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QUESTION:

IS REDEMPTION CENTERED UP IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST OR THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST?

ANSWER:

Redemption is centered up totally in the Cross of Christ. While everything else after the Cross, the Resurrection, Ascension, and Exaltation of Christ, played a tremendous part, and continues to play a tremendous part, the truth is, all of this is made possible, the Resurrection, Ascension and Exaltation of Christ, because of the Cross.

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“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.)” (Col. 2:14-15).

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2. He atoned for all sin, past, present, and future, at least for all who will believe (Jn. 3:16). Paul wrote:

“But this Man (this Priest, Christ Jesus), after He had offered up One Sacrifice for sins forever (speaks of the Cross), sat down on the Right Hand of God. (Refers to the great contrast with the Priests under the Levitical System, who never sat down because their work was never completed; the Work of Christ was a ‘Finished Work,’ and needs no repetition).” (Heb. 10:12).

All of this tells us that Atonement was completed, i.e., “finished,” at Calvary.

THE RESURRECTION WAS NEVER IN DOUBT

I realize that some preachers proclaim Jesus having to fight demons and powers of darkness, etc., in order to be resurrected; however, there’s nothing like that in the Bible. When Jesus died and His Soul and Spirit went down into the heart of the Earth, He went down there as a Victor, i.e., “a Conqueror,” and not as one conquered. In fact, if there had been one single sin unatoned, due to the fact that the Bible tells us that “the wages of sin is death,” Jesus could not have risen from the dead (Rom. 6:23), but, due to the fact that God raised Him from the dead, tells us that He atoned for all sin at Calvary and in every capacity. In fact, John the Baptist had prophesied over our Lord when He first entered the Ministry by saying:

“Behold the Lamb of God (proclaims Jesus as the Sacrifice for sin, in fact, the Sin-Offering, Whom all the multiple millions of offered lambs had represented), which takes away the sin of the world. (Animal blood could only cover sin, it could not take it away; but Jesus offering Himself as the perfect Sacrifice took away the sin of the world; He not only cleansed acts of sin, but, as well, addressed the root cause [Col. 2:14-15])” (Jn. 1:29).

Jesus had told His Disciples more times than one:

“The Son of Man shall be betrayed into the hands of men (draws the Disciples back to the Mission at hand; that Mission was the Redemption of humanity, which would require the offering of the perfect Sacrifice, which was His Body):

“And they shall kill Him (but only because He allowed such [Jn. 10:17-18]), and the third day He shall be raised again” (Mat. 17:22-23).

THE LEGAL PROBLEM OF SIN

Sin was and is the legal right that Satan had to hold man captive; however, Continued on page 8
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with all sin atoned, which Jesus did at the Cross, that legal right was taken away from the Evil One. Now, due to what Jesus did at the Cross, Satan has no more legal right to hold anyone in bondage. If he does so, it is only because mankind, including Believers, does not understand the price that was paid at Calvary and how we are meant to take the benefits of that price unto ourselves.

When Jesus went down into Paradise after His Death, as stated, He went there as a Conqueror. He flung the doors of that place open wide with the intention of bringing everyone out, which He did. He could do this because, as stated, Satan’s legal right to hold man captive was now gone. With every sin atoned, and again as we have stated, the legal right the enemy had was forever vanquished. In fact, every Believer in Paradise, which included all from Abel to the Crucifixion of Christ, in a sense was held captive by Satan. That’s the reason that Paul wrote:

“Wherefore He said (Ps. 68:18), When He ascended up on high (the Ascension), He led captivity captive (liberated the souls in Paradise; before the Cross, despite being Believers, they were still held captive by Satan because the blood of bulls and goats could not take away the sin debt; but when Jesus died on the Cross, the sin debt was paid, and now He makes all of these His Captives), and gave Gifts unto men. (These ‘Gifts’ include all the attributes of Christ, all made possible by the Cross.)

(“Now that He ascended (mission completed), what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? (Immediately before His Ascension to Glory, which would be done in total triumph, He first went down into Paradise to deliver all the believing souls in that region, which He did!)

“He Who descended is the same also Who ascended (this is a portrayal of Jesus as Deliverer and Mediator) up far above all Heavens (presents His present location, never again having to descend into the nether world), that He might fill all things.) (He has always been the Creator, but now He is also the Saviour)” (Eph. 4:8-10).

In this account of Jesus going down into Paradise, we do not see one iota of evidence of Him fighting demon spirits, fallen angels, etc., but rather the very opposite. As stated, He went down there as a Victor, as a Conqueror, because at the Cross, Satan was defeated, plus all of his
fallen angels, demon spirits, and minions of darkness (Col. 2:14-15).

WHAT DID PAUL SAY?

It must be remembered that the meaning of the New Covenant was given to the Apostle Paul. Concerning this the Scripture says, and I quote from THE EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE:

“Paul, an Apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, Who raised Him from the dead;)

(This means Paul did not submit the authority of his Apostleship to men, neither was it conferred on him by man.)

“And all the Brethren which are with me, unto the Churches of Galatia (refers to all in that region):

“Grace be to you and Peace from God the Father (made possible by the Cross), and from our Lord Jesus Christ (Who made it possible),

“Who gave Himself for our sins (the Cross), according to the Will of God and our Father (the standard of the entire process of Redemption):

“To Whom be Glory forever and ever (Divine Glory).  Amen.

REVELATION

“But I certify you, Brethren (make known), that the Gospel which was preached of me (the Message of the Cross) is not after man. (Any Message other than the Cross is definitely devised by man.)

“For I neither received it of man (Paul had not learned this great Truth from human teachers), neither was I taught it (he denies instruction from other men), but by the Revelation of Jesus Christ. (Revelation is the mighty Act of God whereby the Holy Spirit discloses to the human mind that which could not be understood without Divine Intervention.)” (Gal. 1:1-12).

As it regards the Cross of Christ versus the Resurrection, the great Apostle said:

“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect” (I Cor. 1:17). If it is to be noticed, he did not say, “lest the Resurrection of Christ should be made of none effect.”

He also said, “For the preaching (Word) of the Cross is to them who perish foolishness; but unto us which are Saved it is the Power of God” (I Cor. 1:18).

He did not say, “For the preaching of the Resurrection is to them... . . .”

The great Apostle also said, “But we preach Christ Crucified” (I Cor. 1:23). He did not say, as it regards the Atonement, “We preach Christ Resurrected. . . .”

Of course, Paul preached the Resurrection of Christ, even as Chapter 15 of I Corinthians bears out, but not as the Atonement.

NO OTHER GOSPEL

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

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

LET HIM BE ACCURSED

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

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

“For do I now persuade men, or God? (In essence, Paul is saying, ‘do I preach man’s doctrine or God’s?’) or do I seek to please men? (This is what false apostles do.) for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the Servant of Christ (one cannot please both men and God at the same time).
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He also stated to the Church at Corinth and to all others as well, “For I determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified” (I Cor. 2:2). He did not say, “For I determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ, and Him Resurrected…”

He also stated, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ…” (Gal. 6:14). He did not say, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ…”

As we have stated, while the Resurrection, and the Ascension, and the Exaltation of Christ were of extreme significance, these three tremendous attributes were the result of the Atonement, i.e., “the Cross,” instead of the cause.

Let’s look for a moment at the three great attributes of Resurrection, Ascension, and Exaltation.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

The Resurrection of Christ was not merely an incident. Several things are attributed to His Resurrection.

• Death was defeated: While we do not yet have all the effects of this great Victory over death, that awaiting the coming Rapture of the Church, still, due to the Cross, and the Resurrection of Christ, death has been defeated. When the Trump sounds, we will then be given the full reward of the great Victory won at Calvary’s Cross. Paul said:

“So when this corruptible (sin nature) shall have put on incorruption (the Divine Nature in total control by the Holy Spirit), and this mortal (subject to death) shall have put on immortality (will never die), then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory ([Isa. 25:8], the full benefits of the Cross will then be ours, of which we now have only the Firstfruits [Rom. 8:23])” (I Cor. 15:54).

• The Resurrection of Christ guarantees the coming Resurrection of the Saints Dead with them given a Glorified Body that will never see death, and with all those in Christ who are alive treated in like manner. So, His Resurrection, while guaranteeing our Resurrection, also guarantees a Glorified Body, actually, like unto Him. John wrote:

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God (we are just as much a ‘son of God’ now as we will be after the Resurrection), and it does not yet appear what we shall be (our present state as a ‘son of God’ is not at all like that we shall be in the coming Resurrection): but we know that, when He shall appear (the Rapture), we shall be like Him (speaks of being glorified; for we shall see Him as He is. (Physical eyes in a mortal body could not upon that Glory, only eyes in Glorified Bodies)” (I Jn. 3:2).

