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“...God stood up and quieted the storm.”

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How to Live for God  Part I

When the Lord began to open up to me the great message of the cross, which was now some twenty-odd years ago, I thought in my heart that the church in general would be thrilled to know this great truth. But a few days later, the Evil One began to speak to me as an angel of light, and Satan can be very convincing—I mean very convincing—as an angel of light. It sounds like the Lord; it looks like the Lord, but it’s not the Lord.

And He began to tell me, “The message that you’re preaching on the cross, there are a few who need it, but only a few. As a whole, the church is doing great. You’re preaching to the choir; they don’t really need what you have to say.”

Let My People Go
This went on for weeks until I almost came to the place that I believed it. And one Sunday night, Donnie was preaching, not on the deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, but he happened to mention in passing the word that the Lord gave to Moses for Aaron to give to Pharaoh: “Let My people go.” Glory to God! I want that to sink in. These were slaves—slaves to Pharaoh—and “Let My people go” was the word that came from Almighty God.

If you’re bound today by the powers of darkness, that word is still powerful: “Let My people go.” If there are bondages in your life hindering you, hurting you, and dragging you down, the word of Almighty God is still just as real as it was that day some 4,000 years ago: “Let My people go.” Glory to God! I don’t think you feel that like I feel it. You’re a child of God, you don’t have to be bound by nicotine, alcohol, drugs, jealousy, unforgiveness, or by any other bondage. “Let My people go,” glory to God!
You say, “Brother Swaggart, I’ve tried everything in the world, and I can’t kick this thing,” whatever it is. Well that word is to you: “Let My people go.” And I want to tell you something: Satan must obey the Lord; he has no other choice.

My People
And when Donnie said that, “Let My people go,” the Spirit of God came all over me. I began to weep, literally sob. The Lord spoke to my heart and said, “Son, what you’ve been hearing is of Satan; it’s not of Me. My people are in a bondage of darkness, the same as the children of Israel were in the time of Pharaoh; they were slaves. They had to do what Pharaoh told them to do, and it made no difference how hard it was. He said, “My people are in the same condition as the children of Israel were as slaves in Egypt,” and that’s bad, friend. The only answer for it is the cross. There is no other answer. Let me say it again: the only answer is the cross of Jesus Christ.

The Church
Second, if I remember it was 1993. We had the morning prayer meeting in the board room over at the main administration building. There were maybe six or seven people there, that’s all, and I was crying out to the Lord for this ministry here, and He spoke to my heart and said, “I’m going to help you, but My church is in a pitiful condition.” And these are the words He used, coming from the first chapter of Isaiah: “The whole head is sick, and the body is full of sores.” Let me say that again: He said concerning the church, “The whole head is sick, and the body is full of sores.” But then He told me, “I’m going to start a move at Family Worship Center that’s going to girdle the globe.”

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

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1. GOD LOVES YOU!
“For God so loved the world that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life” (Jn. 3:16).

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD
“For there is not a just man upon Earth, that doeth good and sinneth not” (Ecc. 7:20).

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN
“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ...” (1 Pet. 3:18).

4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR
Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: “... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God” (Jn. 3:3).

WE BELIEVE:

- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Mat. 4:4; Lk. 24:27).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Jn. 5:7).
- In the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His Virgin Birth, in His Sinless Life, in His Miracles, in His Vicarious and atoning Death, in His Bodily Resurrection, in His Ascension to the Right Hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this Earth in Power and Glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev., Chpts. 19-20).
- 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. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11).
- In the Resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to Everlasting Life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART:

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

The Evangelist
We have set aside this corner of The Evangelist to show God’s Plan of Salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:
emphasize beginning—of what the Lord spoke to me: “I’m going to start a move at Family Worship Center that’s going to girdle the globe.” Glory to God! It’s going to touch untold thousands—tens, hundreds of thousands of people by the power of Almighty God.

