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THE CREATION OF MAN

Part IV | By Jimmy Swaggart

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.” —Genesis 2:15

THE “LORD GOD” is Jehovah Elohim.

The phrase, “And the Lord God took the man,” in effect, means that the Lord told him to go to the garden, which had been prepared especially for him. So, we see here that God exerts special care for His prime creation. The Lord not only created him, but, as well, He prepared for him, and now He will give him responsibility.

To Dress It And Keep It

The phrase, “And put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it,” presents his particular task for that particular time. So, in a very real sense is every man’s life occupation appointed by God. “To every man his work” is the law of God's world as well as of Christ’s kingdom. This thought should dignify the trivial task and, thereby, enable us so that whether we eat or drink—or whatever we do—we do all to the glory of God.

Every believer in the world has a special work designed especially for him that is intended for him to do. Unfortunately, far too many believers try to do something that God never called them to do, or else, through apathy and unbelief, they do nothing. Happy are the man and woman who find the will of God for their respective lives and then carry out that will. Such will always bring happiness, joy, fulfillment, and purpose.
Unfortunately, many Christians do not think of what they are presently doing as being of any consequence. Such thinking is wrong!

As a believer, irrespective of what we do—even if it’s cooking hamburgers at a McDonald’s—we should realize that God put us there, and we should do the very best service that we can do. Quite possibly, the Lord places many of His children in similar circumstances in order to be a witness at a proven time. If we’re looking for the opportunity, to be sure, the opportunity will definitely present itself.

Nothing happens by chance to the child of God. All is planned, approved, and carried out by the Lord. If it’s a mess up, so to speak, then the mess up is all on our part and never on God’s part.

Wherever the Lord puts you, you are to look at the task before you and irrespective of how menial it may seem to be, you are then to “dress it and to keep it.”

The Command

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17).

Verse 16 begins by stating, “And the Lord God commanded the man,” which means there was only one command from God to keep. And yet, the command presented a stern warning, which, in effect, proclaims the first and only command now, and it began in Paradise, only the conditions there were different.

As the Creator, God had the right to issue such a command and to expect man to obey. In this we learn that man was a free moral agent. He was not a machine, but he had the power of reason and, as well, a will. In other words, he could choose to obey the Lord or disobey the Lord, which is obvious from

“... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:3).

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- In the Blessed Hope—the Rapture of the Church at Christ’s Coming (1 Thess. 4:13-18).
- The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and Faith in the Precious Blood of Christ (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).
- In the Sanctifying Power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-4; 8:1-2, 11).
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the command given.

Also, the word commanded should not be taken lightly. It was a strong, powerful statement, which was meant to impress upon Adam the severity of the situation, that is, if he disobeyed!

Three Divine Institutions
In a sense, one might say that with this command, the church was formed here. If, in fact, that is the case, and it certainly seems to be, this would mean that the church was the first of the three great divine institutions formed by God.

They are:
1. The church
2. The home
3. Civil government

With the creation of Eve, the home would have been second, and civil government would have come last. This became necessary only when man’s nature was corrupted. It is the business of civil government to oppose sin as Paul declares in Romans 13:4. Had Adam not sinned, civil government would not have been necessary, for man would have lived in perfect peace, rest, and security, for there would have been no robber, murderer, or thief. So, Adam would have needed only the church and the home.

So, in a sense, inasmuch as the church was the first divine institution formed, we would have to say that it is more important even than the home or civil government. It has well been said, and probably correctly, that as the church goes, so goes the home, and so goes the nation.

The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil
Verse 16 further reads, “Saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat.”

Verse 17 begins by stating, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it,” which constituted the command.

As stated, Adam was given only one command, and that was in a Paradise. By contrast, Jesus, as the last Adam, had to keep every commandment of the law, with His probationary period beginning in a wilderness (Mat., Chpt. 4). Jesus was in the wilderness with the wild beasts (Mk. 1:13), while Adam was in Paradise with animals that were beautiful and docile.

Many would ask the question of why God placed this tree in the garden. They reason that without the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, there would have been no fall and, thereby, no problem.

Let the reader understand that the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was not the cause of Adam’s fall. It was a failure to heed and obey the word of God, which is the cause of every single failure.

So, why would Adam do such a thing? He had no sin nature as all who followed him have. He had every tree in the garden of which he could eat of their fruit, and only one tree of which he was commanded not to eat.

Testing
As to why he did what he did, I don’t think I can answer that question; furthermore, I don’t think it can be answered by any human being.

The tree had to be there, for man had to be tested. It wasn’t that God had to test Adam in order that He (God) might know what Adam would do, for God already knew. It was that Adam might know!

Some, who reason that if God had given Adam a willpower that was so strong that he could amply resist, miss the point altogether. For a will to be that which is proper, at the same time, it has to be able to say yes or no. Otherwise, it’s not a will.

Psychology claims that the environment is the answer. In other words, if a proper environment can be provided, this will stop all sin and sinning. Well, let me remind the reader that Adam was in a perfect environment when he sinned. So, that’s not the cause or the cure!

It comes down to obedience or disobedience. We need to look at that.

The Will Of Man
Almost all Christians misunderstand what the will of man actually is.

While it is true that we are free moral agents, and while it is also true that we have the power of choice, the truth is, we need to understand exactly what is being said here.

Most Christians think that once they have come to Christ, they then have the willpower to either say yes or no to whatever it is they so desire. Nothing could be further from the truth.

While the believer definitely does have the power to say yes or no, it is only in one category. That category pertains to Christ.

In other words, the Christian can say yes or no to Christ, and that’s where his will begins, and that’s where his will ends. To be more particular, this yes or no must pertain not only to Christ, but what Christ did at the Cross on our behalf. The essence of this is that we can say yes to what Christ has done for us at the Cross and rely totally and completely on His finished work, or we can say no.

If we say no, we then close the door to

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the Holy Spirit. This leaves us facing the powers of darkness with nothing but our own personal strength, i.e., willpower, which we will find every time to be totally inadequate.

No, the Christian is doomed to failure if he thinks he can face the sin business and simply say yes or no. That’s not the way it works. Those who try that (and almost all have) will conclude by failing every time. You may win for awhile, but after awhile, you’re going to fail.

