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The Message of the Cross

The Consecration of the Priests

PART II

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

“And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.” —Leviticus 8:4-5

The Holy Spirit

That which the Holy Spirit is impressing upon us in these instructions is man’s internal need for a Saviour, and that the Saviour is obtainable only on the premise of justice satisfied. That justice, and we speak of the justice of God, was satisfied, and, in fact, could only be satisfied, by the sacrificial, atoning death of Christ on the Cross.

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When we look closely at false doctrine, in some way, it will always be found that the error begins with a wrong interpretation of the atonement. In other words, if one perverts the Cross, one will pervert the entirety of the Word of God. If one properly understands the Cross, which serves as a proper foundation, then one will understand the Bible, which serves as the story of the Cross, and that alone! While the story, as the Bible presents it, may have broad aspects (and, in fact, does), still, all of those aspects, whatever they might be, always center up on the Cross. I speak of all the great doctrines of the Bible!

The Cross At Present

From this example, we must understand that just as much as the sacrifice was applicable to all in Moses’ time, it is still applicable to all presently and, in fact, always has been. The Cross of Christ was the answer at the very beginning for man’s dilemma (Gen. 3:15; Chpt. 4), and it is the answer now. The only way to God is through Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6), and the only way to Christ is through the Cross (Jn. 1:1–2, 14, 29).

The problem with the church presently is that it has substituted Jesus Christ and Him crucified for a Crossless Christ! Paul said to do such only brings about “another Jesus” (II Cor. 11:4).

Whenever the church promotes humanistic psychology in any shape, form, or fashion as the answer to man’s dilemma, they are presenting to the world a Crossless Christ. Whenever the Word of
Faith people make faith the object of faith instead of Christ and Him crucified, they, too, present a Crossless Christ.

The Commands Of The Lord

“And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done” (Lev. 8:4-5).

This is a repeat of the instructions given in Exodus 29:1–37. According to tradition, this ceremony took place on February 23.

I want the reader to pay careful and strict attention to the phrase, “This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done.” These are priceless words.

He did not say, “This is the thing which is expedient, agreeable, or suitable.” Neither did He say, “This is the thing which has been arranged by the fathers, the decree of the elders, or the opinion of the doctors.” In fact, Moses knew nothing of such so-called authority. He knew only the voice of the Lord, and that voice alone he followed.

Furthermore, he would bring every member of the congregation of Israel under the sound of that voice, so to speak. In fact, there was no room left for tradition, for the opinions of men, or for the ideas of man in any capacity.

Concerning this, Mackintosh said: “Had the Word been disregarded, the glory would not have appeared. The two things were intimately connected. The slightest deviation from ‘thus saith Jehovah’ would have prevented the beams of the divine glory from appearing to the congregation of Israel. Had there been the introduction of a single rite or ceremony not enjoined by the Word, or had there been the omission of ought which that Word commanded, the Lord would not have manifested His glory. He could not sanction, by the glory of His presence, the neglect or rejection of His Word. He can bear with ignorance and infirmity (spiritual weakness), but He cannot sanction neglect or disobedience.”

The Great Sin Of The Modern Church

Ignoring the Word, changing the Word, adding to the Word, or taking from the Word is the great sin of the modern church. How long will it take us to learn that God means what He says and says what He means?

For instance, the modern church promotes humanistic psychology as the answer to the aberrations and perversions of man. It does this despite the fact that the Holy Spirit through Peter said: “According as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (II Pet. 1:3–4).

Due to the Word presently being handled so loosely, many take exception to our insistence that the attack on the atonement is basely wrong, as it is carried out by the Word of Faith people when they claim that the Cross is of little consequence. The truth is, their erroneous doctrine — as it concerns the atonement and almost everything else — will cause Christians to be wrecked and souls to be eternally lost. So, there could be nothing worse than that!

The Message Of The Cross

As few people in the world, I think, I have been made to realize how necessary it is that we adhere strictly to the Word. Even when we stray from the Word through
ignorance, or we do not know how to apply the Word because of ignorance, such ignorance cannot be overlooked by God and, to be sure, will reap its bitter fruit.

As it regards the great Message of the Cross, which is actually the foundation of all doctrine as it regards the Word of God, I understood that message as it regarded salvation and strongly preached it all over the world. The result was that hundreds of thousands were brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and I exaggerate not! However, as far as the Message of the Cross regarding sanctification, this I understood not at all.

As a result — despite my sincerity, my zeal, and the fact that I tried so very, very hard — I lived Chapter 7 of Romans all over again. This was because of not understanding God’s prescribed order of victory as it regarded the Cross respecting sanctification, even as virtually all modern Christians are doing presently. To be sure, if we do not understand the Message of the Cross as it refers to sanctification, we definitely will relive Chapter 7 of Romans, even as Paul lived it. To be sure, it will not be a pretty picture.

**Strict Adherence To The Word**

We sometimes think that sincerity or zeal, even if it is not understood properly, will suffice. It won’t! There must be a strict adherence to the Word, and for that adherence to be strict, it must be properly taught and preached behind the pulpit. That’s why Paul emphatically stated, “We preach Christ crucified” (I Cor. 1:23).

That’s why he also said, “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect” (I Cor. 1:17).

As we’ve already said repeatedly, the church has been pushed away from its true foundation of the Cross to such an extent that it hardly knows where it’s been, where it is, or where it’s going. In fact, and I say this with great sadness of heart, the church is in worse condition presently, I believe, than it has been since the Reformation.

**Desperation Precedes Revelation**

I don’t know if my heading is true with everyone, but I do know it was true with Paul, and I definitely know that it was true with me.

In the late fall of 1991, I laid my Bible on the table in front of me and said to a group of friends who were there, “I don’t know the answer, but I know the answer is found in the Word of God, and by the grace of God, I intend to find that answer.”

To be sure, those words were not stated matter-of-factly. They were stated from the hurt of a broken heart and through bitter tears. I meant what I said!

For some six years, day and night, I sought the Lord with tears, asking Him to show me the answer to my dilemma and, in fact, the dilemma of the entirety of the church world. In the summer of 1997, He began to answer that prayer. He first took me to Romans, Chapter 6. He began to unfold to me that which He had given to Paul so long, long ago. That’s the reason I constantly say that what we are teaching isn’t new, but actually that which was taught by Paul.