The church today doesn’t want to admit that God is not only a God of mercy and grace, which He definitely is, but He’s also a God of judgement. Understand that. He’s a God of judgment. The deeper in sin that a nation goes, and let me say something else before I finish that sentence: the Lord chastises His own people, and He said if you do not ever experience any chastisement, you’re not My child because if you’re Mine, I’m going to chastise you because I love you. When it comes to the world, He will let it go for days without number, but there comes a time when He says, “It’s enough.”

Let me tell you, what Congress is doing, and before I finish that sentence, I thank God that the state of Alabama—they said it’s against the law to abort a baby—God bless Alabama, God be praised for Alabama. In reality, that baby is a viable human being at the moment of conception. But I thank God for politicians who wouldn’t give in. And I pray that Georgia will not allow Hollywood to sway her, but if she’ll stand up and say, “We are going to do the same identical thing in Georgia,” God will bless the state of Georgia.

The deeper that a nation goes into sin, at a point in time, God will send judgment. I stood at Dachau outside of Munich, Germany. The Germans are a great people, some of the most brilliant people in the world. I looked at the gas ovens, opened the doors, looked where human bodies had been pushed in, and over a hundred of these crematoriums were built all over Eastern Europe. But there came an hour that God said, “It’s enough. It’s enough.”

Every major city in Germany was bombed until there was nothing left. One city in particular, Hamburg—it was called “the night that Hamburg died”—over a thousand four-engine heavy bombers at night dropped their payloads over the city followed by more than a thousand American B-17s in the daylight hours that dropped their loads. When it ended, they saw streaks on the concrete all over Hamburg, and they didn’t know what they were. They finally figured it out: when fires burn at such intensity, they create a hurricane, and as the wind forces dragged them toward the underground substations every one of those people had clawed at the concrete with their bare fingers trying to hold on to something, but to no avail. Authorities said those red streaks were trails of blood from all those human fingers clawing at the concrete. Incidentally, every last one who was in those substations died, and there were thousands of them. Nearly 100,000 died—more than when the atomic bombs were dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima.

Whenever America legalizes abortion and legalizes homosexuality and these things that are against the Word of God, at a point in time, God will say, “That’s enough.”

Recently I heard a preacher on television say, “Even now, we might be in the beginning stages of the great tribulation.” No, we’re not. This coming great tribulation, which is seven years, will be the worst the world has ever seen in its history. Jesus said it will be worse than anything that’s ever happened, and it will never happen again. Meteorites bigger than this building (Family Worship Center) will fall from heaven, and in the Middle East, over a third of all of the people will die that’s on the land; the sea the same way.

Of course this same preacher does not believe that the rapture of the church is coming. Well, he’s wrong. The Lord is going to take His church out of this world before the coming great tribulation, praise God. He has not appointed us to wrath. The Lord is giving the world—not just America but the world—an opportunity to get right with God.

“The deeper that a nation goes into sin, at a point in time, God will send judgment.”
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A recent caller asked, “When our body passes away, it goes to the grave, but what about our soul and our spirit? Scripture tells us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Does this mean that our spirit goes to heaven? What about the soul? The difference between the spirit and the soul, this is what I’d like to know.”

TURNS OUT THAT A LOT of people wanted answers to these same questions, so I’ll address them here, deferring, of course, to my husband’s notes and commentaries.

First, we must understand how God created man. The Scripture says: “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (proclaims the physical body made of clay), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (the ‘breath of life,’ which comes from God, pertains to the soul and spirit of man; this was done with the first man, Adam, God breathing the soul and the spirit into man, and thereafter it comes automatically at conception); and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7, The Expositor’s Study Bible).

So we see that man is a triune being—he has a body, a soul, and a spirit. Let’s get a better understanding on these three distinct parts of man.

