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FOLLOW PEACE WITH ALL MEN, AND HOLINESS, WITHOUT WHICH NO MAN SHALL SEE THE LORD.

Hebrews 12:14
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n the original language, the two words—holiness and sanctification—pretty well mean the same thing. If you are a child of God, and you really love the Lord, then you want to walk in holiness. But this particular position eludes us so very much because we do not properly understand it. Man—and I’m talking about Christian man now—has been trying to make himself holy I guess from the dawn of time, and it can’t be done. Let me say that again: Man tries to make himself holy by doing certain things or not doing certain other things.

We’ve got people who think that by wearing certain types of clothing, cutting their hair in a certain way, or ladies fixing their hair in a certain manner somehow makes them holy. But you cannot make yourself holy, I don’t care what you do.

Holy

There is only one way that you can be holy (sanctified as well) and that is to place your faith in Christ and what Christ did for you at the cross and maintain it there. Then automatically, not through stages but automatically, you are declared holy by God, understand that. Then the Holy Spirit, who works exclusively by and through the cross and what Jesus there did (which gives Him the legal means to do all that He does) will begin to work in your life. The Holy Spirit is God, and He’ll bring about things that He wants you to do as well as things that He doesn’t want you to do.

We try to do what only Christ can do. We are married to Him, understand that. We are married to Him, and if we are unfaithful to Him by putting our faith in anything other than Christ and the Cross, that constitutes spiritual adultery; we are being unfaithful to Christ.

Law

The very law itself showed that man was incapable of doing what needed to be done—simple commandments that he could not obey. Not a single, solitary human being other than the Lord Jesus Christ ever kept the law. And it was partly given to show us how inadequate we are, how we cannot do it, but yet we keep trying, don’t we? We just keep trying—I’m holy because I do this, or I don’t do that. No, you’re not. You can only be holy in one way, and that’s by doing it God’s way—placing your faith exclusively in Christ and what Jesus Christ did for you at the cross and maintaining it accordingly. Then you are declared holy instantly by the Lord. And then, as we’ve already stated, the Holy Spirit can go to work in your life, to bring about what He desires, which you cannot do; you never could do it; no one else ever has done it; and you can’t either.

The law couldn’t save, all it could do was condemn. The Jews really believed in their efforts to keep the law, and they failed constantly. I think they tried to cover up their failures by denying the failures.

Self-Righteousness

There is something in a person, in all of us, that wants to contribute toward making ourselves holy—if we do this; if we don’t do that; I can do this better than you can—it always leads to pride and self-righteousness.

Even though it’s not so much said outright, the actions of the modern church prove what I’m about to say: they realize they can’t do it. And, they don’t want...
“Everything that’s taking place here now—this network, which goes out all over the world—it came about as a result of these disciplines—SEEKING THE FACE OF THE LORD.”

to admit it, but they’ve quit trying. In other words, holiness is a foreign word; they don’t know what you’re talking about. There is very little effort by the modern church today to try to be holy, even in the wrong way—wearing certain clothing or doing this or that or the other—has fallen by the wayside. They’re not even trying anymore; they don’t know how to walk that path.

I think right now, though, there is a vacuum, and the Holy Spirit has put the message of the cross into that vacuum. Now, whether they will accept it or not only the Lord knows, but people do not turn from old ways easily or quickly no matter how much they fail over and over again.

I remember Frances and I preached a meeting at a church in Ohio. Later we found out that they had had a ruling that a woman could not wear any jewelry if it cost more than $5. If it cost over $5, she couldn’t wear it, otherwise, she could. Just silly stuff. Whenever we try to start improving on what God has done, that’s all it is—silly.

You can be holy, ladies and gentlemen, and the moment, hear me—if the Spirit bears witness with your spirit, and you say, Lord, I want my faith to be exclusively in You, and I place it exclusively in You and what You did for us at the cross—at that moment, instantly, you are holy. I don’t mean over a process of time, I don’t mean that somebody inspects the situation. At that moment, because of your faith in Christ and what Christ did at the cross, you are holy. Understand that—because your faith is in Christ.

Faith In Christ
Was blind Bartimaeus engaging in works when he was told that Jesus of Nazareth was coming and he started hollering, “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me”? No, his was a cry of faith.

Think about this, ladies and gentlemen: if we could do all of these things ourselves, Jesus Christ would not have had to come down here and die on the cross. He certainly didn’t do it to have pleasure; it was an awful, horrible thing. “Father if it be possible,” He said, “let this cup pass from Me.” but He had to do it if mankind was to be salvaged. It was the cross that made it possible for us to come into the very presence of God. It is the cross that cleanses us from all sin.

At the cross, every bondage is broken. Jesus 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).

The Holy Spirit works exclusively within the parameters of the finished work of Christ.

Discipline
Consecration, discipline—it’s all very important. It doesn’t earn us anything, but it shows God that we are serious about what we’re doing, and we want Him; I want Him. I’d rather stay in bed another half an hour than come here to the office to seek the face of the Lord every morning before I come to the studio. I’d rather do that; the flesh would rather do that. But I know that I need several things: I need guidance; I need leading; I need direction; I need the moving of the Holy Spirit within my heart. I need that which sustains me, strengthens me, and helps me—seeking the face of the Lord. Consequently, when I go home at night, I do the same identical thing all over again. It’s not something I’m trying to do to be holy, that’s not it—I need direction.

Everything that’s taking place here now—this network, which goes out all over the world—it came about as a result of these disciplines—seeking the face of the Lord. In prayer that particular afternoon in 2010, I didn’t know anything about a network; it never entered my mind. But I went to praise the Lord, thank the Lord for His help and guidance when the Lord spoke to me and said what He was going to do. Now, would that have happened without those disciplines? I don’t think so.

Gratitude
I’m a human being; I’m not God, so I need guidance, I need leading, and I need to thank the Lord for what He’s done for me over and over. About two-thirds of my praying consists of me thanking Him, just blessing Him. David said, “I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Ps. 34:1). David wasn’t doing that to try to earn something from God. He was doing it because He was indebted to the Lord: “the Lord has been so good to me, I’m indebted to Him.”

We embrace holiness and effect holiness in our lives or else we don’t make it because he said, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Heb.12:14). That’s strong, my friend.

Faith In Christ
You might say, “The Lord expects too much of us.” Well, if He expected us to do it, then
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that would be correct; He would be expecting too much, but He does it Himself—it’s all done. It was done at Calvary’s cross, and all we have to do is exhibit faith in Christ and what Christ did at the cross and maintain that exclusively. That’s all that’s required of us. God can demand what He wants if He’s doing it Himself. It’s not a difficult thing, but we somehow want to do some things that make us feel holy. But I’m not holy because I feel holy; I’m holy because of my faith in Christ and the work He did at Calvary. That’s why I’m sanctified; that’s why I’m justified; that’s why I receive everything that I’ve received from God is because of Jesus Christ and what He did at the cross.