• His Resurrection guaranteed our Justification. Paul said concerning this:

“Who was delivered for our offences (had to do with Jesus dying on the Cross for our sins; He had no sins), and was raised again for our Justification (we were raised with Him in newness of life [Rom. 6:4-5])” (Rom. 4:25).

Commenting on the words, “was raised for our Justification,” Denney says, “He was delivered up on account of our offences — to make atonement for them; and He was raised on account of our Justification — that it might become an accomplished fact. Paul does ascribe expiatory value to the death or blood of Christ: in a sense it is true the Work of Christ was finished on the Cross. But Paul never thought of that by itself: he knew Christ only as the Risen One Who had died, and Who had the virtue of His atoning death ever in Him; this Christ was One, and all that He did and suffered — The Christ Who had evoked in Him the faith by which he was justified, the only Christ through faith in Whom sinful men ever could be justified; and it is natural, therefore, that he should conceive Him as raised with a view to our justification.”

• “Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ (plainly says that this Baptism is into Christ and not water [I Cor. 1:17; 12:13; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:5; Col. 2:11-13]) were baptized into His Death? (When Christ died on the Cross, in the Mind of God, we died with Him; in other words, He became our Substitute, and our identification with Him in His Death gives us all the benefits for which He died; the idea is that He did it all for us!)

“Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death (not only did we die with Him, but we were buried with Him as well, which means that all the sin and transgression of the past were buried; when they put Him in the Tomb, they put all of our sins into that Tomb as well): that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life (we died with Him, we were buried with Him, and His Resurrection was our Resurrection to a ‘Newness of Life’).
THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH

“For if we have been planted together (with Christ) in the likeness of His Death (Paul proclaims the Cross as the instrument through which all Blessings come; consequently, the Cross must ever be the Object of our Faith, which gives the Holy Spirit latitude to work within our lives), we shall be also in the likeness of His Resurrection (we can have the ‘likeness of His Resurrection,’ i.e., ‘live this Resurrection Life,’ only as long as we understand the ‘likeness of His Death,’ which refers to the Cross as the means by which all of this is done)” (Rom. 6:3-5).

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

• “Of Righteousness, because I go to My Father (As far as we know, the First thing that Jesus did after His Ascension, was to present a spotless Righteousness to the Father, namely Himself, which pertained to His Sacrifice at Calvary, that was accepted by God; consequently, that Righteousness is imputed to all who will believe in Him and His Work on the Cross), and you see me no more (meaning that His Work was Finished)” (Jn. 16:10).

• The Ascension of Christ also opened the door for the Holy Spirit to be sent in a new dimension. He said:

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away (the Mission and Ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Body of Christ depended upon the return of Christ to the Father); for if I go not away, the Comforter (Holy Spirit) will not come unto you (concerns the respective Office Work of Both Jesus and the Holy Spirit — Jesus as the Saviour of men, and the Holy Spirit as the Power of the Church); but if I depart, I will send Him unto you (a Finished Work on the Cross was demanded of Christ, before the Holy Spirit could be sent)” (Jn. 16:7).

THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST

• Concerning the Exaltation Paul wrote:

“Has in these last days (the dispensation of Grace, which is the Church Age) spoken unto us by His Son (speaks of the Incarnation), Whom He has appointed Heir of all things (through the means of the Cross), by Whom also He made the worlds (proclaims His Deity, as the previous phrase of Him being the ‘Heir of all things’ proclaims His Humanity);

AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE MAJESTY ON HIGH

“Who being the brightness of His Glory (the radiance of God’s Glory), and the express Image of His Person (the exact reproduction), and upholding all things by the Word of His Power (carries the meaning of Jesus not only sustaining the weight of the universe, but also maintaining its coherence and carrying on its development), when He had by Himself purged our sins (which He did at the Cross, dealing with sin regarding its cause, its power, and its guilt), sat down on the Right Hand of the Majesty on high (speaks of the Finished Work of Christ, and that the Sacrifice was accepted by the Father)” (Heb. 1:2-3).

GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED HIM

• “And being found in fashion as a man (denotes Christ in men’s eyes), He humbled Himself (He was brought low, but willingly), and became obedient unto death (does not mean He became obedient to death; He was always the Master of Death; rather, He subjected Himself to death), even the death of the Cross. (This presents the character of His Death as one of disgrace and degradation, which was necessary for men to be redeemed. This type of death alone would pay the terrible sin debt, and do so in totality.) Wherefore God also has highly exalted Him (to a place of supreme Majesty; Jesus has always been Creator, but now He is Saviour as well), and given Him a Name which is above every name (actually says, ‘The Name,’ referring to a specific Name and Title; that Name, as Verse 11 proclaims, is ‘Lord’):

JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

“That at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow (in the sphere of the Name, which refers to all it entails; all of this is a result of the Cross, the price paid there, and the Redemption consequently afforded), of things in Heaven, and things in Earth, and things under the Earth (all Creation will render homage, whether animate or inanimate); And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (proclaims ‘Lord’ as

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“Anything that belittles or obliterates the holiness of God by a false view of the love of God, is untrue to the Revelation of God given by Jesus Christ.”

the ‘Name’ of Verse 9; it means ‘Master’ of all, which again has been made possible by the Cross, to the Glory of God the Father. (The acknowledgment of the Glory of Christ is the acknowledgment of the Glory of the Father.)” (Phil. 2:8-11).

THE INTERCESSORY WORK OF CHRIST

The Exaltation of Christ also includes His Intercessory Work, all on our behalf. Paul again wrote:

“Wherefore He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is able also to save them to the uttermost (proclaims the fact that Christ Alone has made the only true Atonement for sin; He did this at the Cross) who come unto God by Him (proclaims the only manner in which man can come to God), seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them. (His very Presence by the Right Hand of the Father guarantees such, with nothing else having to be done.)” (Heb. 7:25).

THE THRONE OF GRACE

In regard to His Intercessory Work, Paul also said:

“For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities (being Very Man as well as Very God, He can do such); but was at all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (His temptation, and ours as well, was to leave the prescribed Will of God, which is the Word of God; but He never did, not even one time.)

“Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace (presents the Seat of Divine Power, and yet the Source of boundless Grace), that we may obtain Mercy (presents that which we want first), and find Grace to help in time of need (refers to the Goodness of God extended to all who come, and during any ‘time of need’; all made possible by the Cross)” (Heb. 4:15-16).

As should be obvious, while the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Exaltation of Christ were, as previously stated, of utmost significance, still, these tremendous attributes were the result of what Jesus did at the Cross. This means that it was and is the Cross, which made and makes it all possible.

As I close the answer to the question, “Is the Atonement found solely in the Cross or the Resurrection?”, the following word given by Oswald Chambers would be appropriate. He titled it, the heading that I will once again use:

IT IS FINISHED

“I have finished the Work which You gave Me to do” (Jn. 17:4).

“The Death of Jesus Christ is the performance in history of the very Mind of God. There is no room for looking on Jesus Christ as a martyr; His death was not something that happened to Him which might have been prevented; His death was the very reason why He came.

“Never build your preaching of forgiveness on the fact that God is our Father and He will forgive us merely because He loves us. It is untrue to Jesus Christ’s revelation of God; it makes the Cross unnecessary, and the Redemption ‘much ado about nothing.’ If God does forgive sin, it is because of the Death of Christ. God could forgive men in no other way than by the Death of His Son, and Jesus is exalted to be Savior because of His Death. ‘We see Jesus because of the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor.’ The greatest note of triumph that ever sounded in the ears of a startled universe was that sounded on the Cross of Christ — ‘it is finished.’ That is the last word in the Redemption of man.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

“Anything that belittles or obliterates the holiness of God by a false view of the love of God, is untrue to the Revelation of God given by Jesus Christ. Never allow the thought that Jesus Christ stands against God out of pity and compassion; that He became a curse for us out of sympathy with us. Jesus Christ became a curse for us by the Divine Decree. Our portion of realizing the terrific meaning of the curse is conviction of sin, the gift of shame and penitence is given us — this is the great Mercy of God. Jesus Christ hates the wrong in man, and Calvary is the estimate of His hatred.”


(This message was derived from the book, “Brother Swaggart, Here Is My Question About The Cross”.)
7. An ESCHATOLOGY for an endtime revival

- Jesus can’t return until the church does its job right here on earth. Or Jesus will return by “incarnating” in us. “The God Within.”