**No Condemnation**

I will never forget that morning when the Lord began to move upon me as it regarded the answer to my petition. I was studying, as stated, Chapter 6 of Romans. From that great chapter, the Holy Spirit began to move upon my heart, opening it up to me, and instantly I knew that this was the answer. I will never forget that day, and I will never forget what the Lord has done and, in fact, continues to do even unto this hour. I trust He will continue because it is impossible to exhaust the potential of the Cross.

As the Lord began to give me this revelation, I don’t think it would be possible to reveal the joy that flooded my soul and continues unto this moment.

I know what it is to say as Paul, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” (Rom. 7:24).

I also now know what it is to say: “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has...”
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made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:1–2).

If we adhere to the Word, we will reap the benefits of the Word! If we stray from the Word, we will reap that direction, as well, but it definitely won’t be benefits.

The Cross And The Modern Church

It is my belief that the church is in such terrible condition, actually epitomizing the Laodicean church of Revelation 3:14–22, because it has strayed from the foundation of the Cross of Christ. To put it bluntly, the church no longer preaches the Cross. It preaches psychology; it preaches various fads; it preaches intellectualism; and it preaches a plethora of works, but it is no longer preaching the Cross.

As a result, the churches are full of people who aren’t saved, and the few who are saved, for the most part, are, as one of my associates said, “miserably saved!” In other words, modern believers, and I speak of true believers, simply do not know how to live for God. They don’t know how to live for God simply because they do not know and understand the Message of the Cross as it refers to sanctification. The laity in the pew is in this condition because the preachers behind the pulpits do not know the Message of the Cross.

Theological Or Moral

The Message of the Cross is not a difficult message. In fact, it is very simple. Paul told the Corinthians: “But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” He then went on to say: “For if he who comes preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or another gospel, which you have not accepted, you might well bear with him” (II Cor. 11:3–4).

The Message of the Cross, regarding both salvation and sanctification, is not difficult to understand. In effect, the
Holy Spirit through Paul referred to this message as the simplicity of Christ. So, this means that if preachers or anyone rejects the Cross, it is definitely not from theological reasons. In other words, it is not because it is too difficult to understand. This means that the reason for rejecting the Cross is definitely not theological, but rather moral.

**What Do We Mean By Moral?**

It means that men reject the Cross simply because of pride and self-will. Like Cain of old, they do not refuse to offer up sacrifice; in fact, they offer up beautiful sacrifices. However, it’s a sacrifice of their own hands and not that of Christ, i.e., Christ and Him crucified. As I’ve already said several times, the Holy Spirit is drawing the line. On one side is the true church, and on the other side is the apostate church. That line is the Cross of Christ. As Martin Luther said so long ago, “As men view the Cross, so they view the Reformation.” I’ll say the same thing presently: as men view the Cross, so they view Christ!

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In fact, the Cross has always been the dividing line, but the Holy Spirit is making it more prominent now than ever before, and for all the obvious, scriptural reasons. Concerning the Cross, may we, in effect, say as Moses of old, “This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done”?  

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Children need to be taught to work. There are many problems facing our land and world today, and one of the basic causes of this is that a generation of children has been raised to believe that work is “undignified.” When I was a boy, work was taught as an ethic. It was a virtue. It was taught as the basic component of character development.

My mother and father taught me to work, and I’m grateful they did. As the depression gave way to opportunity, Americans had a real zeal for work. There was a vibrant urgency in America that helped immeasurably when we entered World War II. It would be a disaster to see another depression, but, at least in those days, whenever anyone was offered any work, he accepted it eagerly.

Today, children are no longer being taught to work. In numerous ways they are even being taught and encouraged not to work—by our government and other social forces. More often than not, labor organizations discourage hard work. It is a tragedy that many of the most influential elements in our society hinder the work ethic and encourage “feather-bedding” and more-and-more pay for less-and-less work. Many labor groups want everything reduced to the lowest possible level of activity, and the result is a situation where an energetic individual is prevented from producing what he could.

Another tragic element in our society is government’s determination to pay individuals for not working, while the more ambitious element is penalized for working. For many, not working pays better than working pays. This destroys the fabric, the fiber, and the soul of a nation. Incredibly, it is being imposed by our own government.

Only people who are truly incapable of helping themselves should receive help. Able people ought to work, and society should intervene only to provide constructive work when it isn’t otherwise available. Today we reward laziness and slothfulness.

It is common knowledge that many refuse to accept such work as washing dishes, pumping gas, or other menial jobs. In truth, it doesn’t matter how menial the task. If it’s honest labor, it’s worthy of respect. Everyone should work. Even the person without real financial needs should work because filling your days with hobbies, television, or similar non-productive time-fillers is spiritually corrosive.

Laziness will destroy a person’s character. Anyone who is able to work and chooses not to work is a parasite. He lacks the fundamentals of good character and doesn’t understand the first principles of God’s kingdom.

Moms and dads should teach their children the work ethic at an early age.
Children should be provided jobs and should then be compensated for the work they do. This is the foundation of a later understanding of what money is, where it comes from, and the value of it.

My father never gave me an allowance. He gave me work to do, and I was then rewarded for that work. By the time I was 8 years old, I had started doing things to earn a little money. I would dig potatoes, chop wood, pick tomatoes, pick cotton, and pick all kinds of vegetables. My mother and daddy taught me the work ethic early, and I soon learned that money was something that was earned and not handed out. Being accused of laziness was the worst kind of insult in our house. I had a constant dread of anybody thinking I was lazy. My mother and dad instilled this in me.

Learning how to work when I was young has enabled me to work hard as an adult. Being involved in a ministry that circles the globe is a time-consuming task. I was taught responsibility and respect for work when I was a child, and it remains deeply ingrained in me today. I look back now with thankfulness as I can see how this has contributed to what success we have had.

There are all kinds of little jobs that can be performed by children, such as mowing lawns and having responsibility for many household maintenance chores. Little girls should be taught to babysit. Boys can wash cars, work after school at a grocery store, deliver papers, or take responsibility for any of the other myriad jobs available to those who want to earn spending money.

**Spend Or Save?**

Parents should also teach their children to spend wisely because they will need this ability as they grow through life. Lamentably, the majority of American adults have no concept of intelligent purchasing, and this is demonstrated in the fact that every credit crunch finds a large percentage of American families on the brink of bankruptcy.

Learning how to shop intelligently should be a part of every child’s training. In addition, children should be taught how to save. While this may sound old-fashioned, it is completely scriptural. Proverbs 6:6-8 says: “Go to the ant, thou sluggard: consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.”