Now if God was demanding of us some far out thing—if He demanded $100,000—most of us couldn’t pay it. If He demanded that we walk 500 miles, we wouldn’t make it.

**Works**

I remember standing at the bottom of some stairs at the Vatican in Rome. Those stairs were supposed to have gone to a church that existed there some 300 years after Christ. Many believe that if you walk up those stairs, then all of your sins will be forgiven. I watched people crawl up those stairs, kissing the steps—and they were filthy from people tromping up and down them. Those poor souls were kissing those stairs thinking that by doing so, all of their sins would be forgiven and they would be made holy. I looked at that and thought, *Lord this is ridiculous; this is awful* (this was before the Lord had showed me this great message of the cross). But as I watched them there, the Holy Spirit convicted me and said, “Well, you’re doing the same thing.” Romans 1:17 says, “*The just shall live by faith,*” not by performing these foolish things.

You can be holy right now, simply by placing your faith in Christ and what He did for you at the cross and maintaining it there. Now don’t allow it to be moved elsewhere; keep it there. At the very moment you do that—I don’t mean after five minutes, five days, or five months—immediately, you are Christ and what He did for you at the cross and maintaining that exclusively. That’s all that’s required of us. God can demand what He wants if He’s doing it Himself—it’s all done. It was done at Calvary’s cross, and all we have to do is exhibit faith in Christ and what Christ did at the cross and maintain that exclusively. That’s all that’s required of us. God can demand what He wants if He’s doing it Himself. It’s not a difficult thing, but we somehow want to do some things that make us feel holy. But I’m not holy because I feel holy; I’m holy because of my faith in Christ and the work He did at Calvary. That’s why I’m sanctified; that’s why I’m justified; that’s why I receive everything that I’ve received from God is because of Jesus Christ and what He did at the cross.

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COUNTLESS CHRISTIAN parents have lived this verse in Luke. They’ve watched sons and daughters pack up their portions and move as far away from Christianity as they dare.

Kim knows. She called into the program and through tears told us, “I raised my children in church; I thought I was doing what’s right, but I just feel like a complete failure as a parent. My children are so far from God. One of them I haven’t seen in more than twenty years, and my heart is just broken because I feel like I raised my kids in the way that they should go.”

She’s referring to Proverbs 22:6 which says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” In Hebrew, the way he should go means, “in the mouth of his way”—mouth as in the beginning or entrance of a place or thing.

A rabbi was asked, “At what age does a child’s Torah education begin?” He responded by asking, “From what point are parents obligated to feed their child?”

“I will open my mouth in a parable,” Psalm 78 says. “I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments” (Ps. 78:2-7).

From our mouths to their beginnings, Christians are to show their children the praises of the Lord and teach them the words of God. This is meant to happen in the home, by parental example.

Presbyterian evangelist John Wilbur Chapman, who preached with D.L. Moody and discipled Billy Sunday, relayed this about optimal home life:

Example counts for everything in a home. If there is any blessing in my own life … if there has been any helpfulness in my ministry to others, I owe it all to my mother, who lived before me a consistent Christian life and died giving me her blessing; and to my father, who, with his arms about me one day said, “My son, if you go wrong it will kill me.” I was at one time under the influence of a boy older than myself and cursed with too much money. I had taken my first questionable step at least, and was on my way one night to a place which was at least questionable if not sinful. I had turned the street corner and ahead of me was the very gate to hell. Suddenly, as I turned, the face of my father came before me, and his words rang in my very soul. If my father had been anything but a consistent Christian man I myself, I am sure, would have been far from the pulpit, and might have been in the lost world. There are those who seem to think that the height of one’s ambition is to amass a fortune, to build a palace or to acquire a social position. My friend, George R. Stuart, says you may build your palaces, amass your fortunes, provide for the satisfaction of
carried out, a scholar notes, the history of Israel would have been very different than what it is now. Instead, Israel herself became a wayward child.

To “teach them diligently,” in the Hebrew, takes from the word *whet*, which means to sharpen*. Picture a craftsman scraping the blade of a knife back and forth over a whetstone. The careful and consistent motion produces a razor-sharp edge. Likewise, effective teaching is sharp enough to cut away doubt and heat the heart with faith.

Remember what the two men on their way to Emmaus asked, “*Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*” (Lk. 24:32).

Along with what is taught at home, a child’s Christian education includes what he learns at church. So many parents are surprised and confused when their adult children, once “raised in church,” turn their backs on God. The question is, what kind of church were they raised in? Good, Bible-believing churches are difficult to come by these days. So many are what I call “hybrids,” where pulpits are used to mix the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with man-made doctrine. The result is spiritually mixed-up moms and dads who, because they attend such a church on a regular basis, expect to reap the results of biblical parenting. But how can a parent train up a child in the way he should go if that mother, that father isn’t properly trained themselves?

But apostate churches aren’t always to blame for backslidden children, nor is bad parenting; many a godly mother and father grieve over their child’s decision to turn aside from the Lord. So going back to Luke 15, how does a parent like Kim get from verse thirteen to the part in the parable where the son comes to his senses and comes back to the Lord?

Let’s take a closer look at the actions and reactions of the two primary people in the story.

The Father

Scholars speculate that the Lord may have known this certain man and his sons—a family of wealth that could easily afford land, lavish feasts, and costly gems. Theirs was a home of provision, and these two sons knew it.

“*And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living*” (Lk. 15:12).

Earlier in Luke 15, the Lord used parables with ratios related to property loss: one sheep out of a hundred; one of ten coins. But the loss of the younger son’s departure was far more costly, not only in terms of possession—a third of his estate (Jews gave the oldest son twice as much as the younger) —but also loss of relationship.

His boy was leaving the house prematurely, bent on living a life of sin. The father knew, as most fathers know, that his willful son was forfeiting all that had been invested in his emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being. To say that it broke this father’s heart is an understatement.

His son says, “give me,” and the father says nothing in response. He doesn’t get angry or argue. He didn’t threaten or bribe. He simply divided to him the part of his living and let the boy go.

For young parents striving to live consistent Christian lives before their children, keep in mind the commandment that God gave to Israel so long ago:

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” (Deut. 6:6-7).

Had this system of education been
The Son  

Luke 15:13 says this wayward son “wasted his substance with riotous living.” We find that same word, substance, in Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for.”

Along with wasting the money his father gave him, I believe this boy also wasted his faith, placing a good part of it in himself and later in a citizen from another country to help him survive a famine. The result was a once wealthy heir now feeding swine in a field, and for a Jew, there was no lower degradation.