MAN, PART I: The Body
We are most comfortable and knowledgeable about the physicality of man simply because we deal with it every time we take a breath. We know what our bodies require. At its most basic level of survival, the body must be fed, watered, rested, and clothed. But at the highest levels of pride and vanity, man forgets that his body was made from dust—a material next to nothing and defined as “fine particles into which something disintegrates.”

II Cor. 5:1 says, “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved…”

In the Greek, the word tabernacle means “tent.” The human body, though wonderfully made, is a temporary dwelling place; no one uses a tent as a permanent habitation. “Dissolved” in the Greek is kataluo—to come to naught—and it refers to the human body dying and going back to dust.1

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Man’s body was originally created to last forever, but due to the fall, it is now temporary and destined to return to dust. Still, man spends the majority of his time, energy, and money on that which is constantly dissolve. Something in him wants to improve upon what God has already made, so he is ever teaching himself, adorning himself with fine clothes and jewelry, and
searching for secrets to greater strength and longevity. Man cannot create like God, but he tries.

My husband tells this humorous story:

One day man approached God and informed Him that he was now so brilliant that he no longer needed his Creator. So God proposed a contest between them: each would create a human being. Man looked himself over and, convinced that he could duplicate his own form, agreed to the contest. God started by reaching down for a handful of dirt. When the man reached down to do the same, God said, “What do you think you’re doing? Get your own dirt.”

Here’s the thing, men judge the value of something by the materials from which they are made—diamonds, gold, etc. But what God creates is beyond value because it pertains to Him. His hand makes something from nothing.

MAN, PART II: The Soul

Man is also a living soul, which is eternal and cannot be destroyed. The soul pertains to one’s feelings and passions, and it is used to address the body. Some scholars refer to the soul as the natural life with all of its affections and emotions.²

In Genesis 2:7, after God formed him and breathed into him, the Bible says, “and man became a living soul.”

Man’s body lay lifeless until Adam inhaled the breath of Almighty God and lived. Bible scholar Matthew Henry writes, “The soul was not made of the earth, as the body; pity then that it should cleave to the earth, and mind earthly things.”³

We cannot see our souls, but we can express ourselves through them. Psalm 103:1 says, “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” Scholar John Gill says of the psalmist in this verse: “His better part, his soul, which comes immediately from God and returns to Him, which is immaterial and immortal, and of more worth than the world: God is to be served with the best we have; as with the best of our substance, so with the best of our persons; and it is the heart, or soul, which He requires to be given Him.”⁴

Remember the lawyer who tested Jesus by asking, “Which is the great commandment in the law?” And the Lord responded, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matt. 22:36-37). In this passage, the soul pertains to all consciousness. In other words, we are able to love the Lord with all awareness, and we should.

In Matthew 26:38, Jesus told his disciples, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.”

Gill explains: “That Christ had a human soul, as well as a human body, is clear from hence; and which was possessed of the same passions as ours are, but without sin, such as joy, love, grief, sorrow … and at this time its sorrows were exceeding great: his soul was beset all around with the sins of his people; these took hold on him, and encompassed him, which must, in the most sensible manner, affect his pure and spotless mind; the sorrows of death and hell surrounded him on every side, insomuch that the least degree of comfort was not let in to him; nor was there any way open for it, so that his soul was overwhelmed with sorrow; his heart was ready to break; he was brought even, as it were, to the dust of death; nor would his sorrows leave him, he was persuaded, until soul and body were separated from each other.”⁵

MAN, PART III: The Spirit

It is with man’s spirit, which is also eternal, that he addresses God. The spirit is the part of man that knows: “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God” (1 Cor. 2:11).