The Lord is telling us that there are times when we should save for the future. I worked hard, doing all the jobs I previously mentioned. Many were not pleasant, such as picking cotton or curing cow hides. I was often dirty and, afterward, my back ached, but with the monies earned from these tasks, I opened a bank account. My first account was opened with something like $8, and it gave me a wonderful feeling of accomplishment and responsibility. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life and one of the finest lessons I ever learned.

Children should be taught thrift. They need not be encouraged to be misers or stingy, but they should be encouraged to save, and the value of thrift should be ingrained into them at an early age.

**Giving**

Children should also be taught the words of the Lord Jesus Christ: “Give, and it shall
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moment on—and it has been one of the greatest lessons ever learned. Children should not only be taught tithing, but the giving of offerings in addition. My parents taught me to be generous with God. They taught me kindness and generosity. Children should be taught to give money. I don't remember a Sunday as a child that I didn't put my tithe in the Sunday offering plate. As I did so, I always felt happy because I knew it was the right thing to do within God's sight.

Sometimes my grandfather would give me a dollar, or I would earn one. I was taught that I owed God a dime of that dollar. My mother and daddy practiced this before me as an example, and I think this was responsible for convincing me of the propriety of doing so.

Courtesy And Manners

In addition to being taught how to handle money, children should be taught courtesy and manners. Manners and morals are closely aligned, and no person can be what he should be without courtesy.

Parents should teach their children to say “yes, sir” and “no, ma’am” to adults and supervisors. You don't hear much of this today. There is a considerable lack of respect within our society. It goes back to a lack of authority in the home, which then radiates throughout society. Children should be taught courtesy and to say a simple “thank you” or “no, thank you.”

Another principle that needs to be reestablished is that of living peacefully with others. Fighting should not be allowed. Respect should be taught for another's possessions, and one should not take what isn't his own. Children should be encouraged to share.

Children should also be taught to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. The simple act of saying, “I am sorry,” involves some of the most difficult words in the English language. The only phrase harder to say is, “I was wrong.” Teach both of these phrases to your children early in life, and they will be much better persons for it.

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God's commandment to honor mother and father should be taught to children.

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be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over” (Lk. 6:38).

I was taught to pay my tithes at the age of 8. My parents instructed me that out of every dollar earned, a dime belongs to God. This was instilled in me from the very beginning of my life.

They showed me where this could be found in the Word of God. I believed it, and I have practiced tithing from that moment on—and it has been one of the greatest lessons ever learned. Children should not only be taught tithing, but the giving of offerings in addition. My parents taught me to be generous with God. They taught me kindness and generosity.

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This is the fifth commandment and is the first to deal with man's relationship to man. It is the only one that carries with it a special promise. The first four commandments refer to man's relationship with God, and the last six sum up all of man's duties toward mankind.

The first of these relationships is, "Honor thy father and thy mother." The promise—for compliance with this commandment—is that one will live "long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

The implication in this seems to be that if one properly deals with his parents in honor, other duties will likely be observed also, resulting in a healthy and lengthy life.

Even though this basic command was given in the Old Testament, all commands regarding man's relationship to man continue to be valid. There is no evidence that these commands, concerning man's relationship to man, have been done away with by Christ.

The fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother," is recorded in the New Testament, and it is also elaborated upon there, with its applications explained. In Matthew 15:3-9, Jesus preached a brief sermon on this text. He repeated and expounded upon this thought of honoring father and mother.

Set A High Standard

In every area of life, parents are to set high standards. Agreeing with Joshua, we are to declare that, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15).

The home is the place of worship and training. This is where character is built and lives developed. Parents must set the example. The Word of God must be read and explained, and prayer must be engaged in.

Family worship and training of children is an urgent need in every Christian home. You should train up a child in the way he should go. If done properly and scripturally, with love, he will not depart from the godly way.

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The Great Question

“When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, Some say that You are John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. He said unto them, But whom say you that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” —Matthew 16:13-16

The time of the text was about six months before the crucifixion of our Lord. By this time, there were really very few places the Lord was welcome because of the hatred of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Since these two groups represented the religious authority of Israel, most of the people followed their rejection also. John 1:11 says: “He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.”

Why did they hate Him so much? They knew of His great miracles, and they knew the dead were raised, the blind saw, the deaf heard, and the lame walked, yet they still rejected Him. The answer is that they wanted a messiah and a king who would come forth with all the trappings of royalty, and who would throw off the yoke of Roman oppression. As well, they felt that they had no need of a Saviour. They couldn't accept one from the city of Nazareth, who was born in a stable, was the son of a carpenter, and was one whom they considered common.

The rejection of the religious leaders of Israel was a willful rejection. They knew the prophecies, and they knew from where the Messiah would come, yet they still rejected the Lord.

This is a perfect picture of what religion really is, which is the greatest hindrance to the true church.

Presently, we are living in the third chapter of Revelation, which portrays the two churches that are in the world today—the Philadelphia church (Rev. 3:7-13) and the Laodicean church (Rev. 3:14-19). The Philadelphia church is the true church, and the Laodicean church is the apostate church.

The apostate church is never content to just exist, but it will do everything in its power to silence the true church. In Christ’s day the apostate church crucified the Lord. Today their manner of operation is to infiltrate in order to deceive.

It’s sad to say but today the majority of churches in the world fall into the category of apostate.

The only way to stop deception is to know the Word of God and to be led by the Spirit.

The Great Question

In verse 13, the Lord asks His disciples, “Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?” This question constitutes one of the most important questions in the world. How one answers this question determines one’s eternal salvation or eternal damnation.
The answer the disciples gave the Lord perfectly portrays the spiritual condition of Israel. Their answer, “Some say that You are John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” The answer the disciples gave concerning the answer of the people proved that the majority of the people did not accept the Lord as Messiah.

Suppose that today the same question could be asked of those who claim to be Christians. To be clearer regarding my question, one must understand that the term Christian doesn’t mean the same thing to everyone. Some today believe that if you are not Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, or Hindu, you are a Christian. Some believe that if you are a member of a Protestant church, then you are a Christian. The list could go on and on, but as we shall see next, that is not the case.

“But Whom Say You That I Am”

Take notice that the Lord, not commenting directly on what the people said, now directs the question to His disciples: “Whom say you that I am?” This may sound odd to some, seeing that the disciples had walked with the Lord for three years. They had witnessed His great miracles, and they had heard His words of hope and salvation, yet the Lord pointedly asked them personally to answer the question. Why? No matter how much church one attends, or how many religious activities in which one is involved, none of that determines salvation. Association does not guarantee salvation or revelation, with Judas being a prime example.