- The Church will usher in the “kingdom of God,” with all things progressively getting better and better, eventually restoring paradise and/or bringing heaven down to earth.

“The Lord’s Prayer stating that “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven” was meant to be prayed by us with the hope that this condition would happen on earth BEFORE Christ’s second coming wherever and whenever the Christians of any geography decided to band together to help make it happen.” (Grimstead letter)

- The belief that we are in a 2nd apostolic age, where God will begin to speak new things to self-anointed, self-appointed apostles and prophets who are claimed to be equivalent to the First Century ones:

“2001 marks, is the year that marks the second apostolic age, which means for years the government of the church had not been in place since about, you know, the first century or so…. [T]he foundation of the church according to Ephesians 2:20 is apostles and prophets, Jesus being the chief cornerstone. It doesn’t mean there weren’t apostles and prophets, it means the body of Christ hadn’t recognized them and released them for the office that they had so that they’d function as apostles and prophets in the foundation of the church. But we now have that, I believe we’ve reached our critical mass in the year 2001.” (C. Peter Wagner, “Arise Prophetic Conference,” 2004)

- Speaking of the Holy Spirit as a force, an emanation, something that can be manipulated or invoked, imparted by human activities, etc., especially through manifestations of “signs and wonders.”

- Ignoring the Holy Spirit’s attributes, and his biblically defined personhood in the Trinity.

- Note: modern Dominionists are of every possible eschatological persuasion. The defining criteria for Dominionism is no longer postmillennialism. The issue is not necessarily WHEN they see Jesus as coming, but rather that the church needs to REDEEM the culture or take over governments NOW. Nevertheless, Postmillennialism is still the prevailing ideology.

The following quotations refute these basic heresies by explaining earlier church history:

“The earlier Christians all looked forward to the future rule of Christ upon this earth; but when the CHURCH and the STATE interlocked arms, the Church began spiritualizing the millennial passages and understanding that the reign of Christ would be realized THROUGH CHRISTIAN CIVIL LEADERS….

“It was the rise of Premillennial thought, largely through the Baptists, that helped to overthrow Postmillennial (and Amillennial to a lesser degree) thinking that all governments of this world should be COERCED to embrace the Christian faith. With the spread of their doctrines through the world, religious liberty was again given its proper Christian understanding and the Church was SEPARATED from the affairs of the STATE.” (Paul Shirk, Come Out From Among Them My People)

8. Perfection/Unity

- The teaching that the Church is evolving into little
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 gods, a “new breed,” or an “elect seed” for a transformed endtime “Joel’s Army.”

• The belief that this generation has a unique DNA or extraordinary special gifting from God.

• Or, worse, the idea that man can create a “new man” either mystically and/or through a better DNA. The idea that man can be perfected to pre-Fall conditions.

• The belief that it is harmless to associate with any heretic, even if they are caught in flagrant acts of immorality, illegal behavior, or openly teach heretical doctrines (Todd Bentley, e.g.).

• The idea that you are impervious to leaven, that it cannot adversely affect you, that you can be around it without any bad consequences to your faith.

• An insistence on unity at all costs, especially ecumenical unity among Christians, but also including extreme unity with other faiths.

• Looking for “elect Seeds” to raise up the kingdom government.

“For they are the best of all the generations that have ever been upon the face of the earth. And best of all generations are those elected seeds that will glorify Christ in the last days….

“They will move into things of the supernatural that no one has ever moved in before….

They’ll move in the power that Christ did. Every sign and wonder that’s ever been will be many times in the last days. They themselves will be that generation that’s raised up to put death itself underneath their feet and to glorify Christ in every way.

… the Lord Jesus is worthy to be lifted up by a Church that has reached the full maturity of the God-man!” (p. 146, Vengeance Is Ours, quoting Bob Jones, Visions and Revelations, 1988, audio tape with Mike Bickle.)

9. Spiritual Formation and/or Structural Realignment

• Teaching a “5 fold ministry” that emphasizes modern-day apostles and prophets as heads of a hierarchical, pyramidal, downline, Amway-style marketing, shepherding model.

• Aligning structurally, and being “externally-focused” to be “misional” and “redeem the culture.”

• Inner spiritual formation to get oneself in position for the “paradigm shift” in the church.

• An inordinate emphasis on Dominion by “ruling” and “subduing” the earth and its people.

10. Networking and Collaborative Models

• The church networking and forming common ground with business, secular and governmental agencies, organizations, institutions, etc. in order to further the “kingdom of God” on earth.

• The church merging its interests and identity with those of Corporate business organizations and Government.

• Building the 7 Mountains (or the neo-Kuyperian “spheres”)—cultural centers that must be overtaken and ruled by head apostles in the church.

• The idea of RECONCILIATION rather than repentance – forging common ground with any group that appears to further kingdom goals, building an international community on earth.

11. “Do whatever it takes” (Rick Warren)

• Extreme pragmatism. Evident lack of compassion and mercy, particularly for the weaker, elderly, infirm, infants or children. ("Without natural affection." Romans 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3)

• The philosophy that the ends justify the means.

• Viewing people as “human capital” assigned with an economic value. Talking about “spiritual capital.”

• Cultlike rigidity and excessive harshness, controlling behaviors, severe restrictions, retributions, penalties and reprisals.

• A preoccupation with aggressive rhetoric and military metaphors that could easily evolve into outright force, coercion or brutality.

• “All truth is God’s truth,” and therefore anything can be justified as “new truth” and used in kingdom pursuits.

• The idea that anyone on kingdom business is above the law, morally or legally. Flagrant or cocky lawlessness. Rebellion.

• Partnering with anyone and anything, no matter how ecumenical or immoral, if it seems to further kingdom goals.

• Not abstaining from “all appearance of evil” (1 Thess. 5:2)

• Preoccupation with militarism, including the merger of civil military goals with spiritual warfare.

12. ELITISM

• The idea that we are evolving into higher-order Christians with special higher powers.
• The idea that we are coming to newer and better understandings of God’s Word and are progressively growing more spiritual as a result.

• Teaching that Christians can attain a higher consciousness, develop higher powers, achieve immortality, and even conquer death.

• The Hollywood style of idolizing media personalities and popular leadership.

• The belief that leaders are divine, spiritual masters, or have a divine destiny and purpose to guide the kingdom on earth.

• The idolatrous view that some leaders are more elite than others, and thus worthy of absolute obedience and/or awe or reverence.

• The heresy that Christians cannot access God without going through a mediatrix, a specially empowered leader. The elimination of the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers.

13. PROPHETS – SIGNS and WONDERS

• The belief that New Testament prophets operate just like O.T. prophets, and that new prophets are arising for the last days who are specially gifted to put the church in order.

• Strange and bizarre manifestations in praise and worship. Unholy and irreverent spiritual occurrences and phenomena.

• The belief in secret knowledge (GNOSIS), that God is giving new instructions to the church today, new “Rhema” words, even new Scripture.

• The use of decrees, impartations, invocations and paranormal phenomena for kingdom pursuits.

• Using signs and wonders to desensitize people to be more accepting of new teachings and doctrines.

14. TECHNOLOGY

• The justification and use of real warfare and/or weapons, including science and technology, as an ally in kingdom-building.

• A call for an end-time Joel’s Army that is spiritual, but also may be physical.

• Techno-man – reinventing, healing or perfecting human beings, and creating a “new man” by psychic or scientific methods. Perfecting the race.

• Lack of ethics. Any technology must be “okay” if it helps to build the kingdom on earth.

A definition of a technocrat can be found in an occult encyclopedia—

“One who leads or rules by virtue of special or technical knowledge. Hypothetically, a master of the ideal control-system of planetary management, someone who proposes to enforce technological supremacy. One who masters by technical skill and elite knowledge, especially when used to manipulate nature, rather than cocreate with it through devout imitation, in the manner of the alchemists.”

(The Seekers Handbook, p. 383)

15. MYSTICISM and NEOPAGANISM

• The use of altered states of consciousness to reach higher spiritual levels for the purpose of achieving human deification or perfection.

• The use of contemplation and meditation, hypnotic music, drumming, dance, pagan rituals and rites.

• Guided imagery, visualization, active imagination, and other occult practices that connect with or invoke the divine.

• Prayer marches, chantings and scripted prayers, fasting, mass prayer rallies, prayer circles, and prayer warfare methods which 1) introduce new kingdom doctrines, and 2) create altered states of consciousness.

• The suggestion that there will be a collective moment of attaining “God’s dream” for humanity.