Now, stop and think about this for a moment: If it were possible for us to defeat sin and the attacks of Satan by willpower, then Jesus would not have had to come down here and die on a Cross. He could have merely taught us how to function within our willpower, and that would have solved the problem.

However, He didn’t do that, did He? The truth is, the problem of sin is so deadly that it took the Cross to defeat this monster, and even then, we have to have the help of the Holy Spirit to get this thing done. That’s why Paul said, “But if the Spirit (Holy Spirit) of Him (God the Father) who raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He who raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom. 8:11).

This tells us that sin is so powerful that it takes the same power to overcome this thing as it did to raise Jesus from the dead, which, of course, is the power of the Holy Spirit. Understanding that, we should come to the conclusion that our personal willpower is totally inadequate.

However, most Christians little understand the victory of the Cross and try to do this thing on their own, which always results in failure.

A Simple Diagram
The following diagram is very simple, but perhaps it will help you to understand more fully what we are saying. The following, in extremely abbreviated form, constitutes the means by which any and every Christian can walk in victory, and by that, we mean perpetual victory:

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Focus. The focus of every believer must always be on the Lord Jesus Christ, realizing that He is the source of all things that we receive from God (Jn. 1:1-3, 14, 29; 14:6, 20; Rom. 6:1-14).

Object of faith. The object of our faith must, as well, always rest on Jesus Christ and what He did for us at the Cross. In other words, it’s who He is and what He did. The finished work of Christ must always be the pivot point in our consecration. Unfortunately, too many Christians have other things as the object of their faith, which guarantees failure (1 Cor. 1:17, 18, 23; 2:2; Col. 2:10-15).

Power source. With our focus on the Cross of Christ, which means that the finished work of Christ is now the object of our faith, our power source is now the Holy Spirit, who always works within the parameters of the finished work of Christ.

This is why the object of our faith is so very, very important (Rom. 8:1-11; Eph. 2:13-18).

Results. Having the Cross as our focus and the finished work as the object of our faith, which guarantees the Holy Spirit being the power source, then we cannot fail. It is victory to victory, or we should say, faith to faith (Rom. 6:14; I Cor. 2:2; Col. 2:14-15).

Erroneous Direction
Now, let’s use the same formula, but yet, turn it around. Regrettably, this is the place and position of most modern Christians.

I am going to give the same points but position it the way it is being addressed by most modern Christians. Read them carefully:

Focus. Not understanding the victory of the Cross as it regards sanctification, most modern Christians focus on works.

Object of faith. Focusing on works, the object of our faith becomes our performance, which is always inadequate because the Holy Spirit will not function in this capacity.

Power source. By focusing on works and trusting in our performance, the power source now is self.

Results. By focusing on works, with the object of our faith being our personal performance and the power source now being self, the results are predictable—failure. As stated, this latter diagram is the place and position of most modern Christians. In other words, they simply don’t know how to live for God.

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IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, I’ve probably seen 100 emails just like the following, and it concerns me:

Frances, please help me. I had a preacher tell me that I needed to leave my Christian husband of 18 years and go back to the spouse that I was married to. He abused me for years, and almost killed me before I got saved. I was raised in an atheist home, and my second husband brought me the truth of the gospel, and I don’t understand how the church can teach that type of doctrine. If I leave my husband and remarry my first husband, I’m damned, because he almost killed me. And if I kill him, and he is dead, then I’m released (the church is saying) to remarry. This seems crazy to me. So what is it—I can’t leave my abusive husband and marry a good man unless my first husband is dead?

Apparently we have preachers out there telling people like this dear lady to leave her stable, Christian marriage and go back to her first husband, who almost killed her. Where in the world is the wisdom in that? Yet that’s the counsel going out from the pulpit today. You have these so-called ministers squeezing the life out of verses like I Corinthians 7:39, when the truth is that death alone does not free a person from divorce.

People divorce for many reasons. Family law practitioners report that a divorce happens every 36 seconds in the United States, most of them crumbling under the stresses of money problems, poor communication, and addictions. Sadly, these statistics include believers.

Some Christian marriages do break up for the biblically sound reasons of fornication or spiritual desertion, but it’s safe to say that most believers divorce for other, common, reasons.

So what is a divorced Christian to do? Is a wife bound by law as long as her husband lives? Does that husband need to be dead before she can move on and remarry? The answer is no. It would be silly for someone who is happily remarried to try and re-enter a marriage that broke down years before. Let’s face it, there are some things in life that you just can’t go back and fix. And if any kind of abuse is involved, divorce is, most likely, inevitable. The Lord does not expect a woman to stay in a marriage where she or her children are beaten and mistreated.

But I want to tell you something that you won’t hear from many pastors these days: God recognizes divorce.

In the same way that He recognizes a legal marriage between two unbelievers (who may later get saved), God also recognizes the legal divorce of Christian husbands and wives, even if the reason for the breakup was “irreconcilable differences.”

Hear me out: The reasons why two people choose to divorce make little difference to God because the root of those reasons is really just one—sin.

God knows that whether a wife commits adultery, or a husband is abusive, or if both spouses are addicted to drugs, the real cause of divorce is sin, and sin always

“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.” —I Corinthians 7:39
causes separation from God. That’s what He cares about, and that’s why He sent His Son to pay our sin debt and reconcile us to God. However, in the matter of divorce, Satan wants more than separation; he also wants to destroy what God has joined together.

Jesus said, “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mat. 19:4-6).

Divorce does the opposite of this verse; it’s the Devil’s way of undoing everything that God joins together in holy matrimony. In the process of division, divorce severely damages two things: It breaks the marriage covenant, which involves lawful matters; and it breaks the human heart, which involves the spirit.

Since Old Testament days, man’s answer to divorce hasn’t much changed. Women had no say in the matter, so men wanting out of marriage were required to give a bill of divorcement. A wife who was no longer wanted was simply “put away.”

Sounds final doesn’t it? That’s because man only knows how to deal with the legalities of divorce. People misunderstand that all the pain leading up to a divorce ends with a legal document of dissolution, but anyone who has experienced one knows that’s simply not true.

In fact, people who have suffered both the death of a spouse and a divorce say that divorce is worse because unlike a death, divorce offers no emotional finality. They’ve experienced the aftershocks that shake a person’s ability to love and trust other people—including the Lord.

As well, a divorced person suffers the stigma of failure that society associates with divorce. Most people are forgiving of one divorce, perhaps two. But a person who has married and divorced three or more times is labeled in his circle as having something wrong with him.