In one sense, this question was even more important than what Israel thought of Him. It was obvious by Israel’s answer that the majority of the people did not believe the Word of God; therefore, they believed all types of foolish things. That is also why so much of the church of today is going in a wrong direction. They don’t know the Word of God.

The reason the Lord pointedly asked the same question was that He was, in effect, trying their hearts. What is in your heart is what you believe, and just as the Lord asked them, He is asking each of us the same question.

The Great Confession

Verse 16 states: “And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Peter’s answer was and is the only correct answer. It is the answer that one who truly knows the Lord will give. Peter said, “You are the Christ.” Christ is more of a title than a name. It means “anointed” and, in this sense, referred only to the Messiah. Kenneth Wuest, the now departed Greek scholar, says of this: “The word designates that king whom God will provide for Israel, who will occupy the throne of David forever.” Peter was stating, “You, Jesus, the Christ, are the Messiah.”

As well, we see in Peter’s answer the revelation and truth of the Cross. How, you may wonder? The phrase, “The Son of the living God,” tells us that the Lord became the Son of the living God in order to
be the sacrifice for humanity’s sin. Before He could be Messiah, He had to be humanity’s Saviour. He had to become man and submit Himself to the horror of the Cross in order for man to be redeemed.

Jesus Christ was the specific man, the unique one, the one of a kind, the spotless, perfect Son of the living God.

Only those who are truly redeemed can answer the question of who Jesus Christ is. All through the Bible we are given many different names and titles proclaiming who Jesus is. As I close this article, let me give you just a brief sample of the Lord’s many names and titles that reveal who He is. I will only give a few as there are many, many names and titles given to us in the Word of God. As well, I have put them in alphabetical order.

He is:

**A**
- Advocate
- Almighty
- Alpha and Omega
- Anointed of the Lord
- Author and Finisher of our faith

**B**
- Balm of Gilead
- Beloved of God
- Branch
- Bread of Life
- Bright and Morning Star

**C**
- Captain of our salvation
- Chief Cornerstone
- Chief Shepherd
- Chosen of God
- Christ
- Commander
- Counselor

**D**
- Dayspring
- Deliverer
- Desire of the nations
- Door

**E**
- Elect of God
- Emmanuel
- Eternal Life
- Everlasting Father

**F**
- Faithful and True
- First and the Last
- First Begotten
- Friend of publicans and sinners

**G**
- God
- Good Shepherd
- Governor
- Great High Priest

**H**
- Head of the Church
- Hope of Glory
- Horn of Salvation

**I**
- I Am that I Am
- Image of God
- Immanuel

**J**
- Jehovah
- Jesus
- Judge of Israel

**K**
- King of kings
- King of the saints

**L**
- Lamb of God
- Lawgiver
- Leader and Commander
- Light of the World
- Lion of the tribe of Judah
- Lord of lords

**M**
- Master
- Mediator
- Messiah
- Mighty God
- Morning Star

**N**
- Nail in a sure place
- Nazarene

**P**
- Our Peace
- Physician
- Priest
- Prophet

**R**
- Redeemer
- Rock
- Rose of Sharon

**S**
- Salvation
- Seed of woman
- Shepherd and Bishop of our souls
- Shiloh
- Son of David
- Son of God
- Sun of Righteousness
- Son of the Blessed

**T**
- True Vine
- Truth

**U**
- Unspeakable Gift

**W**
- Way
- Wonderful
- Word

He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
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- AT CALVARY
- O I WANT TO SEE HIM
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- ROCK OF AGES

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- IN THE GARDEN

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- YES, I KNOW

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According to Webster’s New World Dictionary, a disciple is “a pupil or follower of any teacher.” That simple definition means that whoever is a disciple is a person who will follow the teachings of a particular person. Likewise, every single person who claims to be a believer should, by this simple definition, be someone who adheres to the teachings of Christ. We know that Christ is the single greatest teacher who has ever lived, and He gave us some of the most important lessons regarding how we are to live our daily lives as Christians.

All throughout the Word of God are lessons on how we are to live this life here on earth. In fact, the majority of the Bible deals with living for God. However, we know that millions of people, who claim to be Christians, or who truly are born again, do not actually follow the teachings of Christ, but they pick and choose what they will adhere to. We are not to pick and choose the parts of the Bible we like and live by those. Rather, we are to completely live our lives based upon the words of Christ.

The Bible Is Our Textbook Regarding How We Are To Live For God

Some of the greatest teachings of Christ that are found in the Bible are located in the gospel of Matthew, Chapters 5 through 7. This teaching is known as the Sermon on the Mount and is something that every single Christian ought to study, dive into, and learn to live by. These chapters express what it means to not only be a Christian, but they tell us how we ought to act, and how we ought to be.

These next few words are not pleasant, but, I must be truthful. In today’s modern Christianity, the word that comes to mind that describes modern Christians is “superficial”. In other words, today’s Christian is only concerned with the obvious, and, for the most part, is shallow and never desires to go past a certain point in his relationship with Christ. Because of this, almost anyone who looks beyond the veil, so to speak, cannot help but realize that the most significant characteristic of the modern church is superficiality. I speak of the Pentecostal world, for that is where I am from, and it pains me to see it heading in a direction that is totally against our heritage and what we are supposed to be. We need to return to what is recorded in the book of Acts and become reacquainted with our heritage. We need to believe that God is able to do that once again, even in this day and age.

The cause for this is more than likely a tendency not to ignore the Bible, but rather put it to the side, and use it only when we feel up to it. However, we should be reading and studying the Bible constantly and letting it draw us closer to our heavenly Father through His Word. We have failed to take it for what it is, the Word of God, and have resorted to treating it as just another book.

Here in America we are blessed to have Bibles spread throughout our homes and...
vehicles, but most of the time, the Bible is used as a decorative piece in our living rooms.

Let me be clear: There is nothing more important than the Word of God and our understanding of the Word of God. The Bible is not easily understood, but if we have a proper understanding of the Word of God, we will be able to live according to its precepts, and gain wisdom according to Scripture, which will help us in our daily lives.

The Bible does not merely contain the Word of God—it is the Word of God—and we must treat it as such. It is our textbook, our only reference, and our lone authority. To ignore such is to welcome peril and destruction. It's something that we should not take lightly, but cherish and utilize it while we still can.

**Evil Forces Are At Work**

I say that because there are forces at play—evil forces mind you—that have one agenda at heart, and that is to remove any semblance of God, or more particularly, Jesus Christ, from our consciences. That means that these forces are working tirelessly to remove the Word of God from our existence, but they have not completely succeeded yet.