“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father’s have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father” (Lk. 15:17-20).

What a beautiful picture of how the Holy Spirit works in the heart of a wayward child. First the conviction: the boy came to himself. Prior to God saying, “Let there be light,” we find the Spirit of God moving upon the face of the waters. Likewise, at the direction of the Father, the Holy Spirit hovers over our backslidden children and illuminates their hearts to show them their sinful state and their need to help him survive a famine. The result was a once wealthy heir now feeding swine in a field, and for a Jew, there was no lower degradation.

“Father, we come before you in the name of Jesus Christ, and speak our heartbreak and our brokenness, and their heartbreak concerning the decisions their children have made. Lord, we’re asking for the peace that passes all understanding; we’re asking for Your grace to begin to flow in their lives. May they grow closer and closer to You, and as they do that more wisdom and guidance would come as it regards how they should pray and how they should deal with their children. And Lord, we give You all the praise and all the glory. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Scholars say the distance—a great way off—had more to do with a relational distance rather than a physical one. The son was far, far away from the father, but never the father from the son. He saw the boy when he was still a great way off—way off in sin, in slavery, in a field with the pigs.

Now, after all this time, the father sees his son coming. The young man is bare-foot; his clothes are torn and ragged; he’s unclean. He walks haltingly as he approaches the property that was once his home; part of his inheritance. “If only he repents,” the father thinks, “the best robe is waiting; a ring; new shoes.”

“And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son” (Lk. 15:21).

This is as far as the young man gets, my husband notes. The son had intended to go on and ask to be made as one of the hired servants. But thank God, the father interrupts with words he’s been aching to say: “Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found” (Lk. 15:22-24).

The parable of the prodigal son offers believers comfort and hope, but we know that not every situation involving wayward children ends like this one.

A Word To Parents  

Every adult child chooses his own path and is responsible for his own actions. Some have made the choice to walk away from God, and there’s nothing a parent can do about that except to pray and love that child. My husband and I have known good, godly parents who did their best to put the Word of God into the hearts of their sons and daughters, but the minds of those children were not on the things of God; they wanted nothing to do with Him. Thankfully, some of those kids eventually came back to the Lord, but others did not. The fact is, you can be the best parent in the world, but that doesn’t guarantee your child will be a godly person. Maybe you feel that you’ve failed as a parent—and none of us get everything right on parenting—but don’t beat yourself up over it. Get alone with God and tell Him, “Lord, I missed it there,” then ask Him to help you love and pray for that child, to intercede. Ask the Lord to do whatever it takes to bring your child to the end of himself, put your son or daughter into the hands of the Lord, and then wait on Him and with Him. Remember, God is watching the road that leads back home.

A Prayer For Parents  

When Kim called into the program, grieved over her wayward children, Donna was impressed by the Lord to pray for her. We want to extend that prayer to all moms and dads carrying the same burden: “Father, we come before you in the name of Your Son, Jesus, and we bring these parents before you—our brothers and sisters in Christ—and Lord we feel, we sense, and we hear their anguish, their brokenness, and their heartbreak concerning the decisions their children have made. Lord, we’re asking for the peace that passes all understanding; we’re asking for Your grace to begin to flow in their lives. May they grow closer and closer to You, and as they do that more wisdom and guidance would come as it regards how they should pray and how they should deal with their children. And Lord, we give You all the praise and all the glory. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

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FOLLOW THE MAN BEARING THE Pitcher of Water

“And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover (the lamb was killed), His disciples said unto Him, Where will You that we go and prepare that You may eat the passover? (A place had to be prepared.) And He sent forth two of His disciples (refers to Peter and John [Lk. 22:8]), and said unto them, Go ye into the city (Jerusalem), and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water (this was seldom done by men): follow him (in a spiritual sense, this man was a type of the Holy Spirit). And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house (believed to have been owned by John Mark, or his family, who wrote the gospel according to Mark), The Master says, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with My disciples? (Actually says, ‘My guestchamber.’) And he (the owner of the house) will show you a large upper room furnished and prepared (was in a state of readiness): there make ready for us (has to do with the preparation of the passover ingredients). And His disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as He had said unto them: and they made ready the passover (meant that Peter and John took the paschal lamb to the temple where it was there killed, with the priests officiating, with the blood poured out at the base of the brazen altar; the carcass of the lamb would have then been brought back to this house, where it would have been roasted and prepared by the disciples)” (Mk. 14:12-16) (The Expositor’s Study Bible).

THE BAPTISM with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues is God’s greatest gift to the church. It is through the Holy Spirit that God works in the church and in our lives. Actually, one could say that the Spirit is the executive of the Godhead, working in us and on behalf of us.

The infilling of the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct work of grace afforded to us by and through what Christ did at Calvary.

With the Holy Spirit, the believer and the church are vibrant and dynamic. Without the Holy Spirit, the work that could be done is greatly hindered.

In this account given to us in Mark, we are given a glimpse of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Passover
In verse 12, the Scripture tells us that it was the time of the Passover.

As you know, the Passover typified Calvary and our salvation. This tells us that all of the great benefits of Calvary (healing, deliverance, joy, peace, etc.) can only come to us after our conversion and the infilling
of the Spirit, for power and service can only come after one has been saved.

During the Passover week, there could have been up to 2 million people gathered in Jerusalem.

During Passover, approximately 250,000 lambs would be offered up in sacrifice. A quart of blood would be drained out of each lamb. The blood would fall into a golden bowl, and then the bowl would be passed down from priest to priest until it reached the brazen altar, and then the blood was poured over it. There were conduits running out from the brazen altar in which the blood would be carried to the brook Kidron, where for days it would run red with the blood.

However, in spite of all the lambs being offered up during the entirety of the dispensation of the law, and all the blood that would flow from the lambs being offered up, the sin of man could only be covered. However, when Christ, the Lamb of God, died on Calvary, one drop of His blood was enough to atone for all sin—past, present, and future.

When the Passover was observed, the entire lamb was to be eaten, except for some of the inward parts, meaning, you must accept all of Christ and not just the part of Him you desire.

They were to eat the lamb in a reclining or resting position, typifying the rest that comes to man through Christ (Mat. 11:28-30).

They were to eat the lamb with bitter herbs, meaning, they were never to forget that they were once slaves in Egypt, unable to free themselves. Today, man cannot free himself from sin except through the blood of Christ. Man cannot earn it, buy it, or inherit it. Only through the acceptance of Christ as man’s Redeemer can one be free from the bitter slavery of sin.

They would eat the meal with unleavened bread, meaning, there could be no sin in the Passover.

Then they would drink a cup of wine, with the wine representing joy—the joy that comes to man when he knows that all sin has been forgiven and cleansed.