• Numerology – assigning occult and spiritual significance to numbers or number sequences.

• The belief that sexuality – either by denying it or practicing it in aberrant ways – will produce a heightened spirituality or closeness to God. An improper emphasis on “passion.”

• The practice of pagan SEXUAL RITES to unite human with the divine, including using the “temple prostitute” as a mediatrix.

16. GEOMANCY

• The idea that there are sacred places on earth, holier than other spots, that can be accessed and manipulated for spiritual purposes.

• Prayer walks, labyrinths, and other meditative techniques that are located in sacred spaces.

• The idea that there are spiritual powers and principalities over an area, and that they can be warred against. (There are no New Testament examples of the apostles using this method, but rather they preached the Word of God.)

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17. COVENANTS, oaths, manifestos, declarations, decrees, pledges, etc.

- Extra-biblical agreements, usually enforced by coercion or guilt, often based on O.T. Law.
- A psychosocial contract that serves as a formal “joining up” process in which one aligns their life’s purpose to an organization’s purpose.
- A rite of initiation.
- The heretical belief that failure to “work for political and social reform to establish dominion over the world system is to break covenant with God.” (Dager, p. 205)
- The faulty idea that if someone is “not politically active in working to establish Christ’s lordship over the whole earth [he] is guilty of breaking God’s covenant.” (Dager, p. 206)
- The heresy that the “reign of Christ” will only be “realized through Christian civil leaders,” thus embracing the “concept of a CHURCH STATE” – as explained by a critic of Dominionism below:

“A premillennial understanding of prophecy is a major tenet that supports a SEPARATION of CHURCH and STATE as well as RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. [But if] Christ is ruling now, in fulfillment of the millennial prophecies, through civil powers, then [the Dominionists believe] they have every right to institute Christian laws, for they themselves are under the rule of Christ, and verily ARE the rule of Christ. It is THIS understanding that undergirded Reformed thinking of the necessity for having National Covenants and binding religious oaths in order to COMPEL men to accept the true faith, so that the civil rule of Christ might be advanced. (Paul Shirk, Come Out From Among Them My People)

- The idea that the Adamic Covenant, before the Fall, will be restored by obedience to O.T. law:

Many dominionists actually... assert that they will restore Paradise—that obedience to biblical law (ethics) can restore man to the pre-fall Adamic state. This is known as “progressive sanctification.” As man is sanctified through obedience to biblical law he will become immortal, the earth will be transformed: food will be plentiful, wild animals will become tame, diseases will no longer take their toll, and all nature will be in harmony. (Dager, p. 208)

18. SYNERGY

- “Collective Consciousness” – the idea that there is a “fusion” when enough diverse spiritual energy collects together.
- A form of “harmonic convergence” – the idea that by combining spiritual forces, God will be more likely to listen to prayer, or that only by praying en masse will He agree to shift things on earth. De-emphasis of private prayer closets.
- Critical Mass – the psycho-social method of marketing in which once a new product or idea is embraced by enough people, it will shift the paradigm so that everyone buys in.
- The idea that the Church is a key catalytic force in global transformation (spiritually, politically, commercially, governmentally, etc.)
- Co-evolution, co-creation – the collaboration by humanity in the ongoing process of the evolution of creation, readying the planet for a coming “Christ.”
- Synchronicity – the Jungian idea that seemingly unrelated coincidental events have a deeper mystical connection to bring about the kingdom.

19. EXTREME AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

- The belief that America is a totally Christian nation

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Luke 5:1-10 – “And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee),

“And saw two ships standing by the lake (two among the many): but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets (Peter, Andrew, James, and John had fished all night and caught nothing).

“And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon’s (proclaims him borrowing this vessel to serve as a platform or pulpit), and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down (the custom then), and taught the people out of the ship.

THE MIRACLE

“And when He had left speaking (had finished preaching and teaching), He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught (came as a surprise to these fishermen; they had fished all night and caught nothing, so they must have wondered as to what He was doing; in effect, He will pay for the use of the boat; God will owe man nothing).

“And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless He will let down the net (the idea is that Peter would not have bothered himself to have let down the net on the word of anyone else other than Jesus).

“And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke (so many fish that it broke the net).

“And they beckoned unto their partners (Peter and Andrew beckoned to James and John), who were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink (Christ had the same power over the fish of the sea as He had over the frogs, lice, and locusts of Egypt).

“When Simon Peter saw it (proclaims the effect of this lesson is not to give Simon high thoughts of himself, but low thoughts; such is ever the effect of a manifestation of Divine Power and Grace upon the conscience of fallen man), he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord (proclaims this miracle revealing the hidden unbelief of Simon’s heart, for without a doubt, when casting the nets he said to himself: ‘we shall catch nothing’).

“For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

“And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth you shall catch men (the first recorded instance of Jesus using the words, ‘fear not,’ with His Disciples; His statement elevated them to being fishers of men, and constituted their call to Discipleship, and as Apostles).”

Every single thing the Lord did in His earthly Ministry had far greater meaning than meets the eye. As well,
A BORROWED SHIP

As the crowd pressed in pushing the Master closer to the water’s edge, He saw the two ships of Peter, Andrew, James, and John. The Text says He got into Simon’s, proclaiming the Master borrowing the ship to secure it as a platform or pulpit in order to preach to the masses gathered at the sea shore.

“LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP, AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A DRAUGHT”

After the Lord finished His Time of Ministry, He then turns to Simon and tells him to, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.”

Now understand, they had fished all night and caught nothing, their nets were empty.

This is the lesson you must get into your spirit. The Lord wants to “borrow your ship,” even though your net is empty and your ship is in dry dock, the Lord wants to borrow what you have. I speak of your finances. This is how the Work of the Lord is carried out (Rom. 10:13-15). Don’t let an empty net stop you from receiving your miracle. Never forget the Lord never asks anything of anyone, but that He gives back even in kind so much more than what we asked.

Your net may be empty, but the Creator of the sea and fish knows exactly where the fish are. This was the Word of God to Simon, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught,” and He is saying the same thing to you. Don’t let an empty net stand in your way, let the Lord borrow your ship and let Him lead you to where the fish are.

“NEVERTHELESS AT YOUR WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NET”

Faith is never inactive, but Faith is always active, moving forward, launching out into the deep.

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we must never forget that the great Miracles performed by the Lord are just as available to us today as then.

THE PEOPLE CAME TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

The phrase, “And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God,” tells us the following:

1. Too many belittle preaching and exalt ceremony, but make no mistake, Jesus Christ the Son of God was the greatest Preacher Who ever lived. That’s why Satan hates preaching under the anointing. True Bible preaching pulls no punches, takes no prisoners, and doesn’t try to be diplomatic or politically correct. True Bible preaching preaches Hell hot and Heaven pure. True Bible preaching steps on toes and makes people uncomfortable at times. True Bible preaching is not philosophy, but “Thus saith the Lord.”

2. The “Word of God” is the only revealed Truth in the world today. There is no truth in Islam, Mormonism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism, or any other “ism” one can come up with. Not only must the Word of God be preached, but also you must read it and learn it for yourselves.
So, what was about to happen was for more than a mere payment for kindness, but it was meant to serve as a lesson of Faith for all of the Body of Christ.

In the natural, Peter thought this was an impossible task, but that which is impossible with man is possible with God.

Peter’s response was an act of Faith, he obeyed the Word of the Lord.

What will you do? The same Lord that borrowed Peter’s ship is asking to borrow your boat to help reach the lost masses of this world.

THE RESULT OF FAITH

Verse 6 says, “And when they had this done, they in- closed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke.”

Let me be plain. The Lord wants to break your net. He wants to bless you beyond your wildest dreams.

A SECOND SHIP

So many fish were in their net that the net was breaking and they summoned another ship, referring to James and John. When the second ship arrived, there were so many fish that the ships began to sink. Why don’t you let Him bless you and why don’t you let Him break your net, why don’t you go and get another boat to hold God’s Blessings?

CONCLUSION

The Work of God must have everyone doing their part. Every one of you reading this has a ship the Lord wants to borrow. He knows your net may be empty, but if you will obey, He will bless you beyond your wildest dreams.

As the song says:
“Why don’t you let down your nets down into the water,
There’s a Blessing waiting you cannot contain?
Why don’t you let down your nets and wade out in the water,
He’s pouring out the latter rain?”