Anytime that the Ten Commandments are erected in front of a city courthouse, a fight is right behind, stating that there should be separation of church and state. Now, let me say that I do agree that there should be a separation of church and state, meaning that if there is one church, such as the Church of England, and everyone has to join. That's not what I am referring to.

Their fight is not against church and state, but is rather a fight to remove Christ from the equation. However, what they fail to realize is that our form of government was taken from the Ten Commandments. So, they fight against a monument that has been erected of the Ten Commandments, or they target a coach who prays before every game, a teacher who has the Bible on his desk, or the student who carries a Bible and prays in school. These forces are doing everything in their power to remove the Word of God from this country—a country that was founded on “In God We Trust.”

It is their desire to remove the Word of God from our lives, so they can rule how they see fit. We, as Christians, must be committed to the teachings of Christ, which are found in the Word of God, and we should live our lives based on what the Bible says.

**All False Doctrine Is A Misunderstanding Of The Finished Work Of Christ**

Now, let me address one more issue: All false doctrine stems from a misunderstanding of the Bible, and more importantly, a misunderstanding of the atonement. If the believer does not understand the Cross of Christ relative not only to justification, but sanctification, as well, then he cannot truly understand the Bible. I say that because the Cross of Christ is the single most important part in the plan of God. Without the Cross, there is no salvation, plain and simple. If there is no salvation, then there can be nothing else that we can experience that will benefit our lives, such as the baptism with the Holy Spirit, healing, deliverance, blessings, etc. Remove the Cross from Christianity, and you have something along the lines of philosophy, and it will be equal to every other religion in the world, which will produce no salvation.

I heard someone say that if we preach any other Christ and leave off the crucified Christ, then we are doing our people a tremendous disservice. That person was right. If we are to preach the Word, then we must preach the entirety of the Word, which means that we are to preach the Cross without compromise. That's why Jesus stated that “you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The truth spoken of here by Christ is the Cross, and the Cross alone. Our faith in the finished work of Christ produces salvation, healing, deliverance, blessing, the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and everything else that we will ever need. If we misunderstand that, then we lose what it is. If we believe it, then we can experience all that He says we can experience.

We must adhere to the Word of God and obey the teachings of Christ, and not pick and choose what we want to abide by. The Bible is the only light in the world that delivers true spiritual light. It is our road map for life and our guide for eternity.

“The Bible does not merely contain the Word of God—it is the Word of God—and we must treat it as such. It is our textbook, our only reference, and our lone authority.”
The most obvious and striking division of the Word of Truth is that between law and grace. Indeed, these contrasting principles characterize the two most important dispensations—the Jewish and Christian. It is not, of course, meant that there was no law before Moses any more than there was no grace and truth before Jesus Christ. The forbidding to Adam of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil (Gen. 2:17) was law, and surely grace was most sweetly manifested in the seeking, by the Lord God, of His sinning creatures, and in His clothing them with coats of skins (Gen. 3:21)—a beautiful type of Christ “made unto us … Righteousness” (I Cor. 1:30). Law, in the sense of some revelation of God’s will, and grace, in the sense of some revelation of God’s goodness, have always existed, and to this Scripture abundantly testifies. But “the law” everywhere mentioned in Scripture was given by Moses and, from Sinai to Calvary, dominates—characterizes, the time; just as grace dominates, or gives its peculiar character to, the dispensation, which begins at Calvary, and has its predicted termination in the rapture of the church.

It is, however, of the most vital moment to observe that Scripture never, in any dispensation, mingles these two principles. Law always has a place and works distinct and wholly diverse from that of grace. Law is God, prohibiting and requiring; grace is God, beseeching and bestowing. Law is a ministry of condemnation; grace, of forgiveness. Law curses; grace redeems from that curse. Law kills; grace makes alive. Law shuts every mouth before God; grace opens every mouth to praise Him. Law puts a great and guilty distance between man and God; grace makes guilty man nigh to God. Law says, “An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth”; grace says, “Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.” Law says, “Hate thine enemy”; grace, “Love your enemies, bless them … That despitefully use you.” Law says, “Do, and live”; grace says to believe and live. Law never had a missionary; grace is to be preached to every creature. Law utterly condemns the best man; grace freely justifies the worst. (Luke 23:43; Rom. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:15; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). Law is a system of probation; grace, of favor. Law stones an adulteress; grace says, “Neither do I condemn thee.” Under law, the sheep dies for the shepherd; under grace, the Shepherd dies for the sheep.

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

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  - Thaicom 5
  - **Northern Africa**
    - Hot Bird 6
      - sonlifetv.com for more info
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    - Optus D2
      - sonlifetv.com for more info
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    - sonlifetv.com for more info
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— Brenda, United Kingdom
How Did I Get Where I Am Now, And Where Do I Go From Here?

By Don Downs

From a prison cell in Rome, the apostle Paul told the Philippians that he was confident of this very thing: “That He which has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:6). We, like Paul, can only be confident in one thing, which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

I do not doubt that this great apostle, when put in jail at different times, likely had the thought, “How in the world did I get here, and where do I go from here?” One sure thing that we know about Paul is that he was not looking for a way out of prison, but he was looking to stay a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. He was confident that he could do this by placing and keeping his faith in the finished work of Calvary’s Cross. Paul did not look to man or religion to help him stay the course. He simply looked to the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified that was given to him by our Lord.

Most of the church world today recognizes the Cross of Christ as the way of salvation, but they know little or nothing about sanctification or how to live a victorious life for Christ. Most find Christ and say, “Where do I go from here?” The church is often directed to man’s laws and ordinances that have no power to help them live a holy life. The church today wants to argue over their pitiful doctrines that keep man in bondage with no power over sin. We need power to live this Christian life, and the only power is Jesus Christ and what He did on the Cross.

My wife and I came to know the Lord 34 years ago. I went to church from the age of 8 to 16. I strayed from God for 10 years and in those 10 years, the Lord sent numerous Christians and preachers to my business and my home to speak to me about Him. Finally, in February 1983, on a cold and rainy night, a preacher whom I had never seen before knocked on my door. That night in our living room, we knelt down and surrendered our hearts and lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. I thought, “Now what? Where do we go from here?”

This man of God started a new converts class in his home. I began attending and met a dear older saint of God who challenged me to tune in to Jimmy Swaggart’s telecasts. So, out of respect for her I did. Little did I know that my world was about

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to change again. From the very first time I watched Brother Swaggart’s telecast, the Lord began doing great things in my life. Where did my wife and I go from that point? After experiencing religion in at least four different ministries, I asked the Lord with a broken heart, “Lord, where do we go from here?” It was at that point that it was plain to see that we had to go back to the Cross of Christ and stay there.

