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WHAT SHOULD BE THE CHRISTIAN’S POSITION IN RESPECT TO ALCOHOL?

Any true Christian in today’s society, desiring to set a good example for the Cause of Christ will be a teetotaler. It’s just that simple.

All types of arguments are offered to defend social drinking. Some say that it’s the culture of some places, such as beer in Germany and wine in France. But Believers must understand, when we come to Christ, we leave the culture of this world, whatever it is, and come into the culture of the Lord, which is Bible Culture.

We must remember, every alcoholic in this nation or anywhere in the world, didn’t start out as an alcoholic. It started out as a lark, but it began with their first drink. Where it is true that some people do not become bound by alcohol and can stop with what is referred to as moderation; however, millions can’t. And as a Believer, we certainly should desire to set a good example before the world, and setting an example that can lead to alcoholism, is certainly not a Biblical example. Considering the damage that alcohol does, to which we have enumerated, it would seem to me that Believers should desire to shun alcohol in any fashion, whether it be social drinking or whatever. What does the Bible say on this subject?

“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov. 20:1).

“Who has woe? who has sorrow? who has contentions? who has babbling? who has wounds without cause? who has redness of eyes? They who tarry long at the wine; they who go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it gives his color in the cup, when it moves itself aright. At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder” (Prov. 23:29-32).

“Woe unto them who rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; who continue until night, till wine inflame them!” (Isa. 5:11).

“Woe unto them who are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink” (Isa. 5:22).

“Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them who are overcome with wine!” (Isa. 28:1).

“But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the Priest and the Prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in Judgment” (Isa. 28:7).

ALCOHOL’S CONSEQUENCES

I was in a Midwestern city in a Meeting many years ago, and a tragedy had struck locally that riveted the attention of the whole area.

Services had ended for the night. After almost everyone had left, I walked back to the Pastor’s office. I saw him sitting behind his desk, his head in his hands. I asked him what was wrong. He looked at me and asked me if I had heard about the tragedy that had taken place that very day. I had, and then he gave me this background.

The young lady who was murdered was raised in his Church. She had once been Saved and followed Jesus, but had turned her back on God. She and her boyfriend had been to a party and both had been drinking heavily. They left this particular party and then went to a bar — and then left it and were on their way to another bar. The boy made advances toward her, which she repelled. He grew incensed and started beating her with his fist.

He had a large ring on his finger, and in his anger and drunken delirium he beat her to death. She was beaten so badly that they were unable to open her casket for the service.

Some hours later, after he had sobered up, he wandered into a police station and gave himself up. He
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When a Christian takes one drink, he’s voting in favor of all the broken homes, twisted lives, and broken dreams caused by alcohol. He’s declaring it’s the abuse of alcohol that is wrong. If you drink moderately, they say, it then becomes a question of “social relaxation.”

However, who with any sense would question that those who are now abusers (over 20 million in this country) started out as social drinkers, but wound up as falling-down drunks? No, that argument is too thin to skim. Let’s go a little further with it.

As previously stated, I personally do not know how many beers it takes to make a person drunk (or shots of whisky or glasses of wine for that matter), and I suppose it’s a different intake for different people. But if it takes ten beers to make a person drunk, then it is a scientific fact that one beer makes the person one-tenth drunk. The vision is impaired by that much, with the motor responses also impaired. The reaction time is also slowed. And this is not merely the conclusion of a Preacher — this is a scientific fact after exhaustive investigation. Even one drink will affect reflexes and will take two hours to leave the body. That’s why it’s dangerous to drive after only one drink!

Once again, and because it is so important, let us say it again: it is a scientific fact that after just one drink, your judgment is impaired and your reflexes are slowed.

WHAT IS THE ETERNAL FUTURE FOR THE USER OF ALCOHOL?

The Bible is crystal clear on the eternal Judgment of the drunkard. Galatians 5:19 begins a list of the works of the flesh, and Verse 21 lists drunkenness among them. Then the conclusion of Verse 21 states, “They which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.”

So the eternal destiny of those who engage in drunkenness is eternal Hell. The Bible is very clear in regard to this. Of course, the answer always comes back, “But Brother Swaggart, I’m not a drunkard, I only take a social drink now and then, and I can’t see where the Bible condemns it.” Let’s look at it this way.

As we have mentioned, when a person takes just one drink, he is partially drunk. So the question we must ask ourselves is this, “Where will it lead in regard to the road we’re traveling?” It’s not so much the single drink as it is the path that one drink leads to — the example it sets.

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Once again, and because it is so important, let us say it again: it is a scientific fact that after just one drink, your judgment is impaired and your reflexes are slowed. After only one drink, a person is “a little drunk.”

No, alcohol has broken up more homes, murdered more human beings, made paupers of more people, starved more children, started more wars, wrecked more careers, broken more marriages, caused more crimes, sent more souls to Hell, and wrecked more lives than any single factor on the face of the Earth.

In view of this, I must ask the question again. How can any Christian justify even one drink? Alcohol is the most rotten, debilitating, damnable, despicable devil that ever fastened itself upon the human race.

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WE BELIEVE . . .

The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God. (Ps. 119:119; Mat. 4:4; Lk. 24:27)

there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Jn. 5:7)

in the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His Sinless Life, in His Miracles, in His Vicarious and atoning Death, in His Bodily Resurrection, in His Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in Power and Glory to rule a thousand years. (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. 4:10-19)

in the Sanctifying Power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life. (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18)

Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal Salvation. (Jn. 3:5-8, Titus 3:5)

the Redemptive Work of Christ on the Cross provides Healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer. (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; I Pet. 2:24)

the Baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to Believers who ask for it. (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7)

in the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to Everlasting Life and the other to everlasting damnation. (Rev. 20:4-6, 11-15)

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SECOND . . . MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD!

“For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not” (Eccl. 7:20).

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

THIRD . . . JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN!

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just, for the unjust, that He might bring us to God . . .” (I Pet. 3:18).

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

FOURTH . . . YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR.

Jesus calls this experience “the new birth.” He told Nicodemus: “. . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. “But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name” (Jn. 1:12).

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart:

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

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himself in favor of all the hell and horror that alcohol-ism has caused over the centuries. When you take one drink, you’re saying you’re in favor of all the world stands for, all the flesh stands for, and all the Devil stands for. No sir, no Christian who wants to serve his Lord as he should will countenance even one drink. But the Bible has more to say about it than even that.

"Woe unto him who gives his neighbor drink, who puts the bottle to him, and makes him drunken also, that you may look on their nakedness! You are filled with shame for glory: drink you also, and let the foreskin be uncovered, the cup of the LORD’s Right Hand shall be turned unto you, and shameful spewing shall be on your glory. For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men’s blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell therein” (Hab. 2:15-17).

ONE TRAGIC EXAMPLE

A lot of people have looked with great sorrow, and rightly so, on the terrible tragedies that have befallen the Kennedy family. Despite untold riches, fame, power, and popularity, this family has suffered a jarring succession of tragedies.

Joe Jr. was killed in an airplane crash in WWII and one daughter was born with serious mental problems. Everyone knows the horror of the terrible assassinations...
“No, sir, alcoholism is not a sickness — it is a sin that results in bondage.”

of Jack Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy. Then there was the tragedy of the Chappaquiddick incident with Ted Kennedy — and then the untimely death of David Kennedy from a drug overdose. And then of late, the death of John Jr. in a plane crash with his wife and others.