Imagine, then, someone who has endured the pain of five broken marriages. How does the Lord look on such a person? In John 4, the Holy Spirit shows us: “Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour” (Jn. 4:5-6).

The Lord waited for her at the well. He saw the Samaritan woman coming, carrying her pitcher, just as she had done every other day. She had been married five times, the Son of God knew this. He also knew exactly how each of her marriages had ended.

The Bible doesn’t tell us how the five husbands left this woman, but apparently at least one of them divorced her, otherwise she would have been identified as a widow only.

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36 seconds

“Family law practitioners report that a divorce happens every 36 seconds in the United States...”
When Jesus said to her, “Give me to drink,” she, surprised that He even spoke to her, replied, “How is it that you, being a Jew, asks drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria?”

Here we see the effects of her calloused heart, numb from the many hurts she suffered through five broken relationships, each husband taking with him a measure of this woman’s hope and trust. When she hears Jesus speak, all that surfaces in her is a somewhat sarcastic question: “How is it that you …?”

This is the question of the Christian heart divided by divorce: How? How is it, Lord, that You are speaking to me? And yet we see the Lord not only speaking to this Samaritan woman, but He’s about to reveal to her a truth that He withheld even from Nicodemus.

Jesus, anointed to heal the broken-hearted and set at liberty them that are bruised, addresses her spiritual condition first with a conditional word—if. He said, “If thou knewest the gift of God, and who from whence?” Those who have suffered would have given thee living water. “Whosoever drinketh of this water” Whosoever. Yes, even this woman, with her moral reputation in ruins is included—and invited—to partake of the life that Jesus offers.

Now, with this woman not only interested in, but also wanting this living water, the Lord will deal with her sin. As my husband notes, “A profession of faith in Christ that ignores the question of sin, the holiness of God, the need of pardon, and the condition of trust in an atoning and revealed Saviour is worthless.”

The Lord tells her to go call her husband, and she answers, “I have no husband.”

Bible scholar Charles Ellicott says of this verse: “It lays bare to her own consciousness the past and present life, but she does not know that it is laid bare to His. The reply is no longer prefaced by the half-sarcastic ‘Thou, being a Jew,’ or the reverential ‘Sir.’ The tone has passed from vivacity to earnestness, and from earnestness to sadness.”

Something I think the church needs reminded of is that divorce is extremely sad. It’s sad for the husband, for the wife, and especially sad for any children involved as their world is literally torn in two.

The woman offers only a partial truth about her life, but Jesus now tells her the whole truth: “Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.”

With three words—thou has had—the Lord both recognizes and finalizes her five broken relationships. Jesus did not tell her to go back to her first husband, or her second husband, or her third husband, or the fourth, or the fifth. The Lord wanted this woman to be truthful about her past, not revive or relive it.

God does not condone divorce; He hates it just as He hates all sin. But my concern is for those who are divorced and think that God hates them, too. If that’s you, then think on this: In the 22-verse conversation between the Lord Jesus Christ and the Samaritan woman, He only spends three of them discussing her marital status.

Jesus was far more concerned with saving this lost soul who was hungry for God but could not be satisfied by the false worship of her religion. This is why the Bible said of Jesus, “He must needs go through Samaria.” He met this broken woman at the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph, which refers to blessing. Israel, before he died told Joseph, “Moreover I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren.” (Gen. 48:22).

This Samaritan woman, calloused from carrying so much sin in her life, encountered Christ and eventually received a portion above her brethren when Jesus said, “I that speak unto thee am he.” Then she went on to be the first woman preacher to the Gentile nations.

If you’re divorced, God still loves you, He will forgive you, and He will still use you to help others into the kingdom. But first, let Jesus speak to your heart. He’s waiting for you at the well.

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IN ONE OF OUR recent share-a-thons, I was handed a note by one of our phone operators; it was from a young lady who had just called in for the purpose of accepting the Lord. In the note, the young lady told the operator her story.

This young lady had been housesitting for her sister. She was not saved and, at some point during that night, had planned to get high on heroin. Her sister had DVRed one of my sermons, and she began to watch it. She watched the entire message and when it was over, she called the ministry and gave her heart to the Lord.

When I read that note, I became lost in thought. I don't know if I can properly convey the thoughts that were racing through my mind. I was humbled to know that the Lord had used my preaching to reach a poor lost soul, and He had used that operator to lead this young lady in the sinner's prayer.

There is no greater honor in the world than to be called into the ministry and service of our Lord. To preach the gospel is a privilege and a responsibility that must not be taken lightly.

To be a minister is a calling and not a vocation. It is the Lord and only the Lord who calls men and women into the ministry. Man cannot call or appoint another individual to a place or position of ministry. It is all a work of God. The calling into ministry is a work of grace intended to be a benefit to the body of Christ.

It was to Paul that the Lord gave the explanation of the five-fold ministry giftings, so let's look at each office, according to the Word of God.

**And He Gave**

This phrase, "And He gave" tells us that it is the Lord and the Lord alone who does the calling. This calling is decided in heaven but carried out on earth and, as I have stated, this is the highest calling in the world. These various ministry callings are gifts to the body.

**Apostles**

The phrase, "some apostles," has reference to the fact that not all who are called to be ministers will be called to be apostles. Apostles are listed first and portray to us the highest and most powerful of all the callings. It is primarily through apostles that the Holy Spirit guides the church regarding doctrine, direction, and the moving and operation of the Holy Spirit.

When one carefully studies the book of
Acts and the Epistles, one will notice that it was to the apostles that the Holy Spirit gave direction. This doesn't mean that apostles have the full sway or authority in the church. The Word of God is to have the final word in every situation. The question, “Is it scriptural?” must be applied to everything said by anyone in ministry.

Prophets
The phrase, “and some prophets” presents the same calling as in Old Testament times, with one exception: in the Old Testament, it was the office of the prophet that gave direction to the people, whereas in the New Testament, apostles fill that role.

The prophet functions in the capacity of “foretelling” and “forthtelling.” Foretelling has to do with prediction concerning present or future events, while forthtelling speaks of the proclamation of righteousness, which is to be the primary role of the prophet.

Evangelists
The phrase, “and some evangelists” refers to those whom the Lord has given a special ministry to win souls. Most, if not all apostles function at times as evangelists. Paul is the perfect example.