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**Letters From Our Audience**

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**The Greatest Gift a Person Can Have**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I remember watching your broadcast as a child. My Grandmother watched every week, and I watched her get a blessing each time she watched. My parents were Saved, and they also watched your Telecast. My parents bought *The Expositor's Study Bible* a few years ago. My Dad passed away on October 9th, and my Mom gave me his *Expositor's Study Bible*. All I can say is thank you for making a difference in our lives. I am hungry for God’s Word, and this is the greatest gift a person can have.

NORTH CAROLINA

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**I Understand the Word Better**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just want to say thank you to Jimmy Swaggart for his Signature Edition Study Bible. Even though I did not have the money to buy this Bible, I did in fact purchase three of them, one for me, one for my wife, and one for my mother. Thank you Brother Swaggart, and to all those who contributed to *The Expositor’s Study Bible*. It helps a lot to understand the Word of God completely. I have only read the first six chapters of Genesis, and I understand the Word better. I believe with my whole heart that the Holy Spirit was the main force behind this effort.

Thank you for all the work everyone has done at Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

SOUTH AFRICA

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**SonLife Broadcasting Network**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I was sick today and stayed home from church, but I watched the Service from FWC. I strongly sensed the Holy Spirit upon the whole Service, worship, message in Tongues, Scriptures, preaching, and Altar call. Thank you for preaching the truth about America. The Spirit of God will tear down the strongholds of Satan, and bring many souls to Salvation through SonLife Broadcasting Network!

INDIANA

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**Teaching Straight from God’s Holy Word**

Brother Swaggart,

I want to thank you and the Swaggart family for your teaching straight from God’s Holy Word. The power you give little people like me through your Ministries is unspeakable to me. Every day when I turn on Family Worship Center, and whatever or whoever is teaching, always brings inspiration for my day. I can live without all things in this world, but not my Lord Jesus Christ. He has got me through it all. I have suffered many hardships and tragedies. But Jesus Christ has full control over my life and my children, and by His Grace we can do all things and overcome all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens us.

Thank you and all in Jimmy Swaggart Ministries for telling the truth, nothing more, nothing less. The daily message I receive gives me a renewed spirit each and every day. Thank you for blessing me with your words. I don’t think anyone can understand what JSM does for people like me. Thank you all for your service to God and me. What a blessing!

KENTUCKY

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**I Have Watched with Joy**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I have watched with joy the Telecast of the new Network SBN. What a blessing it has been to my wife and I. It reminds me of the Campmeetings I attended back in the 80’s. I would travel many miles to see the meetings. I watch each night depending on what time I get home from work. The music and worship are so beautiful, and the message is timely for the times we are living in.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for what God is doing. May He continue to bless, strengthen, and uphold the Ministry and all those involved.

GEORGIA

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**Anointed People Who Truly Love Spreading the Gospel**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I watch your Telecast daily, and prior to SBN I watched and recorded your telecast daily and on Sunday’s. I have watched Jimmy Swaggart since I was 19 years old, and was so happy to see I could have the opportunity to see him again. There is not a church it seems like anymore
that really preaches the Word like your Ministry does. I order a lot of your products, and have your new Expositor's Study Bibles and all of your Commentaries, and Study Guides. I have bought your Bibles by the dozen and have given them out and also purchased the Crossfire Bibles for my children. Your Telecast means so much to me. Your preaching and the anointed Word and the Presence of the Holy Spirit that I feel watching your Telecast is unexplainable.

Thank you so very much for being there and preaching the uncompromised Word of God. You are truly a blessing to all that have the privilege to be a part of your Ministry and be touched by such anointed people who truly love spreading the Gospel.

CALIFORNIA

PRAISE BE TO GOD WE NOW CAN WATCH YOU 24/7

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I can't tell you enough how thankful I am that I can now watch your program every day! I had been praying for exactly that. Last year I would watch your Ministry at my son's house, but praise be to God we now can watch you 24/7 on Time Warner. I tell everyone about your Ministry and how it has changed my life, and how wrong I had been taught God's Word. I pray for you and your family and this wonderful God-filled broadcast!

I was given, as a gift, The Expositor's Study Bible this Christmas. My children asked me what I wanted for Christmas, and I told them The Expositor's Study Bible as I had been praying for one for over a year. The Lord blessed me with one!

I just want to thank you for all you are doing and allowing me to be a part of this blessed Ministry. God bless you in all you do. Thank you for preaching the Truth!

TExAS

THE EXPOSITOR'S STUDY BIBLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I received my Expositor's Study Bible today and just wanted to let you know how I love it. It is my five-pound Devil smashing weapon! I really appreciate all the work that went in to making it. I am 54 years old, and was raised watching and listening to Brother Swaggart. My mother is 87 and never misses a Sunday broadcast. I am 54 years old, and was raised watching and listening to Brother Swaggart. My mother is 87 and never misses a Sunday broadcast.

God bless you all.

OHIO

EXCITED ABOUT WHAT I AM LEARNING ABOUT JESUS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to tell you how very blessed I have been by The Expositor's Study Bible. I just started a year plan for reading the Word, and I am using it to help me and I have learned sooooooo much more in the last few days than I have in my life! What a wonderful inspiration it has been for me to delve into the Word and be excited about what I am learning about Jesus. Thank you, thank you for all the many years of research that I am sure was put into putting this Bible together.

CALIFORNIA

MY HUSBAND WAS A MUSLIM NOW HE IS A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am glad to be able to worship with this Ministry. I love the music and the preaching. I bought the Study Bible from Jimmy Swaggart, and I am teaching Revelations. I am teaching in my mother's living room as of now, until God blesses me with a building. My husband was a Muslim, and he asked me to baptize him. Now he is a Born-Again Christian, and he watches your Ministry on DirecTV® every day. I wish you had a Ministry here where I live, but I will be in your Services by Internet. Thanks for this opportunity.

NEW JERSEY

THE MUSIC IS SO ANOINTEd

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just received your channel a few weeks ago, and feel like I have church here in my home every time I listen to your music. The music is so anointed that many days I don't want to do anything else except listen and feel the Holy Spirit take me away into the Heavenly Realm. Those old hymns are so refreshing to hear and can still reach down into somebody's heart.

Thanks for being there for me.

MINNESOTA

YOUR PROGRAMS ON DISH NETWORK

Hello Brother Donnie,

I look forward each day coming home from work to watch your programs on DISH Network. I am a big fan of your Dad's music, and I am inspired each time I watch the Family Worship Center Services and the wonderful songs of praise and worship that brings me into the Presence of God. I learn so much from the discussions held each day, so continue the Work of the Lord that others will know about the Cross and its importance to us.

May the Lord continue to bless Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

BAHAMAS

WE FOUND YOU AND SONLIFE

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Thank you, thank you for being there. We've been so frustrated in trying to find a church that preaches truth that we had given up trying. And then we found you and SonLife. An answer to our prayers!
“BITTERNESS AND UNFORGIVENESS”

Ephesians 4:31-32 – “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice (as the Believer puts His Faith in the Cross and keeps his Faith in the Cross, giving the Holy Spirit latitude to work, these evil things can then be ‘put away’ from our lives):

“And be you kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another (be quick to forgive), even as God for Christ’s sake has forgiven you. (Christ’s forgiveness of us is to always be the basis of our forgiveness of others.)”

Bitterness and unforgiveness are twin evils that can oftentimes be found dwelling together. They complement each other in a negative way and reinforce the heart of the one affected by one towards the other. In other words, a person who is unwilling to forgive will become bitter and most of the time those who are bitter about something are unforgiving. We want to look at the horrible impact that these conditions of the heart can have on a Believer and encourage the reader to be honest with themselves. If either of these qualities is evident in your heart and life, let them be “put away” today.

BITTERNESS

Bitterness is usually caused by an unhappy situation. The Bible says in Proverbs 13:12, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick. . . .” When we are looking forward to something happening such as an event, a visit by a loved one, a raise in pay, we are disappointed when that which we were hoping for fails to come to pass. Disappointment can turn to anger, for self was not pleased with the lack that we now face in that disappointment. The longer we dwell on that circumstance, the more we look at what we perceive was the cause of the emotional or physical hurt we are now feeling, the easier it is to become bitter. The word “bitter” is used by Paul to describe bitter anger. The base of bitterness is defined by Strong’s as “acridity (especially poison).” The Old Testament use of the word holds the idea of being heavy hearted or discontented; again with anger. Adding all these definitions together we see that bitterness is anger that is poison to the human heart if it is not eliminated.