**The Man Bearing A Pitcher Of Water**

When the disciples inquired of the Lord as to where they would eat the Passover, He told them to go into the city “and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water.”

There are two things that are important here:

- The water is one of the symbols of the Holy Spirit (Ex. 17:6; Ezek. 36:25-27; 47:1; Jn. 3:5; 4:14; 7:38-39). The Holy Spirit is the fountain of Living Water, the purest and the best. The Holy Spirit is a veritable River of Life. As natural water purifies, refreshes, and quenches thirst, so the Holy Spirit purifies, refreshes, and quenches our spiritual thirst. As natural water is an indispensable source of physical life, the Holy Spirit is an indispensable element of spiritual life. As the song says:

  *There’s a river of life,  
   Flowing out from me,  
   Makes the lame to walk,  
   And the blind to see;  
   Opens prison doors,  
   And sets the captive free,  
   There’s a river of life,  
   Flowing out from me.*

- Men in those days didn’t carry water. This was a task reserved for women, thus, a man carrying water would stand out amongst the entire crowd crossing the streets of Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit stands out. He cannot be hidden. You can spot a person, work, or a church that is full of the River of Life; they stand out.

  Immediately upon the acceptance of Christ, the Lord sends the believer to meet the man bearing a pitcher of water. It is the will of the Lord that after salvation, the believer go on and be filled with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:1-4.

**Follow Him**

The Lord instructed the disciples to follow the man.

This speaks to the fact that as believers, we are to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Everything we do is to be done in accordance with the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit.

When the Lord first called His disciples, He stated, “Follow Me,” and now He says, “Follow Him,” the Holy Spirit.

**Upper Room**

The Lord said, “He will show you a large upper room.” This pertains to all we need for life and godliness. Everything is found in the upper room. Notice that He said, “Large upper room.” Everything the Lord has for us is big.

**Furnished**

The room is already furnished; we don’t add anything to it. The Holy Spirit knows what we need.

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Looking Unto Jesus

As believers, the path that we’re on—the Christian life—was forged by Jesus Christ. Many years ago, there was a chasm between God and man. Man could not hope to cross that chasm, so God did something—He laid down the cross so that man could walk that precious plank from death to life.

Paul said Christ is the author and the finisher of our faith. The word finisher means “done, completed.” He started the work, but He didn’t just leave it for somebody else to complete. Jesus started it, and He finished it.

A few years back, I heard a preacher on television say that when Jesus was hanging on the cross and He cried out, “It is finished,” that He didn’t really mean what He said there; He didn’t really finish the work. That preacher said angels had to finish it for Him. When I heard that, I thought, “Brother, what do you think ‘finish’ means?” Apparently he didn’t have the same definition of “finish” that I had. When somebody says, “I’m finished,” it means “I’m done; there is nothing else left to do.”

That’s exactly what Christ did—He finished it, and then He sat down at the right hand of the Father signifying that His work was completed, flawlessly. Hallelujah! Glory to God! You can’t outdo the cross! Christ is the finisher; He completed it. Nothing else needs to be added. Paul tells us how to run this race, how to lay aside the sin and the weight that so easily besets us by looking to the one who finished.

Have you ever looked up to somebody? I’m not talking about an idol, just someone you’ve admired—a person who has maybe endured some challenges that you haven’t and made it through to the other side. We look at individuals like that and say, “If they can get through it, then I can get through it.” It’s one thing to admire a person who has gone through some ups and downs in life and come through them, but it’s an entirely different matter altogether to look unto Jesus—the author...
and the finisher of our faith—the one who started it and the one who completed it. This signifies the growth, if you will, of our faith—its beginning, development, and ending. It shows us where our faith should be, and where it should never leave, which is in Jesus Christ and what He did at Calvary.

Paul said, “Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

Jesus endured the cross. This means the cross had to be; there was no other way. Sometimes it’s difficult to comprehend what Christ left to come here. He left the splendor of glory to come down to a sinful world; He left the perfect place to come to a place that is so imperfect. Why? Because man’s sin was so horrible, and he was incapable of getting to God on his own. So Christ endured the cross.

We read in the gospels about the crucifixion of Christ and what He had to endure: The pain, the suffering. His beard ripped from his face, lashes on His back, a crown of thorns placed on His head, the carrying of His own cross up to Mount Calvary only to have nails pierced through His flesh. Once on the cross, He was made fun of, ridiculed, and spit upon. “If thou be the Son of God,” they said, “come down from the cross” (Matt. 27:40).

According to Roman custom of that day, no Roman citizen could ever be hung on a cross—that punishment was reserved for the most wicked criminals imaginable. It was the penalty for those whose crimes were heinous, evil, and vile. Christ did nothing, yet He was still crucified between two thieves. Why? Why did He have to suffer that shame? Because of us. The sin debt had to be paid, and there was no other way to pay it except through His death on a cruel, rugged cross. He endured all of that suffering, despising the shame, so that you and I would not have to.

God loved us so much that He sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

As horrific as the cross was, Christ’s victory was that much greater. The apostle Paul said that Christ is now seated by the right hand of the Father, right by the throne of God. He’s seated, which signifies, once again, that the work was completed.

In Hebrews 10, Paul says the priests stood daily ministering in the temple. Their work was never completed. But Christ, who sanctified us through the giving us His body on Calvary’s cross, is now seated by the right hand of the Father. The earth was made His footstool, signifying that His work on Calvary’s cross was a finished, completed work, and His victory now becomes my victory.

Christ did not suffer just to give you a partial victory; He suffered and died to give you complete victory over the world, the flesh, and the Devil. His victory was won at Calvary’s cross so the believer can say, “Sin does not have dominion over me, and I can lay aside the weight and the sin as I look to Jesus Christ—the author and the finisher of my faith—through what He did at Calvary’s Cross. I am victorious because He is victorious.”

It’s like that old song says:

Hallelujah, what a thought!
Jesus full salvation brought,
Victory, victory;
Let the powers of sin assail,
Heaven’s grace can never fail,
Victory, victory.

God’s grace can never fail, which means that the cross can never fail. No matter what happens in your life—failures or mistakes—get your eyes off of the problems, stand up, and put your eyes back on Christ and what He did at Calvary. Allow the Holy Spirit to work and help you get back on the right path, with your eyes looking straight ahead to Jesus Christ—the author and finisher of our faith.
Of all of these Scripture albums that we have made, I do believe that this is the best yet. Whatever you do, you must get a copy for yourself. It will drive evil spirits out of your house, from your place of business, and from your person—of that I am certain (I Sam. 16:23).