Pastors
The phrase, “and some pastors” in the Greek is poimen and means “a shepherd.” It is the pastor who shepherds God’s flocks, feeding the saints with the bread of life.

Teachers
The phrase, “and teachers” refers to those who are called of God with a special ministry to teach the Word to the body of Christ, either in a local church or by other means. The word teacher in the Greek is didaskalos and means “an instructor, who helps others to learn.”

For The Perfecting Of The Saints
Now we have given the reason the Lord placed these five ministry callings in the church.

The phrase, “for the perfecting of the saints,” refers to helping saints understand the Word of God.

The word perfecting in the Greek is katarizo and means “to equip for service.” It also means “the restoring of anything to its proper place.” It is to properly put things in order to make complete.

Without proper explanation of Bible doctrine, there can be no spiritual growth.

It is the business of all preachers “to perfect the saints.” Every minister should never dismiss this all-important responsibility.

The phrase “for the work of the ministry” is tied directly to the “perfecting of the saints.”

If the saints are not perfected, which means to be rooted and grounded in the Word, there will be little “work of the ministry.”

What is the work of the ministry? Its primary purpose is to proclaim the gospel throughout the entirety of the world.

World evangelism is the responsibility of every believer. As we have received the knowledge of salvation, we are debtors to all the world.

The phrase, “for the edifying of the body of Christ” refers to the building up of the church, to a mature and properly functioning child of God.

I pray this short explanation of the fivefold ministry callings has given you a better understanding of how each office is to function.

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PAUL DISCUSSES FAITH quite extensively, but when he uses the term faith, he is always referring to what Christ did at the Cross. This is most important part of faith. For faith to be faith, it has to have the right object, which is the Cross of Christ. Faith in Christ and the Cross is the only type of faith that God will accept. Faith in anything else, whatever it may be—no matter how good it might be—can never be fully recognized or accepted by God.

What I’m about to say will not sit well with many Christians, but it must be said. If a believer looks to another means to receive from God—prayer, reading the Word, witnessing, fasting, or any other Christian discipline—then God cannot honor such. God only honors faith in Christ and Him crucified. The Cross is where the price was paid, the sin debt was handled, and sin was defeated. If the Cross handled those things, then it has procured everything that we will ever need.

The church world is in the condition that it’s in because of its lack of teaching on faith and a total misuse of faith. If we are to please the Lord, and I have no reason to believe that any Christian does not desire to please the Lord, then the only way we can do so is by placing our faith in Christ and the Cross.

Paul was very adamant when he said that the only way we can please God is by faith—faith anchored totally and completely in Christ and Him crucified. For the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, then our faith must be anchored in the Cross, which gives Him the ability to work in our lives the way that He sees fit. The Holy Spirit works exclusively through the means of the Cross, and the Cross alone. He cannot work through any other avenue.

If we are looking to something other than the Cross of Christ, then the Holy Spirit is severely limited as to what He can do. Now, we must understand that the Holy Spirit is God, and because of that, there is nothing that He cannot do. Notwithstanding, if we do not understand the effects of the Cross in our everyday lives and living, then the Holy Spirit will be restricted in working in our lives. Let us say it this way: we cannot afford to live our Christian lives without the help of the Holy Spirit, but we limit Him by placing our faith in something other than the Cross of Christ.

Walking After The Spirit
The Bible teaches that, as believers, we are to walk after the Spirit, but what does that mean? In very simple terms, walking after the Spirit means to place our faith in Christ and Him crucified, which gives the Holy Spirit the ability to work unhindered in our lives. Before the Cross, the Holy Spirit was greatly constrained as to what He could do in the lives of those who lived under the old covenant. This was because the blood of bulls and goats could only cover—not take away—sin, which meant that the sin debt still hung over the head of mankind.

But when Christ came, He came with the purpose of redeeming mankind by going to Calvary, which not only covered sin, but removed sin completely, taking it out of the way (Col. 2:14-15). By Christ dying on Calvary’s Cross, never to be done.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewar der of them who diligently seek Him.” —Hebrews 11:6
again, He satisfied the demands of the broken law, became a curse for us (Gal. 3:13), and provided a way of salvation that leads not only to eternal life, but also a more abundant life. This act now gives the Holy Spirit the ability to take up residence in our lives, and to work daily in our lives. Of course, the more abundant life that Christ spoke of has to do with our everyday lives and living.

The Holy Spirit alone can make us what we ought to be, and if we don’t truly grasp how the Holy Spirit works, then we will constantly come up on the short end of the stick. As believers, our victory is not meant to move up and down, and it won’t, providing our faith is anchored in Christ and the Cross. The only way that we can lose our victory is by looking to something other than the Cross.

Everything that comes to us from God, without exception, comes to us on the basis of Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and our faith in that finished work. And when I say everything, I mean everything. The Cross has made it possible for us to receive what we need from our heavenly Father. This means that if we need salvation, it’s found in the Cross. If we need blessing, it’s found in the Cross. If we need the baptism with the Holy Spirit, it’s found in the Cross. Everything is found in the Cross.

Sadly, most of the church world is trying to live for God on the basis of merit, which is never going to end well. By trying to earn something from God, we depend on the strength of self-effort, and self-effort is never enough. I like to say it this way: you can depend on works, which will never be enough, or you can trust in the finished work of Christ, which is always enough.

Faith in the finished work of Christ is the key that unlocks the door to receiving the blessings that God has in store for His children, and it’s the only currency that will spend in heaven.

God can only deal with sinful man through the means of the finished work of Christ. This means that works are out, and when we speak of works, we speak of depending on anything other than faith in Christ and the Cross to bring about victory over sin. Works are the antithesis of faith. If we depend on works, we will fail. Let’s use this little formula to explain the point:

**Focus:** Works  
**Object of faith:** Performance  
**Power source:** Self  
**Result:** Defeat

By trying to overcome sin by self-effort, you will never become victorious, but rather continue to fail. Why? Because you are trying to do something that only the Holy Spirit can do. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can bring about victory in the life of the believer. This is an insult to the grace of God, and to Christ Himself. In essence, when a Christian turns from the Cross to something else, we are saying that what Christ did at the Cross was not enough, and that we have to add our works to it. Instead of depending on self-effort to overcome sin, try this:

- **Focus:** Christ (John 14:6)  
- **Object of faith:** the Cross (Rom. 6:3-5; Gal. 2:20-21)  
- **Power source:** Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:2)  
- **Result:** Victory (Rom. 6:14).