Admittedly, all of these tragedies would not fall under the category of being alcohol induced. But I feel there were too many of them to just be chance. Let’s look at the Kennedy background.

When prohibition ended, Franklin Delano Roosevelt told Joseph Kennedy, Sr. that the legislation of prohibition would be repealed. Once again, it would be legal to make and sell alcoholic beverages in the United States. Joseph Kennedy, Sr. bought up the great Haig & Haig Scotch Whisky Industries in England. The hour of prohibition ended — and it became legal to make and sell alcohol in the United States — Joseph Kennedy had a ready supply of alcohol stored in warehouses in many cities in the United States. He had received permission to store it under the guise of medicinal purposes. So, for a considerable period of time, a good portion of the whisky sold in the United States came from Joseph Kennedy. That was one of the ways in which multiplied millions of dollars were amassed, which later helped to finance the political aspirations of Jack Kennedy, and his election to the Presidency of the United States.

In short, one might say that whisky money at least helped buy the presidency for Jack Kennedy. What produced this money?

Multiplied millions of homes inflamed with violence, heartache, dissipation, pain, and death. Multiplied millions were started on the road to ruin. And God said plainly, “Woe unto him who gives his neighbor drink, who puts the bottle to him.” He also said in the first part of Verse 17 that “Violence . . . shall cover you” (Hab. 2:17). That identifies perfectly what has happened to one of America’s most famous and powerful families.

However, this applies not only to people like the Kennedy’s who amass great fortunes, but also the bartenders serving it, the grocery store owners selling it, the liquor store distributing it, and the brewery manufacturing it. It also holds for the restaurants that sell it. All are cursed by God. This could be one of the reasons America is the violence capital of the world. It could be the reason that violent crimes are increasing at an unprecedented rate.

LINCOLN’S WORDS

Abraham Lincoln delivered the following words in Springfield, Illinois, on February 22, 1842:

“Whether or not the world would be vastly benefited by total and final banishment of all intoxicating drinks, seems to me not now an open question. Three fourths of mankind confess the affinity with their tongues, and, I believe, all the rest acknowledge it in their hearts . . . turn now to the temperance revolution. In it we shall find a stronger bondage broken; a viler slavery manumitted; a greater tyrant deposed. In it, more of want supplied, more disease healed, more sorrow assuaged. By it, no orphan starving, no widows weeping. By it, none wounded in feelings, none injured in interest.

“If the relative grandeur of revolutions shall be estimated by the great amount of human misery they alleviate, and the small amount they inflict, then indeed will this be the grandest the world shall ever have seen.

“And when the victory shall be complete — when there shall be neither a slave nor a drunkard on the Earth — how proud the title of that land, which may truly claim to be the birthplace and the cradle of both those revolutions, that shall have ended in that victory. How nobly distinguished that people, who shall have planted, and nurtured to maturity, both the political and moral freedom of their species.”

A DOCTOR SPEAKS OUT

A doctor wrote this to a newspaper some time ago:

“Recently we saw another preview of Hell in the Parkland Hospital Emergency Room. A woman was struck down by a drunken driver, a college student lying semi-conscious following a head-on collision with another drunken driver, who was himself critically injured. The drunk’s companion was dead. Four other drunks, with lacerations and stab wounds, waiting to be treated.

“Night after night, year after year, the same bloody trail of horror — major auto accidents, stabbings, rapes, and wife beatings. Nightly emergencies, treated and released, are admitted to the hospital or pronounced dead on arrival. And almost always the bloody trail is led to that honored man of distinction — the weekend drinker. Almost always this is the moderate drinker, not the alcoholic. I wonder if there is that much joy to be gained, from the total consumption of all the beers and whiskies made, to equal even a small fraction of the innocent suffering, the damaged bodies, the broken marriages, the discarded children, the total brutalities, and crimes that accompany its use.

“What a quiet place our Emergency Room would be if beverage alcohol were ever abolished from our city.”

No, sir, alcoholism is not a sickness — it is a sin that results in bondage.

No, sir, the moderate drinker is not socially acceptable — for every alcoholic starts out drinking moderately.

No, sir, no Christian who wants to serve his Lord can even remotely accept the consumption of even one drink.

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WAS THE WATER THAT JESUS TURNED INTO WINE IN JOHN, CHAPTER TWO, THE KIND OF WINE THAT WILL MAKE ONE DRUNK?

No, and I will explain why:

If the wine is understood to be intoxicating wine, our Lord is automatically placed in a position of providing who had already “well drunk” (Jn. 2:10) with more wine. If it was intoxicating wine, the Lord would have been breaking His Own Law against temperance. The total amount of water turned into wine that day was about 150 gallons. If this had been an intoxicating beverage, it would have served as an invitation to drink and would have placed our Lord in the unsavory position of providing a flood of intoxicants for the people who had already consumed a considerable amount.

GOOD WINE

The word “good” was used to describe what the Lord had miraculously brought about. It was the Greek word “kalos” and is defined in “Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words” as denoting what is intrinsically good. Now the pure, sweet juice of the grape could rightly be denoted as “intrinsically good”; but the rotted, fermented, decayed, spoiled, intoxicating kind of wine could hardly be called good. It is easy to think of the term “good” in describing whatever the Lord makes. For

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example, in describing the Creation, Moses said, “And God saw everything that He had made, and, behold, it was very good” (Gen. 1:31).

It is unthinkable that our Lord would have made corrupted, fermented wine at Cana and called it “good.” You see, fermentation is a kind of decomposition, just as are putrefaction and decay. It would be almost blasphemous to call that “good” in connection with our Lord.

Pliny (an ancient Greek scholar) said that “good wine” was a term used to denote the juice destitute of spirit. Albert Barnes says, “The wine referred to here was doubtless such as was commonly drunk in Palestine.” That was the pure juice of the grape; it was not brandied or drugged wine. Nor was it wine compounded of various substances, such as people drink in this land. The common wine of that day, which was drunk in Palestine, was the simple juice of the grape, i.e., “grape juice.”

As well, it is tantamount to blasphemy, in my opinion, to suppose that the First Miracle performed after being filled with the Holy Spirit (compare Mark 1:9-12; Luke 4:1) with an act of creating an intoxicating wine for a crowd of celebrants, the kind of wine that would make them drunk, it is unthinkable!

Still another fact from the record in John, Chapter 2 is this: those men who had already drunk a considerable amount praised the bridegroom for having kept the “good wine” until the last. Now, it is a simple fact that alcohol drunk to any excess, will deaden the taste buds of the drinker. If the wine in Cana of Galilee, that the guests had already partaking of was intoxicating wine (and they had already partaken of quite a bit at this point), then when the wine that Jesus miraculously made was given to them, they could not have detected its taste. Their taste buds would have been deadened. To be honest with you, they would have been drunk by this time, or almost so. Only if they had been drinking the form of the vine’s fruit that we know as grape juice, and then had been provided some fresh grape juice would the Governor of the feast had been able to make the observation he did.

WINE IN BIBLICAL TIMES

There are several words in the Bible which describe wine; however, two of these words are the most commonly used. In the New Testament, it is the Greek word “oinos,” which can mean either fermented or unfermented wine.

Dr. Ferrar Fenton, a Biblical translator (The Holy Bible in Modern English), lists six different meanings of the word “oinos”:

- Grapes, as fresh fruit.
- Raisins.
- Thick grape syrup.
- A thick jam.
- Fresh grape juice.
- Fermented grape juice.

The last type is the only one which would make one drunk.