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Dear Evangelist: I am grateful to have your music that from time to time rings in my ears. Indeed, God is great. I thank you so much, Brother Jimmy, for allowing the Spirit of God to use you in this mighty way! Your songs are food for my soul. —Durban, South Africa

Dear Evangelist: I enjoy watching your programs, especially Message of the Cross, Frances & Friends, and A Study in the Word. I have been blessed and continue to be blessed by your programming and would love for you to keep up the marvelous work. God bless you all. —Zimbabwe

Dear Evangelist: I recently purchased the CD My Shepherd with Robin Herd. It is one of the most beautiful, inspiring works of art I have ever heard! I put my headphones on every night when going to sleep and listen. The next morning, I listen to what I missed the night before. When I need an uplifting, I put this CD on. I also purchased the CD Christ Is My Everything with Jimmy Swaggart, another great and inspiring CD! Thanks so much for putting out such great and inspiring music. —Florida

Dear Evangelist: I have been seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I ended up at a friend’s house and talking to him about what I had read from the book of Acts and Timothy. In the middle of our conversation, your channel had come on TV, and everything you preached was word-for-word what we had just talked about in our conversation. I’ve been watching you guys ever since! Donnie’s sermon this past Sunday was so powerful; I almost couldn’t breathe because the Holy Spirit was about to explode out of my chest. I’m getting with some leaders at my church this week to seek baptism in the Holy Spirit. —Tennessee

Dear Evangelist: From the late 1980s on, I have been praying for you and your family that your faith does not fail. I know you folks must get thousands of emails like this. —Ohio

Dear Evangelist: I’ve had cable since being here for 40 years and just recently took Dish. Scrolling through the channels, I came across JSM. I haven’t done anything after work or on weekends but sit in front...
of my TV, listen to the great music, and watch Brian Haney and Joseph Larson. What talent as well as the other musicians and singers. But to watch Brian’s hands play that piano. Wow, God bless you and your ministry. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: I am in Australia watching your show, Frances & Friends, and I’m here to tell you that for years and years, since I was a child, I suffered from depression, and I know black holes. But listen to this: since Brother Jimmy’s show has come to my town, I have it on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. And now, after one year, I no longer have had one day of depression! And it is because I have put on the garment of praise, and I now am on fire! No depression, no medication—and it is because I’m soaked in the Spirit that comes from your show. Praise Jesus, I am free from that post-traumatic depression which I suffered from for all those years! —AUSTRALIA

Dear Evangelist: I have a praise report: I had stopped giving to the Bible-thon. Well, this last Bible-thon I decided to tell the Lord I would donate a Bible for Jesus’ blessings. I am on a limited income; things happened, and I couldn’t afford it. Having a healthy fear of God, I realized I better do what I promised. So instead of donating one, I decided to donate two. To my surprise, the next day I unexpectedly received $2,000! Now this doesn’t happen very often, but you never know when God will bless you! Thank you for all the programs on SBN; I watch them and love them all. My family knows not to call when Frances & Friends is on, during Wednesday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night services, or when Donnie’s Story Behind the Song is on. Thank you! I encourage people to give. This may be the day your blessings come through! You can’t get a blessing if you don’t plant seeds. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Dear Brother Swaggart, your songs and music on The Psalms CD are such a blessing. I play this over and over in my car. God’s Word from the Psalms, sung as only you can sing them, blesses me and helps keep my focus on the Lord and His Word. I hope you will make more music CDs from the Word of God as this. —EMAIL, FWC MEDIA MEMBER

Dear Evangelist: Dear Brother Swaggart, I just wanted to drop you a note to tell you how much the message of the cross has changed my life. I was living in Romans 7, and the truth of the cross has made me free. We support your ministry, and we have sent over 200 Expositor’s Ladies Edition Study Bibles to twenty-three different prisons in over fourteen states. My wife and I wish to fly down from North Carolina to be with you in a service. I would love to share my testimony with you. You once said that we serve a big God, so ask big! Thank you for being a great general of the faith! —EMAIL

“I thank you so much, Brother Jimmy, for allowing the Spirit of God to use you in this mighty way! Your songs are food for my soul.”

“You can’t get a blessing if you don’t plant seeds.”
PRINCIPAL SPICES USED IN ANOINTING OIL

“Moreover the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin: And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, and the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest’s office. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.” —Exodus 30:22-31

GOD TOLD MOSES of the five principal spices that were to be used in the holy anointing oil. The anointing oil was and is a type of the Holy Spirit and His working in the lives of believers. God told Moses, “Take thou also unto thee principal spices of myrrh … cinnamon … calamus … cassia … olive oil.” If the anointing oil was made with any other spices, it was an anointing oil that God did not accept. This article gives a brief explanation of each spice and how it applies to our lives today.

MYRRH. It was a thick gummy sap from the stem of a rugged thorny tree in Arabia. A bucket was placed close to the stem of the tree to catch the sap that oozes out so slowly that sometimes it takes years to draw out one bucket, drop by drop. There was also a myrrh that was inferior. It was made by cutting the tree
we willing to be dead to self and alive to Christ—His goals, His righteousness, His ways, His will? It’s a continual process of faith in Christ and death to self.

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**CASSIA.** This aromatic spice is from the outer bark of the tree. The bark was stripped and then boiled for its spice.

*Application.* This refers to our outer life, the life that people see every day. The Spirit will strip and purify us from all fleshly and worldly control. God has to first deal with what’s on the inside, but He’s also purifying your outside. Why? Because what the world sees in us will either lift up or tear down the testimony of Christ (Matt. 5:16). How much of Jesus do they see in us? The anointed life is a life that is inwardly and outwardly glorifying Christ.

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**SWEET CINNAMON.** It came from the inner bark of the native tree grown in Ceylon and islands of the Indian Ocean. The inner bark had to be cut, dried, and crushed before it was useful.

*Application.* This speaks of the inner man—self—that has to die and be crushed. Through faith in the finished work of Christ (Gal. 2:20), we have been crucified to self. The provision has been made for us to be dead to all self-effort, self-will, self-trust, self-reliance, self-righteousness, and selfish motives. An inactive faith life means an active self-life. We have to be dead to self. Are in Him through a strong private life with God. The tree is only as strong as its roots. The tree (ministry) can’t stand unless its roots are strong. God is developing strong roots in you.

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**OLIVE OIL.** Olive oil only comes one way, through breaking and crushing. The olives must be broken off and crushed, and crushed, and crushed.

*Application.* This refers to a life that is broken and humble before God. It speaks of our self-will, self-effort, and ego that is crushed and broken. Sometimes we have to go through “breaking” times when God shows us pride, and then He breaks us. Sometimes we face situations that hurt; they’re filled with pain, and we become broken before God. Broken and humble believers know that their only help is in the Lord. We are helpless in ourselves, and we approach God in this manner. Isaiah 66:2 says, “But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.”