The Lord called us into ministry 21 years ago. I learned that the church needed balance, and the only way not to go off to the left or the right was to keep our total faith daily in the finished work at Calvary. Looking back, I know for sure that the ministry that God called us to would have been destroyed had our faith been in our own abilities or our own wisdom. Gateway Outreach Ministries in Logan, Ohio, is not ours; it belongs to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Every Christian, regardless of who he is and no matter where he’s been, has been assigned to serve the Lord. I want to encourage you today with these words:

• There is only one answer!
• There is only one provision!
• That provision is Jesus Christ and His Cross!

In other words, the provision is in the assignment. Jesus is the provision for our assignment, and our assignment is to live for Him in victory.

Where are you, Christian? Where do you go from here? Nowhere! Stay at the Cross! Do not leave the Cross of Christ! If you have placed your faith in anything other than Christ’s Cross, forsake that thing and run back to the Cross.

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Message of the Cross Reveals and Teaches

Dear Evangelist: The Message of the Cross is awesome! I am so thankful for what God is doing through you all and for the work and move of God that is coming through your ministry. God reveals things through the discussions you have. I appreciate all that I am learning through watching you all! Thank God for SBN! I recommend your network and ministry to everyone I can. I support you financially and prayerfully, continuously, and I love and value all of you at JSM. The Lord bless and keep you! — OHIO

Praise for SBN

Dear Evangelist: I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoy Frances & Friends and the Family Worship Center services, along with
the music. I have learned so much from your programs, and I have also purchased five Bibles for myself and my friends. I pray for the network and all there often, and for this nation. I love all of you, and may God bless each of you! I am a born-again Christian and am filled with the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord for saving me!

— SOUTH CAROLINA

**Viewer’s Father Transformed Through Watching SBN**

Dear Evangelist: My father, a long-time drunk, gambler, and sinner, died six years ago. Because of your ministry, he was saved, and I know today he is in heaven! My life story is long and too much to relate here, but I know I’ll see my daddy again one day in heaven! Thank you for what you and your family do. It means so much to me! Daddy watched your channel every day, all day, 24/7, until he passed. God is good!

— TENNESSEE

**Ministry Encourages Caregiver and Patient**

Dear Evangelist: I am writing from Washington State. I live in a strong atheist and agnostic community. However, those of us who know the Lord watch your show here. I am a private nurse for a dementia patient here. She is 85 and a Christian. She lives with her son and his wife and children. They are not Christians. However, I put your show on for my patient every day while I am at her home for four hours, and I can tell you that the atmosphere in this home is changing. Her daughter-in-law now pops in and watches your show for a few minutes while she is home on her lunch hour. Today, my patient sang “Amazing Grace” along with your choir, and we were all in tears. Thank you, Brother Swaggart, and thank you to all of your ministry team. We hear you, and we are greatly encouraged!

— WASHINGTON

**Viewer Experiences God’s Abundance in Family and Finances**

Dear Evangelist: Praise God for blessing me every day. I am a single senior citizen on a fixed income. In January, I started giving to the share-a-thon and sending in a few dollars for tithes. From January until now, the Lord has opened doors and poured out His blessings on my life! I still struggle with some things, but every day I see healing taking place.

I love to watch Frances & Friends, and recently they were discussing people with mental illness. I have an adult son with a mental illness, and I have claimed healing, and I keep SBN, or the worship music on all the time. I am watching a miracle take place before my eyes, as I can see the peace of God in his spirit! Thank you all at SBN, from Brother Swaggart down to the worship singers, for sending out the Word of God and the Message of the Cross.

— COLORADO

**SBN Calms Special Needs Child**

Dear Evangelist: My daughter with special needs and I started watching your program only last Sunday, and I somehow managed to keep the TV on your show for the entire week! However, the next weekend, my daughter was very agitated and since she is nonverbal, was gesturing to me to put on the TV, and indicating to me a microphone and someone singing, but I did not get it. I went through numerous music videos, wondering if one of her caregivers had introduced her to music videos. Her agitation got worse. I called her father to see if he understood what she wanted, but he did not know either. I decided to give her the medication her doctor had prescribed. It is a medication I only give as a last resort, but as we sat on the bed, I decided to search the TV one more time. As I went through the channels, I finally found her request; it was the SonLife Broadcast Network, which I called the Swaggart Gospel-fest. Right then and there my daughter became calm, while dancing a little, and requesting her dinner! The singing just calmed the sea.

— PENNSYLVANIA

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“I Know He Will!”

Some New Insight

A few days ago, I received an email and while I do not remember the subject or the author, a statement at the end of the email, enclosed with the signature, caught my eye. It said simply, “Faith isn’t believing that God can do it. Faith is knowing that God will do it.”

The thought struck my spirit, and I began to think about the difference between believing God has the capability of doing something and knowing that God will do something. It dawned on me that in many of my petitions to the Lord, I believed that He had the power to complete them. However, the true question was, did I feel confident that He was attending to my need? I began to realize the truth that faith must believe that God is attending to the need, even as we ask Him to provide for it. Let’s take a look at how we might raise our faith to a higher level. How can I be confident that God is answering my prayer?

The Means and the Source

The believer must first understand this simple statement: Jesus Christ is the source while the Cross is the means. Let me explain. When Jesus died on Calvary, He made a way, He opened the door, and He provided the means by which man might access God. Christ then ascended into heaven and, now, should be seen as the source of all provision.

We as believers are joint heirs with Christ, and everything He paid for through His death on Calvary is now our inheritance. When we have a need, we can go to God the Father in the name of Jesus because of the event of the Cross. It was there that the covenant was cut. It was there that a consistent access to the source of blessing was made available. So, having access by faith, we call upon the Father in the name of Jesus to the source of our blessing and provision. Therefore, we must understand that Christ is the source and that the Cross is the means.

I See it in the Word

The Bible says in I John 5:14-15, “And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us. And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.”

If what we are petitioning God for is clearly spelled out in His Word and is a benefit or a privilege that is meant for the believer, then we can know with all confidence that we are asking according to His will. As examples, let’s consider God’s ability to provide for our needs, heal our bodies, save the souls of those we love, or raise a standard against the enemy that would destroy us. If we find evidence in Scripture that it is God’s will and desire to do the things for which we are petitioning Him, then we can be confident that when we ask Him to perform what
He has said He will do, He will do it! So, my faith goes beyond the truth that God can and moves forward to the idea that God will. Even as I ask, He has already started to meet my request.