Dr. Lyman Abbott said that fermented wine in Bible times was the least common of all wines. Even in the fermented kind, the percentage of alcohol was small.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for wine most commonly used is “yayin.” That word is found 141 times in the Old Testament, and is used interchangeably, depending on the context. In other words, it can mean either grape juice or alcoholic beverage.

I think the reasons given are sufficient proof that Jesus did not change water to the kind of wine that would make one drunk. Instead, it was a sweet, pure grape juice.

Before prohibition “wine” was considered to be exactly what it was in Bible times. However, when prohibition was enacted in 1929, the term had to be defined more closely; consequently, “wine” was designated to mean something that will make you drunk. The other kind of non-intoxicating beverage was called by whatever name desired, grape juice or whatever; consequently, many people today confuse the simple word “wine” as it was used in the Bible without understanding of that word presently, but that is not universally true.

No, Jesus’ First Miracle was not the making of wine that would make one drunk. It was pure, sweet, fresh grape juice; and I believe Scripturally, scientifically, and legally we have proof of that.

DID THE SAVIOUR USE INTOXICATING WINE IN THE LORD’S SUPPER?

In the description of the Lord’s Supper, the Lord never used the word “wine.” We are told, “He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, drink you all of it” (Mat. 26:27). Mark says, “He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them” (Mk. 14:23). Luke says, “He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves” (Lk. 22:17). Jesus called the drink, “Fruit of the vine” in Matthew 26:29 and also in Mark 14:25 and Luke 22:18.

It seems the Holy Spirit carried this directive right on through even into the Early Church. The Apostle Paul said, “After the same manner also, He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My Blood” (I Cor. 11:25). Then, following, He mentioned “this cup” and then, later on, “that cup.”

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It becomes clear, when the Passages are read consecutively that God intended for us to use grape juice. I also think the Holy Spirit took particular pains not to use any words that could be construed as referring to any kind of intoxicating beverage. There’s not a single reference in the Word of God that a person should use intoxicating wine for the Lord’s Supper.

THE SYMBOL OF DECAY

The very meaning of fermented wine makes it unsatisfactory to represent the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that’s exactly what the grape juice of the Lord’s Supper is to represent. I do not know a whole lot about fermentation or the wherefores of making alcoholic beverages, but I do know that fermented wine is grape juice in which decay (or rot) has taken place. In other words, the process of fermentation is the breakdown of large molecules caused by the influence of bacteria or fungi. Wine, then, results from the degenerative action of germs on pure substances.

Fermented wine used in Communion would actually symbolize tainted, sinful blood and not the Pure and Perfect Blood of Jesus Christ that had to be made evident to a be a Perfect cleansing for our sins. Pure, fresh grape juice tends toward life, but fermented wine tends toward death. Alcohol use for drinking purposes is both a narcotic and a poison. It could hardly be used as a symbol for the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PASSOVER FEAST

To give an example, the Jews were required to use unleavened bread with the Passover Feast, and they were commanded that during that time, “There shall no leavened bread be seen with you, neither shall there be leaven seen with you in all your quarters” (Ex. 13:7). As early as this, bread that had been tainted with bacteria or yeast was considered unsuitable at the religious events celebrated by the Jews. Jesus also used unleavened bread in initiating the Lord’s Supper. (Of course, the New Testament made no special issue of the unleavened bread; and as far as that is concerned, any bread made without yeast today would serve as unleavened bread.) Consequently then, from Exodus to the Gospels we are told to use only untainted, pure substances in Spiritual Celebrations.

Consequently, the point that I make is this: if the Lord specifically chose bread that had no bacteria, no fungus spores in it, to picture His Broken Body, do you honestly think He would choose alcoholic wine, fermented wine, which is directly the product of fungi and bacteria, to represent His Blood? I hardly think so! The pure Blood of Jesus Christ would be best represented by pure grape juice.

THE MORAL STATUTES

Next, even the High Priests were commanded, “Do not drink wine nor strong drink . . . when you go into the Tabernacle of the congregation, lest you die: it shall be a Statute forever throughout your generations” (Lev. 10:9).

You must remember, these Priests entering into the Tabernacle were types of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is our great High Priest. Now I ask you a question. Would Jesus, the night He was betrayed, drink intoxicating wine before going to the Crucifixion and entering into His High Priestly Work? I think not. It would have been a rejection and a contradiction of His Own Word given in Leviticus.

I close by saying this, we must always remember that the word “wine” in the Bible simply means “the fruit of the vine.” It can either mean unfermented grape juice or intoxicating wine. So, when the Word is read, whether it is New Testament or Old Testament, this distinction must always be kept in mind according to the context.

No, I do not believe the wine that Jesus used at the Lord’s Supper was intoxicating wine, nor do I believe it is proper and permissible for us to use such wine in the Lord’s Supper today. I think it is a travesty of His Word and a perversion of His Intent.

To sum up, and as we’ve already stated several times, every Christian should be opposed to alcohol in any form, even to the slightest amount, as it regards its consumption. As Believers, we are to set an example of Righteousness before the world. Being a moderate drinker of any type does not serve that purpose. Saying “no” to all alcohol, does!

This message was derived from the book, “Brother Swaggart, Here Is My Question . . .”.)
“SINS OF THE HEART”

Recently we did a study of Romans 1:29–31 on my SonLife Broadcasting program, Frances and Friends. Essentially, this passage discusses “sins of the heart,” and I was shocked by the response we received. Most of our listeners had never even heard of “sins of the heart,” but upon a newfound understanding of these sins, and much to their own surprise, many listeners stated, “I am guilty of everything you are discussing!” Isn’t that amazing?! Most had seriously never thought of these things. It seems people clearly understand sins of the flesh such as “fornication,” yet are totally unaware that there are other sins which God finds just as wicked, sins that God deems just as worthy of Hell! The Lord misses nothing; He knows our motives and thoughts much better than we know our own! There are things we do and think that are wrong, but because no one on this Earth catches us, we think we’re getting away with it. This is not so! God’s Word tells us that He searches the heart of man! He does not simply skim over the outer layer and call it a day! The Lord is All-Knowing, my friend! “Shall not God search this out? for He knows the secrets of the heart” (Ps. 44:21). As you read, you will notice that many of these sins, “the don’ts,” constitute the exact opposite of the Love of Christ and the Fruit of the Spirit, “the do’s” in the Word of God.

SEVEN SINS

Proverbs 6:16-19 gives us a good example of some of these sins. It specifies seven of such sins which God hates: “These six things does the LORD hate: yes, seven are an abomination unto Him (the phrase, ‘six things, yes, seven,’ is a figure of speech arresting attention and signifying that the list is not exhaustive): A proud look (pride leads the list), a lying tongue (such always follows ‘a proud look’), and hands that shed innocent blood (this pertains to murderers; however, it also pertains to those who murder someone’s character), An heart that devises wicked imaginations (the ‘heart’ of the ‘proud’ devises ‘wicked imaginations’ because the heart has not been changed), feet that be swift in running to mischief (as pride is deceptive, this sin is, therefore, cloaked; it actually believes it is doing right), A false witness that speaks lies (the difference in the ‘lying tongue’ of Verse 17 and the ‘false witness’ of Verse 19 is that the ‘lying tongue’ will only tell the truth if it suits his advantage; otherwise, he will lie; the ‘false witness’ premeditates lies; he concocts schemes that are made up of lies, in order to carry out a perfidious evil design), and he who sows discord among brethren (individuals who ‘sow discord’ do so for the purpose of carrying out schemes).”