I remember hearing a story told years ago of a brother and sister who were looking forward to a wealthy inheritance. Both parents died early and they had been people of great wealth. When the will that distributed the inheritance was read, the Brother received a far greater portion than the Sister. She was not excluded by any means, but the bulk of their parents’ estate went to the brother. The sister was so bitter over the disappointment that in time it began to affect her physical body. Whenever someone mentioned her brother’s name she grew angry, even incensed. Her body began to curl up upon itself until she was confined to a wheelchair. Arthritis curled her hands into useless closed fists. Doctors were at a loss as to how to attend to the problem. She remained bitter and gnarled to her dying day. Bitterness can’t be cut out by the hand of a physician; it is in the heart.

UNFORGIVENESS

While bitterness deals primarily with circumstances, unforgiveness deals with our relationships with other people, Saved or unsaved. We can perceive a wrong that was intended to hurt us perpetrated by another and become dominated and controlled by an unforgiving heart. Unforgiveness can exist in a circumstance where we just think or imagine that someone has intended to do us harm. If we perceive an attack against our reputation, a criticism of our abilities, or an insult towards our character
in any way, the chance that the seeds of unforgiveness will be planted and flower into poisonous bitterness and destruction exists. If we hold a grudge against any person for any reason, that attitude will backfire on us and cause us great harm Spiritually and perhaps, physically.

THE CROSS IS THE ANSWER

The Believer has no choice but to forgive another. The reason for this is because we ourselves have been forgiven. Jesus paid a high enough price on Calvary to pay our sin debt. Our faith in Him brings us freedom from the penalty owed to God for our sin. God has chosen to place the curse of the broken law upon His Son on our behalf. Therefore, not based upon performance but rather by faith, we are as clean as the Blood of Jesus can make us. With the knowledge of forgiveness freely afforded to us by faith, we are to have “pocketfuls” of forgiveness for those who do us wrong. The Word of God is clear on this issue. In Mark 11:25-26 the Bible says, “And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive your trespasses.”

THE FIGHT OF FAITH

We forgive others by faith. By this I mean we release them into the Hands of the Lord and we refuse to consider what they have done to us as worthy of future attention. This is hard because the offended person often feels as though evil wins. We feel as though they, the offending party, are getting away with their wrong. However, when you release a situation or a person into the care of the Lord, by faith you are believing that He will take care of that situation in the best way. The one doing the forgiving will never forget the incident, but the Holy Spirit is now free to take the poison out of their heart so that the situation doesn’t produce a stronghold in the person’s heart. Faith is required to allow this to happen and that faith will be tested. As the memory of the event comes, the person who has released the issue or the circumstance will have to “fight” to keep the end results of the situation from their hands and to keep it into the Lord’s capable provision. Both bitterness and the act of forgiving others are made possible when the individual places that bitter situation into the Cross of Jesus Christ and allows Him to take the poison out of the situation.

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

Don’t fail to be with us at the upcoming Thanksgiving Campmeeting. We will be teaching special pre-campmeeting sessions. Be sure to call ahead and register, the dates and times are below.

• SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:
  Monday, November 21: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  Tuesday, November 22: 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
  Wednesday, November 23: 9 a.m.-12 noon

7 p.m. Campmeeting Begins

Loren Larson
President
I Peter 2:9-10 – “But you are a chosen generation (a chosen or a new race, made up of all who have accepted Christ), a Royal Priesthood (Christ is King and High Priest; due to being ‘in Him,’ we as well are ‘Kings and Priests’ [Rev. 1:6]), an Holy Nation (a multitude of people of the same nature), a Peculiar People (each Saint is God’s unique possession, just as if that Saint were the only human being in existence); that you should show forth the praises of Him Who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light (He Saved us by virtue of what He did at the Cross, for which we should ever praise Him):

“Which in time past were not a people (without God, there is no standing in any capacity), but are now the People of God (made possible by what Jesus did at the Cross); which had not obtained Mercy, but now have obtained Mercy. (Mercy is a product of Grace, which is a product of the Cross.)”

I would be thrilled if you decided to attend our upcoming International Youth Conference for 2011! I believe that there is no greater Conference on the Planet than this Conference right here at Family Worship Center Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the reason, is the Message of the Cross. The Message of the Cross is not an ideology, nor is it some sort of new philosophy, but rather, it is the oldest Doctrine in the World today. In fact, it was “foreordained before the foundation of the world” (I Pet. 1:18-20). Simply put, the Message of the Cross is the Foundational Doctrine of all doctrine, and that all other Biblical Doctrine must be based upon the Message of the Cross.

As many of you have heard me say in times past, our young people are facing the powers of Darkness to a greater degree than ever before and the only protection from the destructive powers of Darkness is the Message of the Cross. What you will receive at this Conference will be messages that will impact your life, not for a few months, but for time and eternity. The only Answer for our Youth is Jesus Christ and Him Crucified! There is no other answer that man has to offer that can do for our Youth what needs to be done.

There are many different names that this generation, along with previous generations, has been known by, such as, “Gen X”, a generation of young people that are seemingly without an identity, and without direction. And because of this, these generations of young people make for an easy target for the powers of Darkness. That is why this Message must get out to the masses, and it must not be deterred. We here at Crossfire believe that the Lord is raising up a Generation of Young People who will not bow their knee to the things of this world, who will not compromise what they believe in, and who will not settle for second best. We are a group of young people who are standing up for what’s right, and holy. We are a Generation of Hope! We are a Generation of the Cross!

In Him,
Pastor Gabe
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The Middle East has been a festering powder keg for centuries. Now, more than ever, it seems ripe for an all-out confrontation between Israel and her surrounding Muslim neighbors. The land comprised of modern Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, and small parts of other neighboring countries was promised by God, in the Bible, to Israel. Events in the last 100 years have shaped the modern real estate of the Middle East. However, there’s one small parcel of land in the Middle East that is still in dispute, Israel. What legitimate claim do the Jews have to their land? Do the Palestinian people truly have a history in this land and, therefore, a right of succession? How does God figure into this equation? I hope to address these questions, and many others, as we explore from the Bible what God has to say about the land ownership and whose right it is to claim the land. I believe a careful evaluation of this matter will expose the root of the problem that existed from the time of Abraham unto this day.

GOD’S LAND

The Land Is Mine was a declaration by God to Israel, and to us all, that there is a legitimate landowner. Throughout the Bible God establishes who owns the land, to whom the land is promised, and the conditions that must be obeyed to remain in possession of the land known as Israel. History has proven the land has been possessed or controlled by many different nations at many different times. Right now the land is possessed by Israelis and Palestinians. However, the influence from the surrounding nations of Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia; and the United States, England, Russia, and many other nations, including the United Nations, have played a crucial role towards resolving who they think should possess the land.

ISRAEL RETURNS

Modern Israel was formed on May 14, 1948, in postulation of the United Nations’ decision to partition the land between Israel and the Palestinian people. A two state solution was determined as the peaceful resolution for the disputed land. The Palestinian’s rejected Israel’s right to be a Nation and protested by refusing to form their Nation. Israel declared her independence and the birth of modern Israel took her first traumatic breath with a struggle to survive, not just as a Nation but as a people. The confederate Muslim armies of the newly shaped Middle East immediately sought to destroy Israel and prevent her from being a Nation. Efforts by Nazi Germany during WWII failed to abort the Jews while they were in the womb of hope of being a Nation. Adolph Hitler, while accompanied by his Muslim companions, Haj Amin al Husseini and Hasan al Banna, formulated a “Final Solution” to exterminate Jews from the Planet. Although nearly six million Jews died during Hitler’s reign of terror, Jews drew strength from their survival as a people, and hopes of being a Nation once again finally became reality.

OCCUPATION TERMS

The Land Is Mine will consider God’s Covenant Promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These patriarchs of old were given immutable Promises that their seed would have “lease” rights to God’s land forever. The conditions were clearly spelled out by God and the terms were not to be broken lest the tenant suffer temporary eviction. Each dispensation of the generations that succeeded Abraham were given responsibilities to satisfy the land lease terms. Dwelling in the land with obedience had many privileges and benefits though. Unlike today where an apartment renter may get Cable TV and electric thrown in as part of the lease package, Israel was promised financial prosperity, good health, and peace amongst itself and its enemies. In fact, the whole world was promised these benefits as long as Israel remained obedient to the lease terms and remained in the land.

NO PEACE

Today Jews dwell in the land promised by God to her forefathers; yet she is without peace. The world speaks of peace at every forum and conclave; yet it is without peace. What is peace and what constitutes peace will be addressed throughout The Land Is Mine to illustrate how true and lasting peace can be achieved and maintained by individuals, and the nations of the world.