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**CALAMUS.** It is a small aromatic herb whose roots are the prized spice. The roots are dried, crushed, and used.

*Application.* This refers to our unseen, private relationship with Christ (Matt. 6:5-6). This is your “root system.” Unless you have that, what people are seeing on the outside is not the real you. What you do when you’re alone is the real you. Also, this speaks of being properly rooted in Christ (Jn. 15:4-5; Matt. 7:24-27): Rooted in Him through faith in His finished work; rooted in Him through His Word; and rooted
them. The chosen people of Israel broke the covenant that God had made with them at Sinai. Because of this, God was forced to end communion with them and chose to discipline them through the Babylonian captivity. After seventy years, He brought them back to the land He had chosen for them and even promised a future restoration. This restoration would not be dependent upon the old covenant, which Israel had broken. Their future and complete restoration would be a result of a new covenant that God Himself would provide. In Isaiah 42:6 the prophet declared that the Jewish Messiah would be given to mankind as this new covenant. Jesus Christ is the Messiah of Israel. He is

Background Of The Text
By looking over the text of Jeremiah 32:36-41, the reader will gain a better understanding for the purpose of verse forty. Jeremiah was declaring the Word of God to a nation that had rebelled against the principles and statutes given by God. God declared that they would go into captivity and that Jerusalem would be laid waste as a result of their sin and rebellion. Almost in the same breath, the Lord prophesies Israel’s return to the land that He is now about to remove them from. At this time, Jeremiah is a prisoner of King Zedekiah. He has been imprisoned in the court of the prison which was in the king’s house. The king was angry with Jeremiah because he had openly prophesied that the Babylonians would be victorious in the battle for Jerusalem. It looks to be a hopeless scenario, but if you choose to read through the entire chapter, you will see the heart of God displayed in regard to His people. God promises not only to restore them to their homeland after captivity but also the establishment of a new and better covenant. God still hates sin in the lives of His people, but today there is a legal means by which He can deal with them without totally eliminating them from His presence. He does so through the means of an everlasting covenant that was established by Christ at Calvary for all who will believe.

The Everlasting Covenant
The Old Testament often describes the sins of God’s people and His harsh response to them. The chosen people of Israel broke the covenant that God had made with them at Sinai. Because of this, God was forced to end communion with them and chose to discipline them through the Babylonian captivity. After seventy years, He brought them back to the land He had chosen for them and even promised a future restoration. This restoration would not be dependent upon the old covenant, which Israel had broken. Their future and complete restoration would be a result of a new covenant that God Himself would provide. In Isaiah 42:6 the prophet declared that the Jewish Messiah would be given to mankind as this new covenant. Jesus Christ is the Messiah of Israel. He is

“And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.” —Jeremiah 32:40
the Son of God who was born of a virgin and offered Himself as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for the sins of all men. When He gave His life, He established this promised covenant—one that can never be broken. He was the representative of God in this covenant; He was the representative of man in this covenant; and He Himself was the blood sacrifice that sealed and confirmed the availability and eternity of as the righteousness of Christ is applied to the believer, God does not have to turn away from man, even when he sins. This marvelous truth is called justification. Justification is not an excuse to live an unholy life. It is the basis for assurance that even when we fail, God will not turn away from us. Based on this knowledge, when failure happens, we can find strength through faith to rise above the failure and continue instantly experiences regeneration. The inner man—the heart, the soul, and the spirit—are all immediately impacted. However, God does not complete the total process of transformation at salvation. The renewing of the inner man is progressively carried out by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. He lives in us and works on us as a result of our continued faith in Christ and what He did.

He Will Not Turn Away To Do Us Good
When the believing sinner accepts Christ as His Savior, God imputes to him the righteousness of Christ. This granting of a righteous position is what allows God to interact with and dwell in man. As long in the process of sanctification. Because of the everlasting covenant, God is now able to stay in us and with us, despite the fact that we are imperfect. He is there to do us good. First He saves us and delivers us from the power of sin. Then He transforms us into the image of His Son. As a result of the presence of the everlasting covenant, He is able to continually bless us according to His riches in glory. This is all because of what Christ did for us at Calvary and our continued faith in this everlasting covenant.

The Fear Of The Lord In Our Hearts
When the believer is born again under the terms of the new covenant, he instantly experiences regeneration. The inner man—the heart, the soul, and the spirit—are all immediately impacted. However, God does not complete the total process of transformation at salvation. The renewing of the inner man is progressively carried out by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. He lives in us and works on us as a result of our continued faith in Christ and what He did for us at Calvary. In addition, the new heart that the believer receives generates a tenderness and propensity toward God and His ways. In the inner man, the believer will experience a sincere love for God and a sensitivity to right and wrong. This produces an appropriate sense of fear in regard to the person of God. This fear gives believers a respect for God and is coupled with a desire to serve Him with all of their hearts. Not only does the new covenant allow God to stay with us throughout the transformation process, but the results of constant renewal also keep the desire to yield ourselves to God continually burning within us. God can now stay till the work is done. We have the capacity to love and fear Him while He finishes that work. This is all available to those who will continually believe in Jesus Christ and depend upon what He has accomplished for mankind on the cross of Calvary. Press on!

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WE MUST GIVE them the truth! Truth is a person—Jesus Christ. It is only through an encounter with God that will bring true transformation to individuals. Minds can be swayed with facts, but an encounter with Jesus Christ changes both heart and mind. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life.” In contrast to Jesus Christ, “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 16:25). We must ever seek to go God’s way if we are to secure life for ourselves and life for our unborn children.

Understanding The Facts
According to the World Health Organization, annually an estimated 56.3 million babies die from abortion worldwide. That’s approximately one baby aborted every 1.8 seconds. Fifty-eight percent of all women having abortions are in their 20s. Black non-Hispanic women have the highest abortion ratio—444 abortions per 1,000 live births—according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Another concerning statistic is that more than seven in 10 women obtaining an abortion report a religious affiliation. Thirty-seven percent claim to be Protestant while 28 percent are Roman Catholic. Seven percent are other religions, and the remainder do not claim any particular religious affiliation.

More History
Last month, we dealt with Margaret Sanger’s efforts to expand the eugenics movement through her advocacy of sterilization and abortion. Sanger was a feminist and liberal sex crusader. To her, women with multiple children were prohibited from female independence. After World War II, eugenacists sought to expand their avenues of influence and Sanger’s Planned Parenthood became a worthy candidate. In order to make their cause palatable to an unsuspecting public, they sought to use a more liberal and inviting approach. In a speech given in 1956, Frederick Henry Osborn, founding member of the American Eugenics Society and member of the Galton Institute said, “Let’s stop telling everyone that they have generally inferior genetic qualities for they will never agree. Let’s base our proposals on the desirability of having children in homes where they will get affectionate and responsible care, and perhaps our proposals will be accepted.”