LOVE!

Unfortunately, many of these sins are the type of which most church folks are guilty. If we cannot expect an unrepentant murderer to inherit the Kingdom, we cannot expect an unrepentant slanderer to inherit the Kingdom either. In fact, due to these sins of the heart, some have greatly hurt others in the Body of Christ in order to pursue their own purposes or secure their own positions. This behavior can cause a victim of such cruelty to leave the church and/or to lose heart in the things of God altogether. You never know what other circumstances might be weighing a person down in life, and you, as a Child of God, don’t want to be responsible for being that last “straw that broke the camel’s back.” We should always be led by the Spirit in how we treat people. Love “. . . is kind . . .” (I Cor. 13:4). Jesus said, “. . . whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were

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hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea” (Mk. 9:42). And, on the other side of the coin, if you find yourself the one offended, you must realize that bitterness and unforgiveness are also sins, which must be taken to the Cross. Both bitterness and being the cause of bitterness (being a stumbling block) are wrong.

ROMANS 1:29-32

We will now address the sins of Romans 1:29-32, giving you the Greek word for each sin listed plus the explanation:

1. **Unrighteousness:** The Greek word is “adikia,” which means, “unjust, injustice, what is not comfortable with justice, what ought not to be, that which is wrong,” every vice contrary to justice and righteousness. When men reject the Righteousness of God, there is an automatic unrighteousness that comes to them.

2. **Fornication:** The Greek word is “Porneia” or “Poneria” and means, “unlawful sex sins of single and married people.” This is a sin of the flesh.

3. **Wickedness:** The Greek word is “poneria” or “athesmos” and means, “depravity, iniquity, wicked, acting of an evil nature, criminal.” For instance, the homosexuals of Sodom and Gomorrah are called “athesmoi” in II Peter 2:7.

4. **Covetousness:** The Greek word “pleonektes” or “pleonexia” means, “avaricious, intense lust for gain, greedy or gain.”

5. **Maliciousness:** The Greek word is “kakias” or “Kakia” and means, “vicious disposition and desires, rather than their exercise, not only being evil but doing evil.”

6. **Full of Envy:** The Greek word is “phthonos,” which means, “to pine away, the pain felt and malignity conceived at the sight of the blessings of another” or the Greek word “zeloo,” which means, “a jealousy which makes war upon the good it sees in another.”

7. **Murder:** The Greek word is “phonou” and means, “one who commits homicide, slaughter and also hating one another.” You can have hate in your heart against another person so strong that your heart wants to hurt them. You can murder their reputation as well as killing the body, by your vicious gossip, slander, or telling of lies. It is a federal crime to murder someone by taking their life. However, the Christian can, through a vicious attack on someone’s character, commit “murder” even though they do not harm the physical body. They, in effect, “in God’s Eyes” have killed that person.

8. **Debate:** The Greek word is “Eridos” or “Eris,” which means, “strife, to cause strife and discord.” It is not the same as debating for truth as is found in Acts. It means contention or wrangling.

9. **Deceit:** The Greek word is “apatao” or “dolos” meaning, “lying, falsity, to bait, craft, subtly, to deceive or seduce into error.”

10. **Malignity:** The Greek word is “kakoetheia,” meaning, “taking everything with an evil connotation and giving malicious interpretation to the actions of others, a nature which is evil and makes one suspect evil in others.” A disposition producing evil habits. It means malignity of the mind which leads its victim to put the worst construction on every action, ascribing to the best deeds the worst motives.

11. **Whisperers:** The Greek word is “psithuristes,” meaning, “a secret slanderer, an accuser, a backbiter, calumniators, secret detractors,” those who pretend secrecy, and carry out accusations against men, whether true or false, blasting their reputation by clandestine gossip, meaning held in or conducted with secrecy.

I will never forget as I was reading Romans 1:29-31, when I got to the word “whisperers,” I was not sure of its meaning. When I looked it up, I was shocked when I read it means to “carry out accusations against men, whether true or false.” Realizing that this even included repeating something that might be true against someone in order to spread gossip and hurt that person is “sin.” The following verse, Verse 32, says, “. . . they which commit such things are worthy of death,” and alarmingly, I realized that the whole church could fit into this category.
12. **Backbiters:** The Greek is “katalalia,” which means, “evil speakers, slanderers of absent men, false accuser, evil speaking, railing, defamation, accusation.”

13. **Haters of God:** The Greek word is “theostuges” or “echthra,” which means, “enmity, hatred, hostility, defamation, active malice, atheists, hateful to God, condemners of sacred things, despisers of providence, scorners of good.”

14. **Despightful:** The Greek word is “hubristes” and means, “insolent, stormy, boisterous; abusing the characters and persons of others, scornful, hateful to use reproachfully, to treat with despite.”

15. **Proud:** The Greek word is “huperephanos” or “alazoneia,” which means, “to indulge in pride or self-gratification, be exalted, elated, glory in self, display or strut self before others, undue sense of superiority, unnatural self-esteem, arrogance, ostentatious, boasting.”

16. **Boasters:** The Greek word is “alazon,” which means, “vaunting in those things one does not possess, vain, and arrogant braggarts.”

17. **Inventors of evil things:** The Greek word is “epheurrites,” meaning, “to invent, to find, to devise, originators of wicked, immoral, and sinful customs, rites, and fashions; beginners of abominable religious orgies of Bacchus, the horrors of the arena, the debasing cruelties of cockpit, the degrading shows of the theatre, the gambling tables, etc.”

18. **Disobedient to parents:** The Greek word is “anupotaktos,” which means, “disobedient to authority, disorderly, indifferent to parents, to rule and order, irreverent.”

19. **Without natural understanding:** The Greek word is “agnoeo,” which means, “not to recognize or know, to be ignorant, unacquainted with, destitute of capacity for spiritual things.”

20. **Covenant breakers:** The Greek word is “asunethos,” which means, “faithless, treacherous, a breaker of a covenant or agreement, not morally bound to any agreement.”

21. **Without natural affection:** The Greek word is “astorgos,” which means, “without family love, filled with desire for unnatural affection experiences with husband or wife or same sex partners in the homosexual and other sex sins.”

22. **Implacable:** The Greek word is “aspondos,” which means, “the absolutely irresponsible person who, being at war, refuses to lay aside enmity or to listen to terms of reconciliation, showing the highest pitch of an unforgiving spirit, he who cannot be placated, appeased, or pacified by God.”

23. **Unmerciful:** The Greek word is “aneleemon,” which means, “without compassion, without mercy, cruel, unappeasable, unforgiving, unyielding, destitute of all benevolence to the needy.”