This little formula is a short way of saying that everything you receive from God is paid for by Christ through what He did at the Cross. You will find that dependence on the finished work of Christ for everything brings about the help of the Holy Spirit, which guarantees victory in every aspect of our lives. I’ll say it this way: the reason why most Christians are not experiencing victory in their lives is because they are trying to bring about victory through works, which frustrates the grace of God.

We need the grace of God to work constantly in our lives, but that grace can only come about through faith in Christ and Him crucified. What Christ did at the Cross made us free, and it’s the only thing that made us free. But He doesn’t stop there. When Christ died on Calvary’s Cross, He also makes us free as we live our everyday lives.

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Dear Brother Gabe, for two and one-half years, since we moved to a new neighborhood, I have been praying for the Lord to show me how to reach the neighborhood residents, notably the children and young people, for Jesus Christ. IYC gave me that chance! I was able to tell some of the young people and their parents about the network and the youth services and invite them to watch! —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: Pastor Swaggart, I am writing this to say a huge thank you to you, your wife, and all of the pastors and leaders at SBN. The Lord led me to the Message of the Cross a few weeks ago, and He has touched and healed me through your program. I have now shared it with members of my family, and they have been healed, set free, and blessed as well. I want you to know that we are so grateful to you all for sharing the Message of the Cross, and for all of your other programs as well. We love you all, and we are praying for your ministries. Thank you from us all here in New Zealand. —NEW ZEALAND

Dear Evangelist: I just want to thank you for teaching the Message of the Cross. About four years ago, I came across SBN running through the channels, so I stopped and listened for a while. Since I started watching and listening, I have become a media member, pay my tithes to Family Worship Center, and do my best to support SBN and the Bible-thon. Since then, my finances have never failed. My bills are met every month, and I have been doing my best to live with my faith in Jesus Christ and what He did at the Cross. I wanted to say it does really work and has been the biggest blessing of my life. My life has not been the same since, and I’m not going to look back, but just keep going forward for Christ. Again, thank you for preaching and teaching the Message of the Cross. God bless you, your family, and your ministry. I hope one day to come and personally attend a church service at Family Worship Center. —CALIFORNIA

Dear Evangelist: I would like to share with you my testimony on giving to the Lord. The principle of giving your 10 percent. For many years, we were not obedient in our giving to the Lord. I would justify why we couldn’t afford to give while knowing deep down in my heart that we were wrong. Every time we heard a sermon on giving, we would be hit with so much guilt, but we just kept on justifying. We did have a lot of medical bills due to the illness. My husband had to go to a nursing home because I was no longer able to care for him at home. One Sunday, my pastor preached a sermon on giving, and he issued a challenge on trusting God through giving to the Lord. When I went to visit my husband after church, I shared with him what God was speaking to my heart. We both started to cry, and we asked the Lord to forgive us. We started to tithe from that moment on. And you know, true to God’s word, He has not failed me—every need is taken care of. My husband...
I was looking for peace, and something kept speaking to my heart, “Go back to Family Worship Center Media Church.”

has gone on to be with the Lord, and I am living on a limited income. Every need I have is taken care of. Thank you for letting me share my story. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist: I recently watched your show where you had your grandson, Gabriel Swaggart. I loved it, thank you. I wanted to share a little story about my granddaughter. She has been raised in the church, as my family and I are all church goers. Last year, on her own, she said to my daughter-in-law (her momma) that she was ready to be baptized (she is 7). As her grandma, I knew at her young age of 4 that she was going to be a child of God as she would ride around in my car with her hands raised high worshipping to my Christian music. So last week she calls me and says, “Grandma, I have something to tell you. I started a Jesus group today at school.” With a huge smile I said, “Oh, you did? You are so adorable. What are you going to teach in your Jesus club?” She said, “First of all, I am going to teach them to forgive people. You have to forgive your enemies.” She went on to say how they would meet in class during reading time and out under the tree at recess. Of course my heart melted, and I told her how proud I was of her. The next day, I called her momma and asked about my granddaughter’s Jesus club. She said, “Yes, she took her Bible to school and had a little group sitting around reading the Bible.” She asked the teacher if it was ok, and the teacher said sure, and that she was proud of her. Later, the teacher told my daughter-in-law that she was proud of my granddaughter, and it was fine, and that the only thing is, she (the teacher) can’t join in. So there it is—the blessing we have. I wanted to share and ask you to pray for our little granddaughter who is trying to do God’s work. —GEORGIA

Dear Evangelist: Brother Donnie, I didn’t grow up in a church-going family. I have always longed to understand God and the Bible. I haven’t lived a perfect life and have been a terrible sinner. I always felt like I was unworthy, and something was missing in my life. Eight years ago, I lost my mother from an unexpected heart attack. I tried, right after she passed, to come to the Lord, and I just couldn’t find an understanding of the Message of the Cross. My husband’s grandmother introduced me to y’all eight years ago. I would try to be saved, and it would come in seasons, but I never truly grasped an understanding. Finally, after about six or seven years of abandoning God, struggling with severe depression and anxiety (with many days of being angry and frustrated and some mornings waking up not having the will or the want to get out of bed), questioning my existence, being constantly sick, and having panic attacks, in October of 2017, I was looking for peace, and something kept speaking to my heart, “Go back to Family Worship Center Media Church.” I happened to go the website, and ordered Brother Jimmy’s book, God’s Answer to Fear, Depression, and Discouragement. I started reading it and yearned to learn more. I started reading my Bible more frequently. I always did believe in God, but I didn’t have a true understanding of the Cross. I have been seeking the true meaning and longing to be saved since. I committed in January to reading my Bible from beginning to end, taking up a daily prayer life, and watching SBN. Well, tonight’s preaching stirred up something in my heart, and God spoke to me, and said, “You have been wanting and seeking understanding to the Message of the Cross. Well, here it is.” I have said the sinner’s prayer many times, but tonight when I said it, I felt something move in my soul, almost like fire. Tears began to fall, and this amazing sense of warmth and peace came upon me. I ran into the room and told my husband, “I am finally saved. I finally understand the meaning of Christ and Him crucified.” My prayer was answered. Thank you for having the media church and SBN. All of you are a great blessing, and you will always have a place in my heart. I love y’all. I am thankful for being able to listen. A sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart. May you all be blessed. —EMAIL

“Grandma, I have something to tell you. I started a Jesus group today at school.”
THE WORD PERSPECTIVE means, “a particular attitude toward, or way of evaluating something; a point of view.” Our perspective is always determined by the way we look at situations or people. We can look at things through the perspective of the natural or the perspective of God’s Word and the personal leading of His Spirit.