The Family Planning Association and the International Planned Parenthood Federation opened in 1952. Ironically, it was headquartered in the Eugenics Society offices. The Eugenics Society created another organization in order to help advance their agenda. They founded the Population Council, funded by Rockefeller money. What was their mission? Research to find and create more effective birth control. They were soon able to develop oral birth control—the pill—and the intrauterine device (IUD). Funding from the Population Council and Planned Parenthood enabled the pill to be introduced in the US market in 1960. The IUD offered eugenacists an effective avenue for birth control because once inserted, the
IUD would prevent women from having children for years.

Another challenge for the eugenicists was state laws that controlled birth control and contraception since the turn of the century. Planned Parenthood boldly went against the Comstock “no contraceptives” law in Connecticut and opened clinics throughout the state. Their effort was to reverse the contraceptive laws in Connecticut. The landmark case of *Griswold v. Connecticut* decided that the Comstock law was unconstitutional, and the clear effect of the law, they decided, was to deny disadvantaged citizens access to medical assistance and up-to-date information in respect to proper methods of birth control. A majority vote of the Supreme Court invalidated the law on grounds that it violated the right of marital privacy, establishing the basis for the right to privacy with respect to intimate practices. In other words, a right of protection from government intrusion. The right to privacy clause became the precedent to later Supreme Court decisions, such as, *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Up this point, birth control was now legal for married couples, and in 1972 case *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, it would also be legal for unmarried.

**Modern History**

In 1960, conception was defined as the moment of fertilization, in other words, when the egg meets the sperm. By this definition abortion was illegal, thus making the pill and IUD illegal. In order to make their abortion methods legal, they sought to change the definition of conception.

By 1970, the newer and widely promoted position on conception was that it began with fertilization and ended with implantation in the uterus. In other words, it was not a baby until it was implanted in the uterus. This is how they can call abortion “contraception” instead of murder. The eugenicists had also successfully taken the sexual revolution, fostered by Sanger and Anais Nin, to a new low. During the post-World War II era, the Rockefeller Foundation had funded a fraudulent sex study by Dr. Alfred Kinsey. His perversity was done in the name of scientific research and supplied fodder to the sexual revolution for the benefit of the eugenicists. Their next step was to legitimize murder and sexual promiscuity by legalizing abortion.

On January 22, 1973, abortion was legalized by the Supreme Court. The *Roe v. Wade* decision would stamp the greatest evil on America’s history. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, appointed by Republican President Richard Nixon, became one of the most liberal Justices on the Court, and supplied the opinion of the Court on *Roe v. Wade* on the issue of the constitutionality of laws that criminalized or restricted access to abortions. On the same day that *Roe v. Wade* was decided, another opinion by the Supreme Court was issued in the *Doe v. Bolton* case. It is very interesting to observe that Justice Blackmun directly cited Glanville Williams and Christopher Tietze, both members of the British Eugenics Society. Blackmun also cited seven times from Lawrence Lader’s book, *Abortion*. In his book, Lader expressed gratitude to Williams and Tietze. Lader also cited five American Eugenics Society members and The Abortion Law Reform Association, which included Julian Huxley and other members of the Eugenics Society.

There can be little doubt that efforts by eugenicists have helped with the destruction of human life to further their agenda in making a master race. The RU-486 pill was created by the same company that created Zyklon B gas for the Nazi gas chambers. Coincidence?

Is there a deeper battle being waged by the eugenicists that is being played out in the court of public opinion? Are the opinions of the public birthed out of the propaganda of the eugenicists that was strategically infiltrated into our society? The sad reality is that the outcome of abortion is killing us from within. Our legal system has been successfully used to make laws protecting sinners who offend God and anyone else who loves God.

“Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood...And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off (Ps. 94:20-21, 23).

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IT SEEMS SAD that we need to define true Christianity. There are a lot of counterfeit religions that claim to be Christian but are not. Just because they have the name Jesus Christ in their titles doesn’t mean that it is true Christianity. Just because it has the word Christian in the title does not mean it is part of true Christianity.

Anchored To The Cross
True Christianity is built upon the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not built upon a series of rules or regulations. It is not built upon religious acts. True Christianity has been and will always be anchored to the cross. If a church distances itself from the cross of Christ or the Christ of the cross, then it ceases to be true Christianity.

Why The Cross?
The cross is the central dividing point of the history of mankind. It is where the incarnate Christ paid the debt so that sinful man could be forgiven. It is where my redemption was paid. Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, became the sin sacrifice for all of mankind.

Good News
The true Christian good news is always tied to the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The means by which this good news becomes a reality in a person’s life is by grace through faith. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). Since the birth of the true church until now, it has always been the central theme of the gospel of Jesus Christ. If the gospel being preached is not based on a simple faith in the completed work of Calvary, then it is not good news.

Spreading The Good News
Christ entrusted the spread of the gospel to His church. Before Jesus ascended back to the Father, He gave the charge to His disciples to wait until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit (Lk. 24:49). In Acts, Jesus said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). The spread of the gospel will be accomplished by—and only by—the operation of the Holy Spirit through the true church.

A Christless Christianity
Many pastors today are attempting to distance themselves from the cross of Christ. They feel the image of the cross will push people away. Ponder this: Why do you want to be considered Christian if you deny the central role of the cross in the daily lives of the believers? Can you be part of the body of Christ and belittle Calvary seeing that true Christianity is built upon the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ? The idea of a “cross-less Christianity doesn’t make sense just as the idea of a Christ-less Christianity doesn’t make sense.

Paul Was Not Ashamed
Paul said, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:16–17).

He wasn’t ashamed of talking about Calvary because he realized that the message of the Cross was the dunamis (miracle-working) power of God that produces salvation to everyone. That, my friend, is the basis of true Christianity.
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“And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me, neither told I any man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem.” —Nehemiah 2:12

LAST MONTH WE explored the importance and necessity of building the walls and gates around Jerusalem. In this article, we will examine the resulting opposition to building those walls. Anytime a believer takes a step of faith in obeying God, he can expect opposition (I Pet. 4:12). Satan only fights things that hinder him from stealing, killing, and destroying (Jn. 10:10). Another biblical principle is that the greater the hindrance to Satan, the greater the opposition will be. Finally, the purpose of the opposition of Satan is to attack and undermine the faith of believers so they will stop their obedience to God. Both God and Satan know that before a Christian can obey from the heart (Rom. 6:17), he must first have his faith in the right object. Not only must the Christian do the right thing, but he must also do it for the right reason or it is not biblical obedience. All of this is exemplified as Nehemiah rebuilds the walls and gates of Jerusalem.