**WORTHY OF DEATH**

The phrase, “Who knowing the Judgment of God,” means that they traveled their path with eyes wide open. In other words, they thumbed their nose at the “Judgment of God,” in essence, saying, “Do your worst, and it will not stop us.” The phrase, “That they which commit such things are worthy of death,” means that they knew what God had said about such sins, but went into them despite that knowledge, in effect, daring God to kill them, etc. It should be understood that Divine Judgment is implied. Many people prefer to make up their own moral code, their own definition of what is right and what is wrong (even people in the church). This keeps even many church-goers from truly surrendering their hearts and lives to Christ; they have “pet sins” they want to hold onto while failing to realize God puts those things in the same category as something like murder! Either sin, in God’s Eyes, is enough to constitute eternal punishment and separation from Him. It doesn’t matter what we flawed human beings think is sin! It matters what God thinks is sin. His Standard is total and complete Holiness, and we all fall short of this Standard in one way or another. Perhaps we are now beginning to see this.
LIFESTYLES OF UNREPENTANT SIN

It’s sad to say, we have “Christians,” not simply committing an occasional isolated sin every now and then, but living lifestyles of unrepentant sin due to sins of the heart. Sure, we may not be drunk on alcohol every night, but are we drunk on something else? Are we drunk on jealousy? Are we drunk on cruelty and creating factions within the Body? Are we drunk on pride? Shouldn’t we be drunk on the New Wine of the Holy Spirit instead? Isn’t that the lifestyle, containing the true Fruit of the Spirit and the Love of Christ, we want to live as Believers?! We can go around flaunting our “gifts of the Spirit” all day long, but where is our “fruit?” The thing is, gifts or no gifts, we cannot inherit the Kingdom of God if we choose to live a lifestyle of sin. If we are unremorseful and unashamed of these sins, we’ve got to come to the place of agreeing with God about them and repent! Paul constantly denotes in a general and comprehensive sense, the penal consequences of unatoned sin due to Divine Laws. The wages of sin is death, and as such, the guarantee is that ultimately the sentence will be carried out. “The wages of sin is death, but the Gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).

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John 20: 14-15 – “And when she had thus said, she turned herself back (would have been better translated, ‘she was caused to turn back’; perhaps she noticed the Angels looking past her at someone else; Williams said, ‘to a wounded heart seeking Christ Himself, Angels, however glorious, have no interest’), and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus (regarding our Lord’s appearances after the Resurrection, there seem to have been two reasons He was not easily recognizable; the first was unbelief, and the second was that His Appearance was changed, at least to a small degree; but unbelief was the biggest problem!).

“Jesus said unto her, Woman, why do you weep? (This is identical to that asked by the Angels. By virtue of His Death and Resurrection, He for all practical purposes had removed the cause of weeping.) Whom do you seek? (This presents the second question asked by Jesus, and really gets to the heart of the matter.) She, supposing Him to be the gardener (evidently means she thought this man worked for Joseph of Arimathaea, who owned this garden; still, there is no thought of Resurrection!), said unto Him, Sir, if you have borne Him hence, tell me where you have laid Him (in her mind, the Sacred Body was to be embalmed with the precious spices, which quite possibly she had spent her all to buy; she probably knew that the Jews desired to take His Body and place it in the garbage dump, so she was concerned), and I will take Him away (simply means that if they will allow her, she will give Him a proper burial!).”

John 20:25 – “The other Disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord (was the greatest announcement they had ever made, at least since their conversion). But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His Hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His Side, I will not believe (unbelief ever takes us lower and lower; the problem with untold millions is that ‘they will not Believe’).

John 21:3 – “Simon Peter said unto them, I go a fishing (even though the Scripture is not clear, it seems this fishing expedition was not for pleasure, but rather the necessity of making a living for their families; however, a Ministry which originates in the energy of the carnal will is fruitless; but when under the Governance of the Head of the Church, it brings forth rich fruit). They say unto him, We also go with you (represents the other six Disciples present; we aren’t told where gathering on a Sunday), when the doors were shut where the Disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews (the ‘fear’ expressed here pertained to the idea or thought that the religious authorities having now murdered Jesus, may very well seek to do the same to His closest Followers; the Day of Pentecost would remove this ‘fear’), came Jesus and stood in the midst (gives us no information as to how this was done; He just seems to have suddenly appeared), and said unto them, Peace be unto you (presents a common salutation, but coming from Him, and especially at this time, it spoke volumes).”

John 20:19 – “Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week (proclaims the first
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the remaining four were at this time). They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately (probably referred to one of the vessels formerly used by Peter and the sons of Zebedee in their former fishing business); and that night they caught nothing (points to the fact that they were doing this for income, not for pleasure)."

Everything Jesus Christ did during His earthly Ministry had a specific purpose and meaning. Nothing was done by chance or happenstance. As well, after His Resurrection from the Garden tomb and appearances for 40 days, all that transpired had purpose and meaning as well.

In John, Chapters 20 and 21, after the Resurrection the Scripture records four appearances of the Lord that addressed four great enemies of the human heart. They are: “sorrow, fear, doubt, and care.”

SORROW

The first appearance recorded is found in John 20:14-15 and concerns Mary Magdalene. Mary’s heart was broken and filled with sorrow. The Master was gone, His Body disappeared, or so she thought. Sorrow had gripped her and her grief was overwhelming; this is a perfect picture of the world today because of sin. How many in the world today have no hope, no joy, no peace, and their hearts are troubled and filled with sorrow because of the Fall. The Text tells us that Jesus stood before her and yet, because of her overwhelming sorrow and grief, she doesn’t recognize the Master. In her weeping, the Lord responds to her and says, “Woman, why do you weep?” What a statement, and, in fact, the Lord is asking the same question to us all. Why? Because His Resurrection and Ascension shows us the fact that Calvary is a Finished Work. At Calvary all sorrow ultimately was banished. Jesus Christ, by virtue of His Death and Resurrection, has taken away the cause of weeping and sorrow as it regards the great difficulties of life.

FEAR

This great truth is found in John 20:19. The Text says the “Disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews.” The fear expressed by the Disciples pertained to their fear of the religious authorities who had crucified Christ. They feared too that they would be put to death next. This fear the Disciples were dealing with was a test of their Faith. They knew the Lord had told them He would die for man’s sin and be Resurrected, yet, they were human, they let the circumstances of the day rob them of their Faith and joy. But all of a sudden, without warning, Jesus Christ appeared in their midst and said, “Peace be unto you.”

Peace and fear cannot cohabit together. His appearing to them was telling them that everything was going to be alright. True Faith and trust in Christ will bring peace to one’s heart.

The greatest loss to a Believer is the loss of one’s Faith. Everything is turned upside down, one’s confidence is shaken, but proper Faith placed exclusively in Christ and what Christ did for us at the Cross will then bring in the Holy Spirit to guarantee the Peace of God. Christ proved this by showing them “His Hands and His Side.” In effect, saying, “Not only do I have the Power to come back from the grave, but I am more than capable of handling the problems of life we face.”

DOUBT

Verse 24 says that Thomas was not present when the Lord appeared to the Disciples. When he was told that the Lord had appeared to the others, he replied, “Except

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**AS GOD BLESSES ME, I JUST WANT TO BLESS JSM**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Today I started supporting the SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS, and I feel like now I am a part of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. I am so excited and get goose bumps all over me every time I turn the TV on to SBN, and I want to cry because of the anointing. The praise team and choir bless me so. You Brother Jimmy, Donnie, Gabriel, and Loren are such a blessing as well. Oh, and to say as well to Sister Frances, her program blesses me. As God blesses me, I just want to bless JSM.

VIRGINIA

**YOU ALL ARE MY CHURCH**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I am a disabled person, and find I am not able to physically attend church Services. But thank God for SonLife, you all are my Church. I am fed greatly by your broadcasts. I KNOW the Lord led me to you.

E-MAIL

**I AM LEARNING SO MANY THINGS**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just wanted to let you all know that my family and I enjoy your programs. We are so blessed and encouraged by everyone there. I am learning so many things that I had no knowledge of. We watch you on DirecTV® and as long as you are on the air we will faithfully watch you. We will also pray for the Ministry and support you financially.