The spirit of an individual can anguish (Job 7:11), long for God (Isa. 26:9), and be broken (Job 17:1). As well, the spirit of man is associated with words that emphasize responsible choice or basic personal

“In the Greek, the word tabernacle means “tent.” The human body, though wonderfully made, is a temporary dwelling place; no one uses a tent as a permanent habitation.”
attitude. For instance, God has produced in Sihon a stubborn spirit (Deut. 2:30). The Psalmist's spirit enquired (Ps. 77:6). God honors one whose spirit is humble and contrite (Isa. 66:2). He saves the crushed in spirit (Ps. 34:18), whereas the haughty in spirit will fall (Prov. 16:18). Consequently, the spirit of man far more refers to an individual's character and attitude toward God, rather than mere existence as a living, emotional being.6

Man can only reach God spirit to Spirit—his spirit to God's, and here's why: When the Lord told Adam and Eve that if they took from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they would die a spiritual death—separation from God. However, man's spirit dies only to God, not to evil or satanic spirits, which are the cause of the trouble, heartache, poverty, sickness, war, hatred, prejudice, etc. in the world today. The only way that the fallen, depraved spirit of man can be awakened to God is for the Word of God to be preached or given to him in some manner, which is then energized by the Holy Spirit. At that point, man is awakened to his terrible lost condition and placed under conviction, which is the purpose and work of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:7-11). That is man's opportunity to accept or reject the Lord. If man accepts, he is instantly regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit with the divine nature of God instantly imparted to him. Jesus called this "born again" (Jn. 3:3), and from that point on, man can reach out to God and respond.7

Destination Of Soul And Spirit
The condition of the soul and spirit—saved or unsaved—affect the destination of the soul and spirit—heaven or hell.

The Word of God says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9-10).

The moment the body dies, the soul and spirit separate from it. If you've ever watched a person die, you can almost see this separation happen. Throughout our years in ministry, my husband and I have been with families as their loved one takes that last breath, as the eternal separates from the temporal, you can almost see the spirit and soul lift away from the body, which quickly resembles a form, a shell.

When a child of God exhales his last breath on this earth, his soul and spirit separate from his physical body and he is taken immediately to heaven, into the presence of his Redeemer. From that moment on, the believer dwells with Christ, abides in His presence, partakes of His joy and His glory, and is permitted to sit with Him on His throne (Rev. 3:21). The transition is immediate; Jesus told the thief on the cross, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43).

The following is a short list of what doesn't happen to believers when they die:
• They are not annihilated.
• They do not sleep or remain in an unconscious state.
• They are not in some intermediate state such as purgatory, or a state where all the souls of the just and the unjust are assembled in a common abode.8

And, while we're on the subject of believers dying, let me throw this in because we hear a lot of concern from Christians over whether or not it's okay for believers to be cremated. The answer is yes, it is perfectly okay. Cremation is not a sin, nor is it mentioned in Bible, so there is absolutely nothing wrong with it. Due to the high cost of burials, many families are choosing cremation because that's all they can afford. There seems to be a misconception that the destruction of the body will somehow hinder God regarding the rapture, and Him being able to resurrect a body from ashes. But listen, the same God who formed man from the dust particles of the ground is also able to call forth the most finite DNA of those whose bodies have been destroyed, not only by cremation, but also by fiery accidents, explosions, and watery graves. So rest easy, when the trump of God sounds, the Lord is more than able to call forth every person.

Once again, the body is temporal; it is the destination of the eternal soul and spirit that should concern us, especially those who are not saved.

When people who have not made Jesus Christ the Lord of their lives die, their souls and spirits separate from their bodies, only they go to hell.

Luke 16:22-23 says, "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

Most likely a great funeral was held for this rich man where people mourned his life and accomplishments. Yet because of his denial of Christ and Him crucified, when his eyes closed in death, they opened in hell.

To not believe that there is a literal place called hell is not to believe the

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Bible. So, one has a choice: He can believe what the Bible says about this place, or he can disbelieve it. But failing to believe what the Bible says about hell in no way negates the soul from going there upon death of the body.9

Understand, first, second, and third opportunities to make things right with God are on this side of the grave. There is no such thing as a purgatory or another chance after death. There is only one way to salvation: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn. 14:6).