History has demonstrated that under the leadership of dictators, monarchs, and governments there have been times of peace. However, during those times, financial prosperity, personal health, and freedom were not obtained by everyone. Even while under Pax Romana the Roman Empire sustained a façade of peace. Rome’s egregious emperors ruled in dictatorial fashion by subduing surrounding countries and demoralizing the general public at will; while heralding this as peace(!) For us to laudably claim peace on Earth and good will toward man, while using corrupt governments as our guide, is as foolish as putting a compass in your car while you plan to drive your car to the moon.

ISRAEL’S RIGHT IN THE LAND

There are many claims to the land of Israel. Muslims claim Jerusalem houses their third Holiest site. The world recognizes Jerusalem as an international city. The Bible declares Jerusalem will be a “burdensome stone for all people.” Middle East peace has plagued every President since the founding of the United States of
America. The expansion of the US Navy after the revolutionary war was to free our seafaring mercantilists from the Muslim pirates of the Barbary Coasts.

The name of Israel is mentioned over 1,600 times throughout the Bible while Jerusalem is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible. The city of Jerusalem is called the City of David over 40 times. There should be little argument to the significance of Israel and Jerusalem for God's sake, according to the Bible.

God's immutable Promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his children, and David will not be broken or substituted by the Christian Church. God has a Plan to bring Israel to its rightful and legal possession of the land. The day is coming soon when Israel will reign in God's Righteousness and possess God's Land in peace. Only then will there be world peace (Deut 30:1-6; Isa. 11:11-16).

ABRAHAM

There are three faiths in the world that trace their origins to Abraham. Jews, Christians and Muslims all claim father Abraham to be of vast significance to the establishment of their beliefs. Jews and Christians obtain the majority of their knowledge about Abraham from the Old Testament of the Bible, also called the Tanakh in the Hebrew. Muslims hold to the Koran as their sacred book. Muslims believe their prophet Muhammad received revelations from Allah, his god, and memorized Allah's instruction and then dictated the sayings to others. Later these revelations were compiled into a book after Muhammad’s death and called the Koran. Muslims believe Jews and Christians twisted and perverted the original meaning of the Bible. Therefore, Allah sent down the Koran to bring back the proper understanding of his will for man. In Islam Muhammad is revered above all prophets and is considered to be the last and greatest of all prophets. Muslims also revere Abraham as a Prophet and a version of his life is found throughout the Koran. Abraham's name occurs 69 times in the Koran making him the second most occurring name of prophets in the Koran after Moses. There are many fundamental differences between the Bible story of Abraham and the Koran. Both accounts contradict each other. They are mutually incompatible.

The Koran is written in Suras, similar to chapters. The verses of the Koran are called Ayats. There are 114 Suras in the Koran. The structure of the chapters is not in histological or chronological order. The Suras, with the exception of the first one, are arranged by length. Chapter two is the longest, on down to the last Sura. Due to the lack of chronology the Koran is not designed to be a story. The very name Koran means to recite. It is more a book of commands than a storyline of historical events. The Hadiths, sayings and traditions of Muhammad, were assembled by followers of Muhammad after his death. The Hadiths provide some historical perspective that transpired throughout Muhammad's life. The Hadiths explain the historical events in the Koran.

In Sura 6:74 the Koran claims Abraham's father's name was Azar and not Terah as in the Bible, Genesis 11:24, 31. Sura 14:37 says Abraham worshipped in the valley of Mecca. Mecca is located in modern day Saudi Arabia. A distance of over 750 miles separates Mecca from Israel.

The Bible clearly says in Genesis 13:18, Abraham worshipped Jehovah God in Hebron. The well-known story of how Abraham was commanded by God to offer Isaac as a sacrifice is detailed throughout Chapter 22 of Genesis. Jehovah God made it very clear that Abraham was to take his “only son Isaac” into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering. Isaac was God’s Child of Promise. It was to be through his lineage that God's Promise to Abraham would manifest. The contravening testimony of the Koran teaches in Sura 37:100-112, that Abraham offered Ishmael and not Isaac as a sacrifice.

Two more important discrepancies that distinguish the Bible from the Koran are not found in the Bible. In fact they are ambiguous and historically incorrect. The Koran claims Abraham built the Kabah, Sura 2:125-127. The Kabah was located in Mecca and was a shrine where 360 gods were worshipped amongst the Arab Bedouins. Muhammad's family were the caretakers of the Kabah, according to Islamic tradition. One of the gods of the Kabah was Allah. Muhammad's father was named after Allah. It is not mentioned anywhere in the Bible. The only remote similarity in the stories of Abraham and Isaac in the Bible and Koran are simply their names.

The other story of Abraham’s life taken from the Koran is a claim that he was thrown into a furnace by Nimrod, Sura 21:68-69 and 9:69. This fairy tale is not found in the Bible but is plagiarized by Muhammad from Jewish tradition. This story is found in the Midrash Rabbah.

The Bible gives a lengthy story of Abraham and the Promises of God to him and his seed. The calling of Abraham came to him while he was a Gentile living in Ur of the Chaldees. Ur of the Chaldees was located in modern day Iraq not far from Babylon. God instructed Abraham to leave his family and go to a land that God would show him. The Promise of God to Abraham begins with a destination, Canaan land, known today as modern Israel or Palestine. We can immediately observe from the call to Abraham that it is linked to a promised land. The Promises given by God to Abraham required his obedience to God. If Abraham leaves his family and father’s house, and travels to the land God would show him, he would become a great nation and his name would be blessed, and he would be a blessing to the world. God would add to the Promise given to Abraham with a special Blessing to those that would bless Abraham. Likewise, God would curse those that cursed Abraham.

Abraham was to leave the worship of idols and separate himself from his family unto God. In order to better comprehend the deep meaning associated with Abraham’s relationship to God we must first understand how Abraham worshipped God through sacrifices. The first evidence we have of Abraham sacrificing to God is when Abraham passed through the land of Canaan. God appeared to Abraham and strengthened His Promise to him by telling him his seed, children, and future posterity, would also inherit the land. Abraham built an Altar unto God. The Hebrew for Altar means, a place of slaughter, signifying a place used for sacrifices. The sacrifice was a memorial to God for his deeds towards Abraham. The sacrifice denotes Abraham recognized God as God. His relationship was based on trust and obedience to God. The patriarch knew God and honored him with worship through sacrifices. It is essential for us to realize that throughout Abraham’s life the wonderful loving fellowship he shared with God was never without his sacrifices to God.

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Genesis 18:17 – “And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do...?”

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The first half of 2011 has truly been momentous. We have witnessed a steady stream of natural disasters of unprecedented and even Biblical proportions. We have seen earthquakes, tsunamis, and a nuclear crisis in the nation of Japan. In the United States we have been subjected to generational flooding along the length of the Mississippi River and violent and devastating tornados that have ravaged the Midwest. In Europe major airports have suffered from volcanic eruptions in the nation of Iceland, resulting in the grounding of many flights for days on end as ash and dust clouds covered the skies of many nations (for the second time in less than a year). We have seen the overthrow of governments in the Middle East and North Africa. The nation of Iran is on the brink of becoming a nuclear power whose leader, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has sworn to unleash nuclear holocaust upon Israel in order to bring about the advent of the Mahdi. (The Mahdi is the one that Muslims look to as their messiah; a messiah that Islam teaches will only arise when the Earth is in a state of absolute chaos). It is this same Iranian President who has publicly stated that he believes it is his "personal destiny" to engulf the world in nuclear terror in order that his false messiah may appear. This has led to increased international pressure upon the Nation of Israel to surrender Jerusalem as its capital city along with great portions of its land in order to make "peace" with their enemy (an enemy who is sworn to their complete and utter destruction). In the east we have seen the awakening of the “sleeping dragon,” Communist China, who systematically and very quietly with machinelike precision has gone about to become the world’s greatest superpower. China is well on its way to supplanting the United States and Russia along with Western Europe as the economic and military leaders of the whole world. It is this, along with many other “signs,” that can only lead any serious student of the Word of God to conclude that we are running headlong toward the Judgment of God upon a wicked and unbelieving world.

THE SAVING OF LOT

Just prior to the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah the great patriarch, Abraham, received a Visitation from God the Father Himself. In the course of God's conversation with Abraham it was revealed to Abraham that God was about to destroy Sodom. The Lord Jesus Christ stated in the Gospel of St. Luke 17:28-30 that, “...as it was in the days of Lot...” and “...the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from Heaven, and destroyed them all” and that “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

THE PROPHECY OF ABRAHAM’S PRAYER

God’s Revelation to Abraham that Sodom was about to be destroyed – and how Father Abraham responded to that Revelation – was in a larger sense a Prophecy of what is about to unfold now in our time (the time upon which the end of all things has come). Abraham immediately began to intercede on behalf of his nephew, Lot, who was living in Sodom at the time. Sodom represents the world at the end of the Age;
Abraham represents the “true church” in this hour who has had it revealed to them by the Holy Spirit that we have indeed entered into the last of the last days, and that Judgment is fast approaching, and the Rapture of the Church is soon to occur.