ILLINOIS

**I LOVE TO WATCH YOU ON TELEVISION**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

There is no way to express how much you Brother Jimmy, Donnie, and Sister Frances have blessed my life. I love to watch you on television. I only go to church every other week, and in-between I watch only SBN. I am Saved, but my husband is not. Sometimes he walks by the TV and stops for a moment. I am praying that one day he will stop and hear something that will touch him. I know that the Lord will save him one day. You and your Ministry are truly called by God, there is no doubt. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless your Ministry, and that you will be heard throughout the four corners of the Earth. Thank you for all that you do.

GEORGIA

**I AM SO BLESSED TO FIND A MINISTRY THAT PREACHES THE WORD AND THE TRUTH**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I can’t tell you what a blessing it has been for me to find you on SBN. I watch on DirecTV®, and I am so blessed to find a Ministry that preaches the Word and the Truth. I have not attended church regularly for over a year, but do attend special events there. It is a very large church, but there is no Moving of the Spirit there, even though it is Pentecostal. I have so enjoyed your Ministry and love the worship songs. Thank you for obeying God and not giving “canned sermons.” God bless you.

WASHINGTON

**A PANEL OF MEN TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH**

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Great job, a panel of men to rightly divide the Word of Truth. This is a very good program you run, both Frances and Friends and The Message Of The Cross. Keeping each other on the task or topic at hand, and answering many questions that have been shadowed from me due to too soft of a message: no blood, no Cross, no conviction, no SIN. Thank you again because this IS the Message.

NORTH CAROLINA

**I LOVE THE NEW EXPOSITOR’S STUDY BIBLE**

Brother Jimmy,

Thank you, thank you, thank you. I love the new Expositor’s Study Bible. It is so helpful in so many ways. The Word is alive and well thank God. My Dad is the Pastor of our Church and he also has been blessed to have listened to you for many years, and your Ministry has blessed us all so much. My wife and I came back to the Lord four years ago, and two years ago He called us into the ministry to help spread the love He gave us to...
help other souls to the Cross.
So, thank you again, God bless you and Sister Frances, and Brother Donnie for all you do. Brother Gabriel, God bless you for what He has done for you and the Youth Ministry, for they are our next generation for Christ, no matter what this world says. God bless you all and may His Anointing Spirit always be with you.

OHIO
I HAVE JUST ORDERED THE CROSSFIRE STUDY BIBLE

Dear Brother Swaggart,
I am enjoying your telecast on DirecTV®. It is great, and the preaching and singing on your Church broadcast are truly anointed. God bless you is my prayer for the Swaggart Ministry. I have just ordered the Crossfire Study Bible for my wife, and we already have The Expositor’s Study Bible. It is a great asset to me.
Thank you so much for standing fast for God.

ALABAMA
THE GUIDANCE AND ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dear Brother and Sister Swaggart,
I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know how your Broadcast blessed my heart and soul. It has been difficult to find a church that we can feel the freedom of the Moving of God’s Spirit in. I am a retired Pastor who recently moved from California to Tennessee for cost of living reasons. Although we have been here four years now, we have not found a church that we felt obeyed God in worship. So many church services seem to be just going through the motions of worship. Today I watched your Service start with worship in song, then you welcomed new members, had a baby dedication, communion, and the giving of the message and interpretation, prayer for the sick, with praise waiting upon God, and then your great sermon, concluding your service with an invitation to receive the Lord Jesus. It doesn’t get any better than that! All was under the Guidance and Anointing of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

TENNESSEE
GRACE

Dear Brother Swaggart,
I began listening to you many years ago while I was a student. I graduated from a Presbyterian Seminary, and later went on to become a neuro-gerontologist. Today I minister to both parishioners and patients. I saw your Telecast the other day, snowed in with nothing to do. The SON melted my disenchantment even as the sun melted the snow. You understand Grace better than I. Thank you.

SOUTH CAROLINA
YOUR STRAIGHT PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pastor Swaggart,
I have been listening to your messages on TV. I am blessed to hear your straight preaching of the Word of God. I agree with you when you say professional psychologists will not give man healing, but Christ alone. I am happy to hear such a message, which I have never heard any other preacher preach on before. God be with you and continue to bless you.

WISCONSIN
THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS HAS CHANGED MY LIFE

Dear Brother Swaggart,
I want to thank you for what you all are teaching. The Message of the Cross has changed my life. I had a drug problem for years, and I tried everything to quit. People would tell me to try harder, and I would think to myself, “I’m trying as hard as a person can.” I lost friends, and even people in the church treated me strange. I did not know what to do. I had just bought an Expositor’s Study Bible from you about a week before and raced home that evening. It was like God explained things to me that I never understood. I’ve been free from drugs for about one year now. I’m going to college now, and my life is going in the right direction because of what you guys are teaching. Unfortunately, most of the people in church in this area either don’t know, or don’t want to know the true Gospel. All I know is that you all are definitely helping me, and my family and I’m eternally grateful.

E-MAIL
IT IS THE GREATEST TOOL IN THE WORLD TODAY

Dear Brother Swaggart,
I just received The Expositor’s Study Bible yesterday. I have been a preacher for 19 years, and have had many study Bibles over the years. But none have been such a great tool as this Bible. In my opinion, it is the greatest tool in the world today. On subjects I thought I had no more to learn, this Bible has shown me how blind I have been on most subjects. I know that my preaching will have a deeper revelation than ever before. Thank you Brother Swaggart that such a tool is available.

ALABAMA
I CAN’T WATCH ANY OTHER CHRISTIAN PROGRAM

Dear Brother Swaggart,
Ever since I found your station I can’t watch any other Christian program, or should I say, “I don’t want too.” Thank you so much for just telling the truth, and I love my new Expositor’s Study Bible. We pray for your Ministry everyday, and I know God is doing a great Work through you, Donnie, Gabriel, and, of course, I love Frances! Her program is wonderful.
God bless you.

CALIFORNIA
"THE ‘REST’ THAT REMAINS"

Hebrews 4:9-11 – “There remains (what the Law couldn’t do, Christ would do) therefore a Rest to the People of God. (This is found only in Christ and through what He did at the Cross, to which everything in the Old Testament pointed.)

“For he who is entered into His (God’s) Rest (due to what Christ did at the Cross, anyone can enter into this ‘Rest’), he also has ceased from his own works (we enter in by Faith, which refers to Faith in Christ and what He did at the Cross), as God did from His. (God rested on the seventh day when Creation was finished. And we can Rest in Christ because the Plan of Redemption is finished, of which God’s Rest was a type.)

“Let us labour therefore to enter into that Rest (could be translated, ‘let us hasten therefore to enter into that Rest’), lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (This tells us that the root cause of the ‘fall’ of any Believer is unbelief, and it refers to unbelief in the Cross, which was the True Mission of Christ.)"

A TROUBLED HOUR

The times in which we live are most certainly difficult for many people. People are facing natural disasters, droughts, financial woes, high oil prices, homes being lost, and jobs being lost, just to name a few. These are times that truly test the heart of man and they will reveal what his faith is placed upon. If the heart and mind is set upon anything other than Christ and Him Crucified, there will be no respite from the fear and intimidation that daily attacks the mind and heart of the individual. However, if a person’s heart is properly believing what God has prepared for man as a buffer against the problems and pain encountered, there can be a supernatural “rest” that comes, despite the physical circumstances that trouble him. There truly is a “peace that passes all understanding” available. There is, to a Believer that has his or her Faith resting squarely upon Jesus Christ and Him Crucified, a “rest” that remains.