What Exactly Is The Glorified Body?
In heaven, your soul and spirit awaits its glorified body, which comes at the rapture of the church. I Thessalonians 4:16-17 says, “the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ [those whose physical bodies have already died and gone back to the dust of the earth] shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

At the rapture, God will replace what was the believer’s physical body with a glorified body and simultaneously unite it with the soul and the spirit, making the believer whole. This new, glorified body will be a body of perfection with no sin nature. There will be no ability for the individual to ever sin again because they will be in a glorified state.10

If you are unsure of the condition of your soul, consider what Christ said in Matthew 10:28: “Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

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Let There Be Light Part I

IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A CHRISTIAN NATION?

THOSE WHO HAVE studied the founding of the United States of America often call to remembrance the Founding Fathers, but often overlooked are the contributions that a number of other key patriots provided to the colonists. Among these American patriots were some of the most powerful preachers the world had ever seen. But, just because someone was considered a patriot or a Founding Father, it doesn’t mean he was Christian. Men like Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Paine, who were pivotal to the charge of independence, were not necessarily Christians, but they were still guided by God’s will in establishing a nation under His protection. But, as important as understanding the men and women who dared to defy the British Empire, they were nothing without the providence of God and the power unleashed by the Word of God.

“|the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” (Gen. 1:1). |

Everything has a beginning. The very first verse of the Bible tells us that. Therefore, if we’re going to adequately answer the question, “Is the United States of America a Christian nation?” we have to trace the roots of Christianity all the way back to sixteenth century Europe at the dawning of a new era in Christendom—the Protestant Reformation.

The development of a new Christian discourse of faith would produce a new religious theology and philosophy within Christianity. Reformation theology would not only open an expanding discussion concerning spiritual understanding and authority, but it would also lead to decades of strife and conflict, changing the course of history. The Reformation pulled the world out of the Dark Ages and into a new era, so why would it cause such a stir in sixteenth century Europe? Because it was a message of joyful certainty in an age of uncertainty.

In a land drowning in a sea of gloom and corruption, a dynasty of theological darkness held humanity captive. This land: the Holy Roman Empire. Its captors: the Roman Catholic Church. At the head of this dynasty was the pope. Within this dynasty was an army of followers who held the authority of the papal office above all else. In order to combat this evil scourge of power, it would take an opposing army of men—men like John Wycliffe and Martin Luther—men who felt a significant calling to take a stand against the authority of the church. These courageous attempts to follow their hearts and spread the truth of the gospel would change the face of Western civilization.

At the time of the Middle Ages, the landscape of the Holy Roman Empire lay in a deep pool of impurity and filth. The concept of sanitation was something to be desired. Livestock dwelled under the same roof as their peasant owners, and pungent odors permeated the air. The fragility of human life was all too dire. Man faced a number of obstacles, crippling diseases, and various uncertainties (wars, famine, plague), yet, this all paled in comparison to the greatest uncertainty of them all: the uncertainty of eternal life.
Wycliffe became increasingly aware of the Catholic Church’s abuse of power, turning him into a staunch dissident of their doctrines.

He became disillusioned with the overall embodiment of the church, arguing that the Bible should be the authoritative center of Christianity—not a system of laws and traditions established by the pope. Wycliffe denounced the deceptive works of priests, specifically the sale of indulgences.

It is plain to me that our prelates in granting indulgences do commonly blaspheme the wisdom of God. —John Wycliffe

Under canon law, priests diligently pushed the sale of indulgences—a payment for the remission of one’s sins with a small financial sacrifice. From the crowds of purchasers to the shouts of the sellers, it looked much like a market, but a market conducted by monks. The merchandise they were selling, at which they offered a reduced price, was the salvation of souls.

The common criminal was led to believe that he could do whatever he wanted and then acquire an indulgence to receive forgiveness for his sins, in effect, feeding off time in purgatory and gaining entry into the portals of heaven, with the Catholic Church acting as mediator before God. This bizarre practice flourished all throughout the European landscape, engaging Wycliffe.