Several times it is specifically stated how the goal and purpose of the opposition was to slow down and stop
the construction of the wall and gates. The reason they were plotting to attack the Jews was to hinder them and cause the work to stop (Neh. 4:8, 11). Another time, they invited Nehemiah to meet with them several miles from Jerusalem so they could kill him and the work would stop (Neh. 6:3). When that didn’t work, they wrote an open letter to the Jews falsely accusing Nehemiah of wanting them to build the wall and gates for his personal benefit so that he could be their king. By doing this, they tried to undermine the Jews’ loyalty to Nehemiah so they would quit working (Neh. 6:9).

One of Satan’s greatest tactics is to use fear to discourage believers from obeying Him. This is what they tried to do when they plotted to sneak up on the workers and kill them. But Nehemiah exposed this and their effort to make the workers afraid (Neh. 4:14), and he told them to protect themselves. They also tried to make the workers fearful in distrusting Nehemiah when they attacked his motives (Neh. 6:9). They tried to make Nehemiah fearful when they paid a prophet to say they were going to kill him unless he sought refuge in the temple (Neh. 6:13-14), which would have been sinful since Nehemiah was not a priest. They even tried to make Nehemiah afraid after the wall and gates were finished by having Jewish nobles write letters to him supporting Tobiah to put political pressure on him (Neh. 6:19).

As will be evident, the type and results of the opposition increased as more was accomplished. At first, Sanballat and Tobiah were only grieved when they heard of Nehemiah’s intentions. Then they mocked and ridiculed the Jews when they decided to help with the building and falsely accused them of rebelling against the very king who had given them his approval. When they actually started building, Sanballat tried to intimidate them by becoming extremely furious. When the wall was half done, the enemies became so desperate that they made a plan to attack the builders to stop them from building.

When none of these things worked, and only the gates were left to be made, Sanballat and Geshem sent a letter to Nehemiah asking him to meet them several miles away from Jerusalem where they planned to kill him. When Nehemiah refused, they sent a public message to all the Jews trying to undermine their loyalty to him by accusing him of building the wall just so he could be king over them.

When that failed, they told Nehemiah someone was going to kill him, but that he would be safe in the temple. This would be a sin since he was not a priest and that would disqualify him as their leader and would discourage the Jews from following him.

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In the next issue of The Evangelist, we will review how Nehemiah responded to this opposition.
Go Ye Into All The World...

It probably was in the mid-70s. We had been on television for a timeframe of approximately five or six years. That particular morning I was in the room that we had built onto our house to serve as an office. We had just gone on radio with *The Camp-meeting Hour* not so long before, and now television. I was seeking the Lord about the telecast, asking Him for direction as to what we should do.

You must understand that during those days, television was a lot different from what it is now. Many things that are done now by computers were then done by hand. In other words, it was not simple, and it was not easy. I can still remember the place in the room where I was standing and seeking the Lord when the Spirit of God spoke to me and said, “I want you to put the telecast on in every country in the world that will accept it, and translate it into the language of the people.”

**Taken Aback…**

To say that I was taken aback would be a gross understatement. As far as I know, no one in the world was doing such a thing at that time.

This was a monumental undertaking, and to be sure I did not jump immediately, so to speak. Day by day I continued to seek the Lord, and He continued to deal with my heart. To be frank, I pulled back from it simply because I knew how difficult it would be. As well, I knew that we lacked the knowledge that we should have for such a task. Where would we go to get advice and counsel as to how this was to be done? I did not have an answer to that simply because no one else was doing such a thing.

The first language we did was Spanish. All of the Central and South American countries speak Spanish with the exception of Brazil. We were ultimately to translate into approximately twenty different languages.

We still do that type of work at the ministry, but not on the same scale we did then—it’s much simpler to translate a one-hour program per week, than it is for programming that goes twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

We were finally able to do what we were trying to do, as the Lord had provided the people and some know-how.

**Guatemala City**

I don't really know why Guatemala was chosen. You must understand that whenever one went on television in those days in one of these countries, it covered the

“I want you to put the telecast on in every country in the world that will accept it, and translate it into the language of the people.”
entire country. There was no such thing as cable then, or at least very little. It was all stations that went to other stations all over the land in whatever country in which we were televising.

Why we chose the country of Guatemala I do not know, but that was the first one. At a given point in time, we scheduled a crusade in Guatemala City. It was to be conducted in the stadium which would seat approximately 45,000 people. To be frank with you, I thought we were a little bit out of our minds—45,000 people? I didn't dream at that time what the telecast was doing. But when the Lord said to do this, He of course knew exactly what He was doing.

Donnie and Jim Woolsey set up the crusade. I kept saying to Jim, we won't have a thousand people there, so what are we doing with a stadium that will seat 45,000? He laughed at me and said, “You'll see!” And I did see.

Look What The Lord Has Done

The crusade was conducted on Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon. The stadium was completely filled the first service, and actually filled every service. Thousands of people responded to the altar calls those three particular nights. Then I began to know what the Lord had done, and why that He wanted the telecast aired in these respective countries.

What I’m about to say is strong, and some may disagree with it, but I believe it to be true:

In the late 1970s and throughout the 1980s, the Lord gave us, I believe, the largest harvest of souls that had ever been seen. I believe as well that we saw the largest number of believers baptized with the Holy Spirit that had ever been seen, witnessed, or known. I realize that is a powerful statement, but I believe it to be true.

I also believe that the Lord is going to give us one more opportunity to reach this world for Christ. The Holy Spirit demands that every person have the opportunity to hear the gospel. They may not receive it; actually, most won't. Nevertheless, whenever they stand at the great white throne judgement, the Holy Spirit demands that they had an opportunity to hear, whether they accept or not. Sadly and tragically, the far greater majority of individuals down through the many centuries past, never had the opportunity to even hear one gospel message.

At this present time, I am told by our computer department that, if they so desire, some two billion people can tune in the SonLife Broadcasting Network. And yet my heart bleeds for the balance of the world that doesn't have an opportunity to hear.

What Are You Saying?

No, I am not saying that we are the only ones preaching the gospel. Far from it. But we are one of the few preaching the gospel, meaning that much that goes out is not the gospel. And if you know anything about the Word of God, and I’m certain that you do, then you know what I’m saying is true.

The message of the cross is the gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 6:1-15; I Cor. 1:17-18, 23; 2:2; Gal. 6:14; Col. 2:5-10). In other words, I firmly believe that the message of the cross is that which the Holy Spirit is presently saying to the churches. Jesus told us to be careful that we hear and heed what the Spirit is saying to the churches. He said it seven times, so we know that this is of extreme significance (Rev. 2:7, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

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