THE EXAMPLE OF HEBREWS

In both the latter part of Chapter Three and the first section of Chapter Four, the author of Hebrews focuses upon the Believer entering into “rest.” This “rest” is a place of stability and refreshing. It is a place of security and strength. It is a place where troubled waters of the soul are calmed and where the fiery darts of the enemy are quickly quenched. The author tells us that because of an evil heart of unbelief, many of God’s People failed to enter into the “Rest” that God prepared. To make things clearer, he states that the Sabbath Day was not the true “rest” of the Lord. Joshua leading God’s People into the Promised Land was not the “rest” of the Lord. While both of the aforementioned situations depicted in type the “rest” that God has for His People, they were types and not the antitype. The True Sabbath or “rest” of God for humanity can’t be found in a day or in a victory, no matter how large. The True Sabbath of God is only found in a Person, the man Christ Jesus. As the Believer places his or her Faith in the Person and the Finished Work of Christ, they enter into the True “Rest” of God.

“CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS”

The Believer who enters into God’s “Rest” has ceased attempting to resolve the issues of life in their own strength or ability. This begins with the matter of Salvation. A person must realize that they cannot save themselves through efforts of righteousness. No matter how hard man tries he is not able to produce the pure righteous life that could merit Relationship
with God. Therefore, in order to be Saved, man must admit his own inadequacy and embrace, by Faith, the Plan that God has provided. John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.” So, Salvation demands that a man admit his inability to save himself and requires that man place his Faith exclusively in Christ. Oh what peace! Oh what joy. As someone once said, “O the bliss of sins forgiven!” This can only be experienced after we exhaust and desist from all efforts to save ourselves. As well, after we are Saved we must learn to fight to believe that God has every situation under control. By submitting every need we have in prayer to His Care and removing our desire to get involved and “help God out” through carnal means, we can again enter into a new experience of “His rest.” If in every situation we “cease from our own works,” that is if we refrain from making our feeble efforts and “muddying up the waters” we will find “rest.” Whether it be in matters physical or in regard to matters of Sanctification, we must learn to stand behind the greatest weapon God has given us. We must cling to the Shield of Faith and cease from our own works.

“LABOUR . . . TO ENTER INTO THAT REST”

The fight of Faith we must enter will never be an easy battle. Everything within man tells us that we can fight for, we must fight for, and we have to fight for, that which we desire. Like an ant facing the proverbial giant we strap on our good intentions and declare, “I will defeat you.” The heart of man is so centered upon self he deceives himself into thinking he can accomplish what he cannot. How vain we are! How wrong we are! And oh, what peace we forfeit! We do have a battle to enter, but ours is the good fight of Faith. Our labor is to trust in Him. Our yoke is to depend upon a God that we cannot see to do what we need, even though we can't see how He could ever work out the situation. There is a “rest” that remains, my friend. But, you must cease from your works and depend exclusively upon that which God has provided for you in Christ! There is a “rest” that remains. Oh that we all might enter into it and abide there!

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

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

- **SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:**
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Loren Larson
President
"BACA’ HAS A DOUBLE MEANING"

Psalms 84:5-6 – “Blessed is the man whose strength is in You; in whose heart are the Ways of them. (Over and over again, the Ways of God are contrasted with the ways of man. ‘Blessed is the man’ who follows the Ways of God [His Way is in His Word]. There is no blessing to the man who follows the ways of man.)

“Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also fills the pools. (The ‘valley of Baca’ actually means ‘the valley of weeping.’ It produces a well of tears. If the spirit of the Believer is carnal, this valley will only be a ‘valley of weeping,’ but to the Spiritual Heart, it will be a new nature and unfailing reservoir of strength and refreshment.)"

The word “Baca” has a double meaning. First of all, it means “a garbage dump,” and secondly, it means a “place of tears,” or a “valley of weeping.” In regards to this first meaning, we have to admit that this world has become, and presently is, a garbage dump. Satan has taken that which God has created and turned it into a massive mess, in his effort to control the world system. Everything that God had created, Satan has made into a massive garbage heap. A place that is so vile, filthy, and ragged, with a stench that stings the very Nostrils of God. Secondly, “Baca” means a “valley of weeping,” and this can be indicative of every Child of God who has gone through a place of tears, suffering, and sorrow. But thank God that we do not have to stay in this place of weeping, we can make it through, and I would like to address how in a moment. First though, I would like to dive a little deeper into the double meaning of this word “Baca.”

A GARBAGE DUMP

As we mentioned above, the first meaning to the word “Baca,” is “a garbage dump.” In actuality, in the days of old, outside the city walls of Jerusalem was an actual valley of “Baca,” where the trash of the city of Jerusalem was dumped. It was typical of a garbage dump, oozing foul-smelling, sickening, and nauseating odors. Not to mention that on top of the gross stench, they would throw dead animal carcasses on top of the garbage heap. In other words, it was not a pretty picture.

But there is a lesson here that we need not overlook, and that is this, as we draw closer to the Lord, we have to admit that this present world in which we live in is a garbage dump. The more we grow in the Lord, the more we see how repulsive this world is, where the Truth becomes a lie and the lie becomes the truth. Where immorality reigns, and morality is always called into question. Literally, this world is a garbage dump and it will not get any better but rather worse.

Thank God that we do not have to stay here! Soon and very soon, those who have been bought with a price, the Shed Blood of the Lamb, will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air (I Thess. 4:17), to be with the Lord forever and forever. On top of that, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come back and change this present world system, and the garbage dumps of this world are going to burn for the last time, when Christ will return and restore the Earth once again to the place God had intended from the very beginning.

A VALLEY OF WEeping

The second meaning to this word “Baca,” is a “valley of weeping.” It is this meaning that I would like to address ourselves to at this very moment. I think that I can say without fear of contradiction or failure that every Child of God has gone through or is going through a “valley of weeping.” Things may occur that are unexpected and have left us in a state of shock, or at times things have happened to us that we knew was coming, or sickness could ravage the body, or a very close loved one has left us too soon, but nonetheless, we have to travel through this valley of “Baca,” this place of weeping. There are times where demonic oppression is so strong that we feel that we cannot survive another onslaught of pain and heartache. Death would be sweet. But there are ways that we can face these attacks, or these times of great sorrow, we can lose faith and blame God for our trials, which untold millions have done, or we can “make a well.”

As stated, millions have grown cold toward the things of God because of their present situation, believing that God is a mean God or He would not have allowed those things to come upon us. They
question why God has not answered their prayer and this will make them grow angry towards God. With bitterness creeping in, they lash out not only at those who offer to help, but also at God Himself. Millions have lost their soul because of this very thing. But, that does not have to happen.

As a Child of God, we must understand that we are not immune to the forces of Darkness, and that the fiery darts of the enemy will come our way. In fact, Peter said, “Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when His Glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy” (I Pet. 4:12-13). Attacks will come our way, that is if we are truly following the Lord Jesus Christ, and we must understand that. However, it is not the intention of the Holy Spirit that we remain there. We are only passing through this “valley of weeping.” As we endure the hardships that are ever going to come upon us, we do not have to grow bitter and angry, but we can “make a well!”

MAKE A WELL

Some can buckle under the pressure, or you can “make a well!” In other words, in the midst of our desert, we can plant a garden. In the midst of our barreness, we can dig a well, and be refreshed. The Christian can turn this “valley of weeping” into a well. We do this by us, the Child of God, ever making the Cross of Christ the Object of our Faith. In other words, we praise the Lord in spite of our problem, and in spite of our circumstances. We never move away from what Christ has done for us. Without the Cross of Christ as the Object of our Faith, this valley will only be a “valley of weeping,” with very little chance of ever getting out of this valley.