History Confirms It

Whenever we face an enemy, an adversary, or opposition of any kind, we are exhorted to look into our past and remind ourselves of what God has already done for us. This knowledge is essential in helping us to establish our faith. It helps us to realize that God not only can, but that God will. How can I be so sure? He’s done this for me in the past, and that gives me confidence that He’ll do this again for me in the future.

I Know He Will!

So, as I pray relative to any situation, I bring it before the Lord in this way: “Lord, I know that what I’m asking is Your will, for I have seen that in Your Word. I’m asking for a healing in my body, and the Word says that by Your stripes, I am healed. I’m asking for Your financial provision, and the Word says that You’ll supply my every need. I’m asking for Your leading, direction, and Your guidance, and the Word says that the Holy Spirit will lead me into all truth. Lord, not only am I assured by the unalterable, immutable truth of Your Word, but I also have history that I recall to my mind. I remember in the past when I was ill, and the doctors couldn’t figure out what the problem was. I remember that You brought me through that, and I’m not sick today because You healed me. I remember times of financial stress, times when I didn’t know how I would pay the bills, but each and every time that I faced a financial impossibility, You somehow supplied the need through sources I couldn’t even imagine. I also remember when I was at a loss regarding how to proceed for many of life’s circumstances and situations—when I didn’t know what to do. You were ever faithful. You guided me by Your Spirit and led me in the right way and onto the path of victory.”

So, now I know that God isn’t just able to heal my body, meet my financial needs, or to give me the direction I need. I’m confident that God isn’t just able; I know that God will!

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God did not forestall the political birth of the United States of America due to slavery. The scourge of slavery was predominantly opposed by American Christian missionaries acting as poseurs for abolition against slavery. Warnings pertaining to slavery resounded from our missionaries in the Middle East. In the case of Harriet Livermore, spoken from Mount Zion, she prophesied, “Great national calamities are awaiting the United States as punishment for its permissiveness toward slavery.” Nearly 20 years later, the dawn of the Civil War bore witness to the outcome of God’s warning.

Abraham Lincoln accredited three books that shaped his life and thinking: the Bible, Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan, and Sufferings in Africa by James Riley. Riley had been captured by Arabs after being shipwrecked off the coast of the Spanish Sahara and was driven across the desert. He was flogged, beaten, and reduced to just 90 pounds before he was ransomed by the British consul at the port city of Mogador. His book became a national sensation, selling one million copies over the next 40 years. He urged Americans to cut down “the cursed tree of slavery and to shiver in pieces the rod of oppression.” Many other well-knowns, such as the father of our educational system, Horace Mann, were outspoken opponents to slavery.

**To Forget Is Foolishness**

To forget slavery would be as foolish as trying to forget the Holocaust. It must serve as a reminder of the cruelty of man to force man to serve man. African Americans of the Civil War era did not liken slavery to the plight of American slaves in Algiers, but to ancient Jews in Egypt. One such preeminent leader, Frederick Douglas, recalled, “We meant to reach the North, and the North was Canaan.”

Many in my family, on my father’s side, were exterminated in the Holocaust. I often remind myself of the horror they must have felt when the sound of the boots from German Gestapo soldiers marched down the streets of Germany in rhythmic patterns, and then, the blunt knocking on doors. Their hearts must have pounded within their chests with anxiety in anticipation of being taken away from home and family. Stricken people were torn from each other and sentenced to death for simply being Jewish. We must never forget slavery and the plight of those before us who suffered its torment. It is an ever constant reminder of how each of us should look upon one another with love and respect.

**A New Identity**

The result of the gospel message is so strong that it changes the heart and life — as a result, being born again—for all who embrace Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It gives the believer a new identity. This is essential for us to understand. The fact that old things are passed away and all things become new (II Cor. 5:17) removes the believer’s past and changes his identity. Christian believers “have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all” (Col. 3:10-11). The Christian believer now can live identified to a new race. Paul would say to the church of Galatia, “For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus … There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:26, 28).

The sullen stains of racism still brood in the hearts of many today. The idea of one race being better than another has hurt America, notwithstanding Jews and others around the world. This kind of thinking...
ultimately created an Adolph Hitler. The belief is that a master race exists and by the extermination of an inferior race, this will enable the new superior race to manifest, or, as with slavery, the inferior race is to serve the superior race. For example, Islam makes this very clear by claiming all who are not believers of Allah and his prophet are classified as dihimmi—a second class or subclass of people. They must pay jitzia, a poll tax, and are subject to minimal rights, unlike Muslims.

A principle has emerged that our commitment to diversity has redefined the opposition to discrimination as the appreciation, rather than the elimination, of difference when it comes to equality and recognition. We have also come to think of disagreement as a form of prejudice. If we fail as believers to approach the heartbeat of our social issues with a truly biblical approach, then we will fall prey to believing that skin color is a culture, sexual preference is a culture, religion is a culture, etc. Therefore, if we do not accept someone’s culture, we are being intolerant and even racist or bigoted. May we see each other as our Lord and Saviour and view christians as saved or unsaved. Those of us who are saved must work together as one to bring the message that will bring true unity to man—at the meeting place of God and man—in Christ Jesus.

The New Cultural Wars

Our society’s new modus vivendi (way of life) toward universal tolerance is to champion diversity. Earlier I mentioned that our commitment to diversity has redefined the opposition to discrimination as the appreciation, rather than the elimination, of difference when it comes to equality and recognition.

God visited His people with a marvelous outpouring of His Holy Spirit at the turn of the 20th century. In 1905, a young black Louisiana man, who attended a Bible school founded by Charles Parham in Houston, Texas, was used by God to usher in modern Pentecostalism. William J. Seymour, at the Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, California, rejected racial barriers in favor of unity in Christ. “The color line was washed away by the blood,” said writer Frank Bartleman, testifying of his experience at Azusa Street. Sadly, within only a decade, the great Pentecostal movement slowly began to splinter, and a racial divide was formed. Instead of the pulpit addressing the racial issue biblically by preaching messages of true Christian unity through faith, the division identified with culture. Instead of interracial comity (civility, courtesy), segregation took its ugly shape, and doubly worse, doctrinal separation gave validity to division and solidified the racial divide as well. Because the pulpit did not spiritually address racism, it became a social issue.