THE CASE FOR INTERCESSION

It can be argued that had Abraham not interceded on behalf of his nephew, Lot, that he along with his family would have perished in the Judgment of God upon Sodom. Lot was spared because of the intercession of his Uncle Abraham; rescued from destruction by the Angels of God because Abraham dared to stand in the gap and appeal to the Mercy of God. Judgment indeed came upon Sodom and Gomorrah as Judgment will come upon this world. Let us draw an understanding that this world is filled with modern day Lot’s who will only be spared if we understand the times. Like Father Abraham, let us be moved with compassion to intercede on behalf of those who are appointed to become members of the Family of God. This can only be done through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. The last days Harvest is upon us.

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AN ENDTIME ABRAHAM

It is my contention that like Abraham of old, S.B.N. has been raised up at this most crucial time in History to stand in the gap and intercede on behalf of those who stand on the brink of Judgment. All those who have partnered with Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and S.B.N. have done so by the direct Leading of the Holy Spirit. In a sea of confusing voices, S.B.N. has emerged as a LIGHTHOUSE of clarity sounding forth the Message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified as the ONLY hope of Salvation for this lost and dying world. Now is the time for us to rise to the occasion and fully understand that the coming of the Lord is upon us all and we must be about reaping this final Harvest upon the Earth. The Lord is soon to return: your support for this Ministry is needed now more than at any time before, will you stand in the gap? Pray ye the Lord of the Harvest that He will send forth laborers into His Fields for truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

Keep Looking Up,

Marty Martinez

Brother Marty Martinez

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THE APOSTLE PAUL

At least hundreds and possibly thousands of books have been written on the Apostle Paul. This man under Christ, as no other, is the father of what we refer to as Western Civilization. He is the man to whom the Lord gave the meaning of the New Covenant, which, in effect, is the meaning of the Cross. As well, the Holy Spirit designated him as the "Masterbuilder of the Church." In his fourteen Epistles, that is if he wrote the Book of Hebrews, which I believe he did, he gives us the all-important information not given anywhere else, as to how one lives for God. As it regards the Believer, there is nothing more important than that.

PAUL THE MAN

We have gone into some detail in this book dealing with the man, Paul, the Apostle. Who he was! What he did! But most of all, we have done our best to deal with the information the Lord gave him as it regards the meaning of the New Covenant. In studying the goodly number of books, which I perused, there was very little information given regarding this all-important aspect of this man’s life and Ministry. When we say that the Lord gave to Paul the meaning of the New Covenant, it is a statement that is so astounding it beggars all description. In fact, that was the greatest Word that God ever gave to any human being. Everything given before then, and I speak of the Prophets, etc., all were leading up to this which was ultimately given to Paul. Yet, we are given very little information as to how it was given, but rather what was given. We’ve done our best in this book to major on that all-important aspect of his life, living, and Ministry.

PAUL

When we think of Paul presently, that is if we know anything about the Bible at all, we realize the greatness of this man. In fact, more than likely, he is eclipsed by no other personality in the Bible. I realize that’s a staggering statement, but I believe it to be true. Yet, during his life, he was given very little credit for that which the Lord accomplished through him. It has taken many centuries for it to come full flower.

THE BOOK

If, in this book, we are able to help you go a little deeper into this man’s life, and most of all, to help you understand the tremendous Heavenly Vision that was afforded him, which means that you will understand what he taught a little better, then all the labor of putting this together will have been worthwhile.

I want you to be with him in his early days. I want you to experience his struggles and, as far as is possible, his great victories. If, when you get through reading this book, you understand the New Covenant to a greater degree, then the task will have been worthwhile.
THE EASTER CAMPMEETING

I’ve never seen anything like it! I’ve never been in a Campmeeting quite like this! The people who gathered were there to have Church, and have Church we did! It seemed like all of Heaven came down. Each and every Service carried its tremendous impact, as the Spirit of God Moved like a flowing river. And the thing I want to be understood is I believe the Lord has told me, “That’s just the beginning.” They’re going to get better and better. In fact, the time is coming very shortly, that we’re not going to have room to seat the people. And considering that our Church will comfortably seat 5,000, to be sure, we’ll crowd even more in.

On Saturday night, Nancy Harmon was with us. We prevailed on her to sing with our choir and musicians one of her signature songs, “I’VE COME TOO FAR TO LOOK BACK”.

I hardly know what to say! The Power of God fell in that place like rain. In other words, all of Heaven came down. I had her to sing it again and again, with the Spirit of God Moving even greater time after time.

What we experienced, and are going to experience to an even greater degree in coming Campmeetings, is what the modern church desperately needs, what our nation desperately needs, and what the world desperately needs.

So, I’m going to urge you to make your plans to be with us in the coming young adults Crossfire International Youth Conference, which will begin Wednesday night, July 20 through 24. Now you may think because it’s young adults that you wouldn’t be interested. Please believe me, the tide of the Easter Campmeeting that rose to unparalleled highs, will rise even higher in this young adult Crossfire International Youth Conference. So get it out of your mind it’s just for young people. It is for young people, but it is for older people as well, and everything in-between. Make your plans to get here.

And then the Thanksgiving Campmeeting, which will be November 23 through 27, is going to be, we believe, even greater than ever. Why don’t you make your plans right now to be with us?

THE SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK

Counting the United Kingdom, at this particular time, we are going into some 65 million homes in America along with the UK. I have no way to know how many homes that we’re going into respecting Mexico and Central and South America, but it is considerable. As well, our efforts in Latin America are growing day-by-day. We plan to cover every single home in Mexico and Central and South America, that is possible to do so. In fact, we plan to cover the entirety of the world. That’s what God has called us to do as it regards this MESSAGE OF THE CROSS.

The letters, the e-mails, and the testimonials that we’re getting regarding the Network, are absolutely astounding. Let me tell you what is soon to happen.

In a single Service that goes out over Television, Radio, and the Internet, as the Spirit of God begins to Move, thousands can be Saved in a single Service. It goes the same for Believers being baptized with the Holy Spirit and healed by the Power of God. We are already getting scores of calls and e-mails from people telling us they’ve been Saved, or filled, or healed, or delivered, as a result of the Services that are coming their way by the Network. I firmly believe, and I’m not just throwing numbers around, that millions are going to be swept into the Kingdom of God in the near future. In fact, I personally believe that it’s going to be the greatest Move of God the world has ever known. I also believe it will be the last great Move of the Holy Spirit on a worldwide basis before the coming Great Tribulation.
OUR PARTNERS

For those of you who pray for us, who stand with us, who help us, who share our burden, and who feel the same Call, you are privileged to be a part of one of the greatest Moves of God the world has ever known. How privileged we all are! How blessed to be living at such a time.

I believe that most of you know, and hopefully all of you, what a privilege it is to be a part of what God is doing that has been planned in Heaven for a long, long time.

I want all of us to understand, at least as best we can, how important all of this is. This is something that has been planned by the Lord for a long, long time. It is not something that the Lord is allowing this Ministry to do, but something, which the Lord has planned from the time I was a child and, no doubt, even long before that. Consequently, we must walk close to the Lord, closer than ever before! We must stay in the very center of His Will. Self must not interpose itself. We must be led by the Spirit, guided by the Spirit, and empowered by the Spirit.

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA

CHURCH MEMBERS

We’re adding almost one hundred members a week to our roll, and how happy we are to have you.

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We encourage people to find a local church that preaches the Cross and support it; however, if such is not to be found, and it cannot be found in most places, we urge you to become a part of FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER MEDIA CHURCH. This one thing I guarantee, the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed without fear or favor.

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“PAUL, THE APOSTLE”

Do you have our new book, “PAUL, THE APOSTLE”? It’s over 500 pages, and I believe a book that will draw you closer to the Lord, and help you to understand to a greater degree this great Salvation, which you are privileged to have.

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So, we have tried to balance the man, Paul, with the Message from Paul. It’s only $29.95 (EV1286), and I would pray that you would take advantage of this effort, which I believe will be a tremendous blessing to you – “PAUL, THE APOSTLE”!

In the Master’s Service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart
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