These valleys that we will go through are put there in our path so that we may come to an end of ourselves, in other words, not depending upon ourselves, but ever depending upon Christ and the Cross. What this means is simply that Christ is the ultimate Source of everything, the Cross is the Means by which we receive these Blessings, Faith is the key that will unlock this door, and the Holy Spirit oversees everything. These wells that we dig can bring refreshment, rejoicing, and will be a place of refilling. Once again, the Cross of Christ, and our Faith in that Finished Work will bring refreshment, rejoicing, and will be a place of refilling. Depending upon ourselves will bring the opposite, but depending upon Christ and His Work on Calvary’s Cross will bring about what is needed.

As we go through this life and we encounter the “Baca’s” of our lives, we need not stay there, but we will go through these “valleys of weeping” as long as we “dig a well, “i.e., keep our Faith ever anchored in the Finished Work of Christ.

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AUTHENTICITY AND UNITY

The acceptance of authenticity and unity of the Old and New Testaments is evidenced by Jesus Himself who quoted from 22 different Old Testament Books. In the Book of Hebrews there are 85 Old Testament quotes. The Book of Revelation has 275 Old Testament quotes from 32 different Old Books contained therein. The abundance of Old Testament prophecies fulfilled point to both the authenticity and Inspiration of the Bible, notwithstanding the vast archeological evidence that has been discovered.

By the time of the Birth of Jesus, the Old Testament had been copied and recopied over a 1,400 year span. The Scribes (sopherim; literally means “the counters”) took great care in their work. The Scribes began using a square Aramaic script around 500 B.C. after the Babylonian captivity. Prior to that, since the time of King David, the Scribes used the Paleo-Hebrew (early Hebrew). An example of the transition, of language translation, is evidenced in the Dead Sea Scrolls. Some of the Scrolls are written in the rounded Paleo-Hebrew script, but most are in the square Aramaic.

The Hebrew Scribes borrowed the Aramaic script to express their own Hebrew words. Both Aramaic (Syrian) and Hebrew are Semitic languages (both nations descended from Noah’s son, Shem). The script stood for the same alphabet. A similar modern parallel would be English and French. These were shaped by the same classical language, Latin.

As language progressed the Scribes had to preserve the traditional meaning of the Scriptures. The Hebrew Scribes in A.D. 500 developed a system of showing the vowel sounds in Hebrew. By this time they had lost the meanings of a few words – most of them ancient and rarely used in the Old Testament. These later Scribes were named Masoretes. They were used to determine the meanings of words in light of the surrounding material. These became known as the Masoretic scripts.

In the Ninth and Tenth Centuries it was the Masoretic family named “ben Asher” that produced a better system of vowel markings. It was late in the Twelfth Century when Jewish philosopher, Moses Maimonides, declared the ben Asher text to be the “Textus Receptus” (received text) of the Old Testament.

The ben Asher texts come to us in several different forms. Our earliest manuscript of the ben Asher is the Cairo Codex of the Prophets, known as Codex C, made in A.D. 950. It was seized in 1099 in the Crusade and later returned to Cairo. The Leningrad Codex, Codex P, was written in A.D. 916 and the Aleppo Codex, Codex A, was believed to be written in A.D. 940. Codex L was finished in A.D. 1008.

In 1524, Jacob ben Hayyim published a printed text of the Old Testament, using manuscripts from the ben Asher manuscripts. This became the standard for printed Bibles.

The Old Testament was translated from the Hebrew into Greek, called the Septuagint, around 300 B.C. After A.D. 200, Jewish scholars began compiling Aramaic paraphrases of the Old Testament. These versions are called the Targums.

The Old Testament has come to us with great care to assure its authenticity.

Let’s look at the manuscript evidence of the New Testament. There are more than 5,300 known Greek manuscripts of the New Testament. Add to that at least 9,300 early versions and 10,000 Latin Vulgate and we have over 24,000 manuscript copies of the New Testament in existence.

TEXTUAL ATTESTATION

The next closest historical document is “The Iliad” by the Greek philosopher, Homer, also famous for writing “The Odyssey.” His epic story of the siege of Troy has over 640 manuscripts that have survived throughout history. F.F. Bruce comments, “There is no body of ancient literature in the world which enjoys such a wealth of textual attestation as the New Testament.” Since scholars accept as generally trustworthy the writings of the ancient classics, even though the earliest manuscripts were written so long after the original writings and number the extant manuscripts is in many instances so small, it is clear that the reliability of the text of the New Testament is likewise assured.

For example, “The Iliad” was written in 900 B.C. and the earliest known manuscript copy is 400 B.C. There is a 500 year difference. Compared to the New Testament, written between A.D. 40 and A.D. 100, with the earliest manuscript copy found in A.D. 125. There is only a 25 year difference. Couple that to the large quantity of manuscripts, 24,000, and only 640 to “The Iliad”.

When examining how textual variations are accounted Geisler and Nix comment, “There is an ambiguity in saying there are some 200,000 variants in the existing manuscripts of the New Testament, since these represent only 10,000 places in the New Testament. If one single word is misspelled in 3,000 different manuscripts, this is counted as 3,000 variant readings.”
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from me to you

souls ever. I wish I could say that it will be Revival, but the Bible does not actually teach that. But, it does teach, I believe, a great harvest of souls in these last days.

- I believe this will be the last great worldwide Move of God before the coming Great Tribulation.
- I believe this Ministry (Jimmy Swaggart Ministries), is going to play a great part in this harvest. As well, I’m sure that the Lord is raising up others all over the globe for this coming time that is very soon to come to pass.
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I shall see in His Hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His Side, I will not believe” (Vs. 25). Verse 26 says, “After eight days again His Disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.” In Verse 27 the Lord says to Thomas, “Reach hither your finger, and behold My Hands and reach hither your hand, and thrust it into My Side: and be not faithless but believing.” By doing this He was taking Thomas back to the Cross.

Doubt is faithlessness in action. How many today in the Church doubt the great Miracles of God, or doubt the Lord can handle the problem they are facing? The phrase, “but believing,” simply means have Faith, never forget Faith begets Faith, while doubt begets doubt.

The Appearance of Christ to Thomas shows us today the Love of God, He could have written him off, but He didn’t, and He won’t write you off if you keep believing.

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The last appearance recorded by John is found in Chapter 21. Verse 3 says the Disciples had fished all night and caught nothing. This act of fishing was not for sport, but as a means to make a living and to care for their families. They didn’t know how they were going to provide for their families. Verse 3 says, “They caught nothing.” Can you imagine their thoughts, how are we going to put food on the table, how are we going to provide for our families?

Verse 4 says, “But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the Disciples knew not that it was Jesus.”

Get the picture; the night was over, morning has now come, and there stands Jesus.

Jesus says to them, “Children, have you any meat?” In this statement, Jesus was directly addressing their livelihood. In essence, the Master was saying, “Do you know how you will care for your families?” Their answer was, “no,” but then Jesus said, “Cast your net on the right side of the ship and you will find.” The Text says they obeyed “and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.” Jesus then said, “Come and dine” (Vs. 12). He wasn’t inviting them to an empty table, but He was telling them “I can provide for you, I will take care of you,” and so no matter what problems of life you face, Jesus has already handled the situation.

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