and erroneous when it comes to man’s real problem, which is sin. The modern church has used these ideas to interpret the Bible. If one takes sin out of the equation, man no longer needs a Saviour, and the cross is no longer the means for man to receive anything from God. When you take the cross out of Christianity, you are left with only a vapid philosophy.

New Age: Philosophical and Religious
New Age tenets are not new. They are a modern revival of ancient religious traditions, along with a potpourri of influences, such as Eastern mysticism, modern philosophy and psychology, science, and science fiction. It is a religious movement that is centered in self, and all you need is within. There is no defined order of sin, repentance, or salvation. You become your own god. The people worship the god of forces and promote the aquatic gospel of Jesus Christ. Satan’s primary tactic in opposing God is not to foster atheism but religion; not to prove there is no God but to be worshiped as God. Satan’s lie to Eve was “and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.” One of the seedbed concepts of the New Age movement is ecumenism. This states that no religious practice is better than another, and that all religions will end up at the same destination. The ultimate means of getting there is the realization that mankind is the Christ manifested on earth. We are becoming what we are: humanity is god, and the quest to find ourselves comes through our unity.

After studying the New Age movement, I had to find what was the catalyst that could bring all the differences together. What philosophical concept would be accepted by all people and would not offend any religious persuasion? What can accept the Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, atheist, etc.? What has no language, racial, or cultural barriers? What has no discrimination toward anyone but is willing to help everyone and anyone? It is universally accepted by every nation of the world of which I am aware. It was so obvious to see, yet so big I couldn’t notice it. Its followers and practitioners are not concerned about God, but only humanity. They focus on the individual and seek only to help that individual find himself as he looks within himself. The legal systems of the civilized world rely on it to determine who is in sound mind. The educational system relies on it to determine how to counsel students with problems or to guide them for their future. The penal system uses it to evaluate who should or should not get probation. Every facet of society uses it. It is psychology. Next month, we will explore this a little more deeply.

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When Is Truth Not The Truth?

The quest to know truth is a noble cause. Whether it is in reference to civic events, the state of the union address, or medical results, there are those who adamantly want to know the truth. Conversely, there are always those who are “less committed” to truth. In their desire to maintain personal peace and happiness, they have a unique relationship with truth. Their truth is often not a traditional truth. So, when is truth not the truth?

What is Truth?

Before we can answer our all important question, we must first define what truth is. During Pilate’s interrogation of the Son of Man, he asks the question, “What is truth?” (Jn. 18:38). He certainly gets points for wanting to know what truth is. He also gets points for knowing who to ask. However, he loses points for not allowing Jesus Christ to answer his question. Pilate asks the question then immediately goes out to address the crowd. He walks out on the personification of truth. Simply put, truth is whatever God says. God’s truth, like God himself, does not change. God’s truth remains the truth in every century and to all people.

Truth is not the Truth When it is Subjective Truth

For many today, God’s word seems to have changed from absolute truth to now just being God’s opinion. “Thus saith the Lord” no longer carries the weight it once did. Somewhere along the way, people started to think that truth, even biblical...
Truth, is only what they personally determine as truth. This is called subjective truth. Subjective truth changes from circumstance to circumstance. The Ten Commandments have become the ten suggestions. Sin is redefined. Salvation is redefined. The means of sanctification is redefined. Of course, this is an expression of their truth and not God’s truth. Personal bias must yield to God’s truth if it is, in fact, truth.

**Truth is not the Truth When it Contradicts God’s Word.**

Whether it’s basketball, football, tennis, or bowling, there must always be some central rule book that dictates the parameters of that particular sport. Rules cannot change on the whims of one or more players. The same applies to truth. The central source of truth for Christianity has been, is currently, and will always be God’s holy word. God placed in His word all that we need to know in order to walk in relationship with Him and with each other. You can state something as truth, but if it contradicts the proper interpretation of God’s word, then it is not the truth.

**Truth is not the Truth If It Is A Mixture of Truth**

We have all heard the instruction of the court clerk to “tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God.” I remember times when I was a child, I would give the truth, but not the whole truth. I gave enough to convince my mother that she had heard the truth. Some preachers do the same. They tell partial truths. There might be enough truth for the people to assume they have heard the truth, but they are really being deceived. Remember, error often rides in on the back of truth—partial truths, that is.

**You Shall Know the Truth**

Jesus said, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn. 8:32). Through the Holy Spirit, God’s truth is available to all who desire it. As promised, the end result of God’s truth is that it makes one free. To the level a person compromises on truth is to the level that a person is bound. Freedom comes as we stand committed to, and actively seek, God’s truth.

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How thankful we are for the moving and operation of the Holy Spirit that blesses the people wherever they are from, and whoever they might be. That’s what it’s all about—the Spirit of God. When the moving and operation of the Holy Spirit takes place, questions are answered, weaknesses are addressed, sins are forgiven, and power is ladled out to whosoever will.
“For those of you whom the Lord has touched and blessed in some particular way as a result of SonLife Broadcasting—maybe you’ve given your heart to Christ, or been healed by the power of God, or delivered by the power of our Lord—whatever it might be, drop us a short note as many of you already do, and let us know what Jesus Christ has done for you...

I am looking forward to receiving your letters and your emails.”

Thankful
How so thankful we are for those of you who stand by this ministry both prayerfully and financially. I wish I had the vocabulary to properly express myself as it regards my thanksgiving respecting you who make it all possible. The taking of the gospel to the entirety of the world is obedience to the command of our Lord: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). That’s what we do; that’s what we must do. But again, as I’ve already stated, we cannot do it without you.

I’m asking each of you please to set aside something each month, financially speaking, to help SBN. To be sure, many of you already do that, and what a blessing and help that is. But I’m asking that all of you who are blessed by SonLife Television and SonLife Radio would do the same thing each month, and make SBN a part of your monthly giving. We need it desperately, and we thank you for praying about this and doing what the Lord would want you to do.

A Testimony
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A Chair
Some weeks ago, I used a chair in which to sit down while preaching that Sunday morning. I didn’t use it for the whole message, but only a small part of it. I probably will use it more and more as we go along. Yes, I’m in excellent health as far as I know. As well, I feel strong. But at the same time at my age (85 next month), things are a little bit slower than they used to be. How thankful to the Lord I am for the grace and strength that He has given me. How thankful I am for the excellent health, for both Frances and myself. I couldn’t ask for better. But if you see me sitting in a chair at times while I preach, don’t think anything about it except what it is.

It’s hard for me to stand in one spot and preach, and do so in a monotone. It’s not my style. But, at times, I don’t quite have all the strength I need to do what I used to do, but I thank the Lord for the strength He has given me, despite my age.

The Moving And Operation Of The Holy Spirit
I am speaking of what goes out over television and radio, plus the internet, and satellites, etc. There is nothing like the Spirit of God. The Lord has told me that wherever the signal goes around the world, and ever how it goes, that His Spirit will go with it, and that He will save, He will fill, He will heal, He will deliver, and He will bless. That’s quite a promise, but that’s what the Lord has told me.

So I’m expecting you to receive that which the Lord has done, is doing, and shall do. In fact, it’s going to get bigger and bigger, greater and greater, with a greater force of the power of God than ever before. Whatever you need, I want you to receive it.

All of you are very special to us, and I’m talking about the entire staff at Family Worship Center and the entire staff of SonLife Broadcasting Network. How so honored we are to have you as a part of our audience.

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