Man’s perspective is led by what he can see, feel, or hear in the natural. It’s determined by numbers, money, personal agenda, self preservation, fear of man, and, ultimately, pride. Our flesh (Gal. 5:17) is so subtle that we can allow the whole direction of our lives to be motivated by man’s perspective and not God’s. Our continual prayer ought to be, “Lord, open my eyes, spiritually, so that I can see things as You see them.”

The difference between man’s viewpoint and God’s viewpoint is not always clear. It takes Spirit-led discernment to know the difference between the two. A statement that is made sometimes is, “Good doesn’t mean it’s God.” But what looks and feels good sure makes some things appear as if they have to be of God. The same scenario can be flipped: If it looks bad, then we can automatically assume that it’s not God. The reality is that no matter what the circumstances are, God’s will is not determined by the natural. God overrules the natural world because He’s the supernatural God.

A perfect example of this in Scripture is when Paul told the elders of the church in Ephesus, “And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me” (Acts 20:22-23).

The Spirit was leading Paul to go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost and fellowship with the believers in Jerusalem. The problem was that Jerusalem was a center of persecution against Christianity and the apostle Paul represented true new covenant Christianity more than anyone in the world of his day. When Paul told the elders in Ephesus where he was going, “They all wept sore, and fell on Paul’s neck, and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more” (Acts 20:37-38).

The elders in Ephesus assumed Paul’s mission to Jerusalem meant certain death. They most likely had some reservations about whether or not Paul was truly hearing from God. In just a few days, while Paul was in Tyre, some believers tried to persuade Paul not to go to Jerusalem (Acts 21:4). They heard what God told Paul, but they viewed it from man’s perspective. A few days later, while Paul was in Caesarea, the prophet Agabus prophesied over Paul saying, “Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that oweth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles” (Acts 21:11).

Agabus’ prophesy was from God, but the believers in Caesarea, including Luke (who wrote the book of Acts), interpreted the prophesy as if God was telling Paul not to go to Jerusalem. They were thinking that there was no way that God would lead Paul to a place of persecution. They were viewing it from man’s perspective. They tried earnestly to persuade Paul not to go
to Jerusalem, but to no avail. “And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done” (Acts 21:14). This gives us a powerful truth that when the leading of the Spirit doesn't make sense in the natural, we should come to the same conclusion as the believers in Caesarea—“The will of the Lord be done.”

Paul was simply following the personal word of the Lord for himself. It didn’t make sense in the natural to other sincere believers because it appeared as if it would bring an end to Paul’s ministry. In reality, Paul’s persecution in Jerusalem would eventually lead to his martyrdom in Rome. But Paul’s imprisonment in Rome would lead to him writing four books of the New Testament—the “prison epistles.”

Paul was simply viewing the Spirit’s leading from God’s perspective. God’s perspective is one of faith even when it doesn’t make sense in the natural.

What can we learn from this example in Acts 20 and 21? There are many things, and here’s a few that stick out:

• We should have such a prayer life that we can hear clearly from God.
• After we’ve tested and discerned God’s personal leading for our lives, we should view it from God’s perspective—the perspective of faith.
• Sometimes the people who we think would understand God’s leading for our lives will be the very ones who won’t understand it. Sometimes even godly people will view things from man’s perspective, and what it means in the natural only.
• Trusting in God’s Word will always result in what’s best for us (and others), and it will always result in God being glorified.

The word for us today and everyday is to view things through the eyes of faith, and not through our natural eyes alone. Lord, help us to have Your perspective on everything in life, and not trust in our own.

“...Lord, open my eyes, spiritually, so that I can see things as You see them.”
despite the physical or spiritual circumstances that trouble him. There truly is a “peace that passes all understanding” available. To a believer who has his or her faith resting squarely upon Jesus Christ and Him crucified, there is a rest that remains.

The Example Of Hebrews
In both the latter part of Hebrews 3 and the first section of Hebrews 4, the author focuses on 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 final “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 temporal victory. The true Sabbath of God is found only in a person—the man Christ Jesus. As the believer places his faith in the person and the finished work of Christ, he enters into the true rest of God.

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.” —Hebrews 4:9-11

A Troubled Hour
The times in which we live are most certainly difficult and perilous. People are facing natural disasters, damaging droughts, ferocious fires, serious storms, financial woes, mass shootings, just to name a few. These are the times that will truly test the heart of a man. They will reveal what his faith is placed upon. If the heart and mind are set upon anything other than Christ and Him crucified, there will be no respite from the fear and intimidation that daily attacks the spirit and soul of the individual.

However, if a person’s heart is focused on what Christ has prepared for man as a shelter and safe harbor of the soul, there can be a supernatural rest that comes
Cease From His Own Works

The believer who enters into God’s rest has ceased attempting to resolve the issues of life in his own strength or ability. This begins with the matter of salvation. A person must realize that he cannot save himself through efforts of righteousness. No matter how hard man tries, he is not able to produce the pure righteous life to save himself and requires that man to place his faith exclusively in Christ. Oh, what peace! Oh, what joy. As someone once said, “O the bliss of sins forgiven!” This will only be experienced after we exhaust and desist from all efforts to save ourselves. 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 Rest

The fight of faith we must enter will never be an easy battle. Everything within man tells him that he can fight for, he must fight for, he has to fight for, that which he desires. Like an ant facing the proverbial giant he straps on his good intentions and declares, “I will defeat you.” The heart of man is so centered upon self that 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 on 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 on 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!

“The true Sabbath of God is found only in a person—the man Christ Jesus. As the believer places his faith in the person and the finished work of Christ, he enters into the true rest of God.”
Socialism, The Desired Outcome
America’s educated once embraced the dream of individual freedom and opportunity. How was that gradually replaced? The dream was replaced by an education philosophy, which was implemented and facilitated by “change agents.” The methods used to indoctrinate, and ultimately dumb down Americans were well-crafted social engineering tactics. Modern education prepares its “students of deception” to accept the government’s plans for their futures.