The Bible

The Bible gives us a clear understanding of the function of the fivefold ministry gifts and the result that follows in Ephesians 4:11-13: “And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

True Bible Unity

True biblical unity has to do with our proper object of faith. God made the Cross His object of acceptance. He looks at our faith by the finished work of the Cross—His perfect expression of grace—and accepts us in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6). It is there, at the Cross, that we’re all reconciled unto God, and the enmity is abolished—man toward God and man toward man. Christ is all and in all who are His! Glory to God! The bloodline settles it all! He is our peace.

Once in Christ, the believer is a new creature with old things passed away (II Cor. 5:17). We are then given a ministry of reconciliation. In II Corinthians 5:18, the Bible says, “And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

Racism

If the true church of Christ doesn’t operate and function as a New Testament church with proper unity, can we expect the world to accomplish eliminating racism? Here’s our problem: We have allowed other voices to rise up and address the outward issues; issues that are really the symptoms of the inner problem. Fortunately, Jesus Christ heals the heart and, “He delivers the poor in his affliction, and opens their ears in oppression” (Job 36:15).

Racism has greatly oppressed our country for years. It is still a festering sore. We must listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church in this hour. I believe a time of healing has begun. I believe it can also be a time of greater divide if we do not approach racism biblically and with love and patience. Jesus Christ has “redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation” (Rev. 5:9). The word nation in the Greek is ethnos and means “race.” Therefore, God is color-blind to race when it comes to salvation and equality. Should we be any different? 🗯
David’s Psalm of Thanksgiving

November brings us the celebration of Thanksgiving. It’s sad to say, but precious few give thanks unto our Lord and God. David knew the importance of living in an attitude of gratitude. In I Chronicles, we have a record of one of David’s psalms of thanksgiving.

Give Thanks Unto The Lord

“Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known his deeds among the people” (1 Chron. 16:8). There are three imperatives (commands) mentioned in this verse. David commanded those present that day to: give thanks, to call on the Lord, and to make known His deeds.

God’s Presence

This song was written when the ark of God was brought into Jerusalem. The priests offered up sacrifices, David danced before the Lord with all of his might, and the people even received gifts from the king. When God’s presence comes in, praise and worship should always come forth. This was one of the greatest moments in David’s life. How could he be silent?

Multiple Reasons To Give Thanks Unto The Lord

David gave several reasons to give thanks: He is great; He has done marvelous works among all nations; He made the heavens; His name is due the glory; He reigns; He is to be feared; and my favorite—His mercy endureth forever. No doubt you know many more reasons to give thanks unto the Lord.

Instructions On How To Give Thanks

David exhorted them to sing unto the Lord. They were to declare His glory, to sing, to speak, to give glory and strength unto God, to rejoice, to bring an offering, and to give thanks to His holy name. We today do so with an attitude of gratitude.

We Praise Him For Who He Is

We have a reason to give thanks. We thank Him for who He is. He is God. He is the Creator. He is Lord of lords and King of kings. He is the Messiah, the Saviour, and our deliverer. He is worthy of praise without doing one thing. Because He is God, we should give thanks unto
Him, but being God means that He will do things for His creation.

**We Praise Him For What He Has Done**

We praise Him for what He has done. He was slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). He endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2). He has redeemed us by dying on an old rugged Cross. He has given us new life. Paul said, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Cor. 5:17).

**We Praise Him For What He Has Promised To Do**

He has promised to meet with us when we gather in His name. He has promised to hear and answer prayers prayed according to His will and in His name. “And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (Jn. 14:13). He has promised to baptize all who believe with the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5). He has promised to come back for His church (I Thess. 4:16-17).

**Give Thanks**

We of all people should live with an attitude of gratitude. Giving thanks should be natural and continuous for a child of God. David’s song should resound in our hearts. “Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people” (I Chron. 16:8).
To trust means to rely or depend on someone or something that is judged to be faithful and trustworthy. This results in being confident, safe, secure, peaceful, and fearless as long as the trust is maintained in that entity. Since this trust is commanded, it is not optional, but it is required if the results are going to be received.

There is only one individual in whom believers are to place their trust. He is not a lord, but He is the one and only Lord. He is not Allah or Buddha, but He is the Jehovah of the Bible. As eternal, He has always existed, exists right now, and will always exist (Rev. 1:4). In a world that is constantly changing, He never changes because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). He is the only one who is solid and stable enough for us to build our lives on, and when we do, we can withstand the storms the enemy brings to try to destroy us (Mat. 7:24-29). He is also the only one who makes and keeps all of His promises.

The kind of trust that is required not only has to involve our bodies, desires, emotions, thoughts, and wills, but it must also include the soul and spirit. That means that the Christian must love Him with all of his heart, soul, strength, and mind (Lk. 10:27).

The heart is where the choice of the object of faith is made (Rom. 10:9-10). That controls everything we are and do. This verse indicates that we should put our trust in who Christ is and what He did on the Cross. Instead of being double-minded (James 4:8) or wavering, our trust must be with singleness of heart (Acts 2:46; Eph. 6:5). This is not just believing that Jesus exists because even demons believe that (James 2:19). It also goes beyond believing that He was a great teacher and miracle worker, and that He lived a good moral life. It means putting all of our faith in the fact that He was God in the flesh, and that He came to die on the Cross to fulfill God’s redemption plan. He did this by paying the penalty for sin, breaking the power of sin, and eventually removing the presence of sin.

It also goes beyond putting our faith just in God or the Word of God, which is too general. Our whole relationship with God is through Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6) and what He did on the Cross, which is the message of the entire Bible. So, to be acceptable to God, our faith has to be very specific and not in anything else (Heb. 11:6).

We have to come to the realization that our best does not even come close to meeting the need, is totally inadequate, and is unacceptable to God. We cannot trust in Christ and the finished work of the Cross and still depend on who we are and what we do. We have to choose one or the other. We cannot rely on ourselves, support ourselves, and rest on our own wisdom, knowledge, and discernment and God’s at the same time because they are contrary to, oppose, and contradict each other (Gal. 5:17). If our faith is in anything other than the Cross, it makes the Cross of none effect, or negates it, and causes the loss of all of its benefits (Rom. 4:14). According to Isaiah 55:7-9, that means that we must forsake our ways, roads, and paths of life, as well as our thoughts, plans, and purposes, because His ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts are higher than ours. God promises that if we will submit to His leadership in the decisions of our lives, He will lead and guide us in His way, which is the only right way. Then, and only then, will we walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16), be led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14; Gal. 5:18), and not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. Then, we will have victory in our lives.
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