In other words, according to these social engineers, the government will plan your life for you. Resisters will be met with severe punishment and career limitations unless they comply with the new order. Freedom of choice is being replaced by preparing individuals to accept collectivism and what is best for the whole of society. The process is being implemented not only in our public (government-run) schools, but also by religious leaders who no longer adhere to the Bible and a believer’s personal relationship to God through the Cross of Jesus Christ.

Interestingly, the very people who are subjected to this change toward socialism are the same ones financing it. The American people are actually the ones underwriting socialism! Our tax dollars are being used to support public education and its global agenda. Tithes donated to churches where the pastor operates as a “change agent” are part of the social engineering agenda. Large corporations also fund educational programs with grants to voice their opinions on how students should be educated to function in the workforce. These corporations will also submit to the new system so that they may continue to exist.

Social Engineering
The means by which the general public is moved in a new direction involves creating a “crisis.” An example of this can be taken from our public education. Historically, public education was in local control by a school board and funded by property taxes. Currently, organizations seeking to socialize society will produce studies that point to a crisis of their own making. Consequently, a solution is required, lest the crisis expands and brings about the so-called destructive consequences. Ironically, not only are the studies conducted and the crisis manufactured by these organizations, but the solution and consequences are as well!

In the 1980s, U.S. Secretary of Education Terrell Bell implemented changes suggested by a report entitled, “A Nation At Risk.” In the report, Bell said, “We need to create a crisis to get consensus in order to bring about change.” This is a concise definition of the Hegelian dialectic process originated by the German philosopher, Georg Wilhelm Hegel. In this Hegelian dialectic process, there are three major components: the thesis, the anti-thesis, and the synthesis.

The thesis represents an accepted practice or established belief; the anti-thesis is
and teachers unions with the means to create the crisis: escalating school budgets.

The crisis yielded consequences, which came in the form of increased taxes to fund the budgets. Frustrated property owners became willing to accept the solution proposed by the “change agents,” which involved reducing property taxes by transferring some of the funding to the state income tax level (anti-thesis). The new state and federal control made it easier to implement the goal of creating a global workforce and moved from academics toward global training.

Next month in Part II we will look at the modern educational efforts to indoctrinate students to their agenda through group-think versus the former emphasis on academics and personal accountability.

“Modern education prepares its ‘students of deception’ to accept the government’s plans for their futures.”

an opposite opinion or crisis of opposition of the thesis created by the “change agents”; and the synthesis is the movement toward the desired outcome, which is “consensus.” Ultimately, the anti-thesis causes the thesis to compromise. How does this apply to you? If you hear the term “common ground” associated with something, then you can be sure that the preceding principle has been used to manipulate the issue.

How did “change agents” succeed in getting control of our public schools? Continuing with the example of public education, the thesis (accepted practice) was that education be under local control by a school board and funded by property taxes; the movement away from this involved training a global workforce (synthesis). Next, the crisis was manufactured. Property taxation allowed local control, but it also provided the “change agents’”
There has never been a time in human history where there has been as many cults and religions as there are today. Paul instructed Timothy that in the last days “some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (I Tim. 4:1). With an increase in the number of religions comes the increase in paths to choose from. And yet, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn. 14:6).

Many Ways

In the time that Jesus made the claim of one solitary path to God the Father, there were many ways or religious traditions available to man. Astrology—the belief that the sun and the stars control human life—was introduced by the Babylonians and was embraced by many in the Greek and Roman empires. The Egyptians encouraged the worship of Osiris and Serapis. Astarte was the Semitic goddess of fertility and love. She was the most important goddess of the Phoenicians and was similar to the Babylonian Ishtar and the Greek Aphrodite.

Greek Philosophy

With the many conquests of Alexander the Great came the introduction of new deities. Some were old deities renamed, and others were added. Zeus, the chief of the Greek gods, and Artemis, the goddess of the hunt, became household names throughout the Hellenistic period. Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle presented a new way of thinking that still influences the mindset of people today.

Roman Gods

The Romans had so many gods and goddesses that during their times of devotion they placed them into groups so as to not forget to name one of them. Di superi were the gods above or heavenly gods, di terrestres were terrestrial gods, and di inferi were the gods of the underworld.

Judaism

With the introduction of the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Zealots, and the Herodians came influences that drew the Jewish people further away from what God had given to Moses. Jesus told them, “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves” (Mat 23:15).

Many Ways Yet Only One

There were many ways available when Jesus said He was the way, the truth, and the life. Yet He was the only way to the Father. “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 14:12).

The ancient Babylonians presented their “way” as being the right way. The Greeks presented their “way” as being the right way. The Greeks presented their “way” as being the right way. They were wrong. The end of their way is the way of death.

Many Ways Available Today

There are many paths available today. The exact number of religions in the world is not known, but estimates show the number to be about 4,300 according to Adherents.com. Obviously they cannot all be right. In fact, most of these say that they are the “only true religion.” As with the many religions during the time of Christ, the end of their way is also death.

I Believe The Bible

I believe the Bible. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Word that pre-existed with the Father before creation and was God before His incarnation. I believe that He is the way the truth and the life and that nobody comes to the Father but through believing in the completed work of Calvary. There is only one way—His name is Jesus.

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**GOD IS NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET**

Part IV

THIS MONTH, the emphasis is on the phrases “your sons ... shall prophesy ... and your young men shall see visions.” Many young people do not believe that God can use them, and they allow the enemy to discourage them before they even get started. But God is saying to them, just like He said to Joseph, David, and Timothy, that He is not through with them yet.

**David**

David was probably about 15 years old when Samuel anointed him to be king of Israel. Samuel would naturally have picked one of his older brothers because he was looking on the outward appearance instead of for a heart that was toward God. Choosing David was unlikely because:

- Saul was already king.
- David was the youngest son (and a lowly shepherd).
- David was not trained as a soldier.

But as David yielded to God, the Spirit of the Lord helped him to play his harp for Saul (I Sam. 16:23; 19:9-10); to withstand ridicule from his brothers; and to kill Goliath and defeat the Philistine army (I Sam. 17:49).

**Joseph**

Joseph was the next to the last son of Jacob. He had a hard childhood because his sister, Dinah, was raped (Gen. 34:2) and revenged by her brothers (Gen. 34:25-26); and his mother died giving birth to his younger brother, Benjamin (Gen. 35:18-19).

At age 17, Joseph was hated by his brothers for more than one reason:

- Joseph had revealed his brothers’ evil deeds to their father.
- Joseph had a heart toward God.
- Jacob designated Joseph to receive the birthright.
• Joseph told his brothers of his dreams from God, how he would rule over them. His brothers planned to kill Joseph, but they ended up selling him into slavery. In Egypt, Joseph was put in prison for refusing the advances of his master’s wife. But instead of getting bitter, Joseph continued to trust God. This was shown by the repeated statements that God was with him (Gen. 39:2-4, 21-23). As a result, Joseph was promoted. He was made overseer of his master’s household, and later of the prisoners where he was jailed (Gen. 41:38). Eventually, Joseph became second in command over the entire Egyptian Empire.

Timothy

Timothy was a young Christian when Paul asked him to travel with him on his second missionary journey (Acts 16:1-3). His mother was a believing Jew, but his father was an unconverted Gentile (Acts 16:1). Timothy was strongly influenced toward Christianity by his mother and grandmother (II Tim. 1:5), and was probably won to the Lord by Paul on his first missionary journey in Lystra (I Tim. 1:2, 18; II Tim. 1:2; 2:1; Acts 14:6-23). Timothy heard the gospel, saw miracles, and witnessed the stoning of Paul when Paul returned to Lystra only after a short time. From the time of his conversion during the first missionary journey, to the time Paul asked him to work with him, Timothy grew spiritually. This is indicated by the statement that he “was well reported of by the brethren” (Acts 16:2).

As a young man, God used Timothy even though he had problems with his stomach (I Tim. 5:23) and was timid (II Tim. 1:6-8). Paul even told Timothy not to let people despise his young age, but to be an example of believers in doctrine, lifestyle, love, yielding to the Spirit, faithfulness, and purity (I Tim. 4:12).

So it does not matter how young a person is, God is looking for individuals who will surrender to Him so that they can be used of Him, just like David, Joseph and Timothy. And they don’t have to wait because God wants to use them right now.

So pray and ask God to show you ways and opportunities that He can work through you today because God is not through with you yet.
Special Bonus

As you can see in this issue of *The Evangelist*, we have given special prices on the books, and I would pray you would take full advantage of them. Every book that we put out, as we’ve said in the past, you need to get it and read it. These books will help you to understand the Message of the Cross and the Word of God as a whole. So whatever you do, considering that we’ve cut the price down to the bone, take advantage of it.

The International Youth Conference

What a meeting! Nearly 2,000 young people gathering to worship God, plus hundreds of grayheads such as myself, which played out to one more phenomenal campmeeting.

I keep telling you that these meetings are for everyone, and thank the Lord, scores of you are beginning to believe me. Music like you’ve never heard before, preaching of the gospel like you’ve never heard before, and the Message of the Cross like you’ve never heard before.

Now there are two great campmeetings a year at Family Worship Center, and I’m speaking of Resurrection Campmeeting, which is coming up on April 17-21, 2019, and next year’s IYC, scheduled for July 25-29, 2019. These are meetings you cannot afford to miss! If there is any way possible for you to come, then come and be with us. You will not be disappointed, that I promise.

These campmeetings are great over television, but, as I hear people say constantly, there is nothing like being there in person. So I’m going to look for you at one—or both—of these camps.

I’m Trusting You, Lord

That’s the title of our brand-new album, and I pray that you would get a copy, (see page 2 for product details). I don’t believe that you will be disappointed, but rather blessed as the Spirit of God touches your soul. To be sure, you won’t play it one time and then throw it aside. I think you’ll literally wear it out as you play it again and again.

Come And Be With Us

I’m speaking of those of you who have the opportunity to be in service with us at Family Worship Center. When you go on vacation, if you can come by and give us a couple of days, or at least one weekend, I think you will not be disappointed. In fact, I know you will not be disappointed. It will be like heaven on earth, and that,

Autobiography

For years, so many of you have requested that we put at least a part of the life of this ministry in book form. Well we’ve done it, and the title is Amazing Grace. I believe it will hold you spellbound, I believe it will bless you, I believe that it will encourage you, and I pray that you would take advantage of it, and get a copy for yourself and maybe several copies for friends.
by the grace of God, we pledge to you. Great things are happening here at Family Worship Center, and of course I’m speaking of SonLife Broadcasting as well. Do you realize that the programming reaches a great part of the entirety of the world? We’ve got a story to tell, and God has given us the platform to tell it. I’m so very, very glad that you are a part of it.

How Much I Thank You…
Let me say one more thing regarding that, and I speak of your prayerful support, and I speak of your financial support. It means more than words could ever begin to say. When you support SonLife Broadcasting, you know what your money is doing, you know what we believe, and you know what we stand for. And I’m so glad I can say that.

This I must say: Without you, we simply couldn’t do what God has called us to do. Thank you so much for being a part of it, and thank you so much for helping to carry this load—this truly is the greatest privilege in the world. We love every one of you.

In the Master’s service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart

“...by the help and grace of the Lord, we’re going to make this school one of the best in the nation.”

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**EDUCATION**

**Jimmy Swaggart Bible College**

We have set out to work toward a candidacy for accreditation, which should take about a year, maybe a little more. I need everyone to understand that we are very serious about making the Jimmy Swaggart Bible College something very, very special. I believe the Lord has instructed us to do this.

Gabriel Swaggart is heading up the school in its entirety. Loren Larson is in charge of the theology section, with Dr. Don Paul Gray in charge of the academics. We believe that by the grace of God we’ll be able to put together a school that will glorify the Lord, educate those who are privileged to attend, and, as well, lift up Jesus Christ—and that’s the key.

As stated, we hope to have accreditation candidacy in the works shortly and get finished anywhere within 12 to 18 months. Then we’ll go for full-time accreditation, which will take another year or two. Now don’t hold me to these timeframes as they are just off the top of my head, but I think they’ll be somewhat correct.

Even though an array of subjects will be offered, as should be obvious, our major thrust is still preaching and teaching the Message of the Cross. We believe this is what the Holy Spirit is presently saying to the churches, and, that being the case, we want to do everything within our power to get this message to more and more people.

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