He exhorted his fellow ministers to preach the gospel, not fables or entertainment, so that those with attentive, spiritually hungry minds would be grounded by faith in one biblically-centered gospel.

Wycliffe believed the Bible should be consumed on a daily basis, not just by the religious elite, but also by the multitudes. He thoroughly read through the Scriptures, interpreting them and applying them to his own life. The revelation of these Scriptures opened Wycliffe’s eyes, enabling him to see the nefarious system of the Catholic Church and its opposition to the Word of God.

Speaking out against the pope’s possession of total political and social control, Wycliffe believed that the church should limit itself to its own jurisdiction. The church’s primary affairs should be of the spiritual realm, not political. Thus, Wycliffe became one of the first men to promote the separation of church and state.

He contended that the Catholic Church was deep in transgression. In fact, Wycliffe declared the entire embodiment of the Catholic Church a misguided and corrupt system of religion.

One example of that corruption was the papal schism, in which three different men simultaneously claimed to be the vicar of Christ.

A resolution was reached, unifying the church under one pope, but many eyes were awakened to the perversion of government within the Catholic Church. The damage done to its reputation was irreparable, further confirming Wycliffe’s declarations.

With such bold declarations, Wycliffe quickly garnered a following. Through earnest teaching, eloquent preaching, and his unbending courage, he won the esteem and confidence of his peers.

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False Doctrine
The reason for this letter was the amount of false doctrine that had swept into the church of Galatia, which would prompt the great apostle to write a scathing indictment against the church that he had founded. In fact, it was because of these very same false prophets and teachers, who had severely perverted the gospel message, that Paul’s converts were leaving the message of the cross in droves. As we have already explained, Paul’s initial reaction was one of utter amazement and shock that one would quickly desert the gospel. At the same time, Paul was angered by the message that was being peddled by false teachers that he pronounces a curse by saying “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again. If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed” (Gal. 1:8-9). These are strong words given by the apostle that if any man or angel who presents another gospel other than what he had already laid out shall be cursed.

Nothing Must Be Added To, Or Taken Away From The Gospel
We must understand why Paul would say this to begin with. This was not mere rhetoric on his part but a strong stance for the gospel itself. The gospel is perfect, as well as divine, and as such, nothing can be added to it or taken away from it. To do so is to destroy the gospel message. In the Greek, the word *anathema*, which means “cursed.” It was used in the Greek Old Testament for the divine ban, the curse of God resting upon anything or anyone devoted by Him to destruction. Paul had to condemn any such doctrine simply because it corrupts the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ. To add anything to what has already been provided will be, and should be rejected by man and cursed by God.

I understand that taking a stand like this may not cause people to pat me on the back or win many friends, but there can be no tolerance whatsoever for any other message that is contrary to God’s redemption plan, of which I include God’s prescribed order of victory. Of course, it does

“For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.”
—Galatians 1:10
not mean that we must be disrespectful of anyone on a personal level, but just as much as they have a right to declare what they believe, I have just as much right to disagree. The reason that Paul or any true God-called minister of the gospel would take such a hard stance against this type of false message is that it was Jesus Christ, through His atoning death, who purchased man’s redemption. Nothing else could do that, and nothing else has ever done that, save the cross. Any type of message that is not based upon the finished work of Christ will lead to destruction. The answer is clear for all to see: If anyone dares to proclaim any message other than what God has already provided, they are cursed.

**Pleasing Men Or God?**

Which leads us to Galatians 1:10. Paul writes, “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.” Paul had been accused by the religious leaders of being “all things to all men,” meaning that when he was in the presence of Jews, he preached circumcision and law keeping in order to curry favor with them. They claimed he was trying to canvass for their support. And yet they claimed that when he stood before Gentiles that he preached freedom from the law all in order to increase his following. In other words, they were accusing Paul of saying one thing to one group, and something else entirely different to another group, and that he was living a life of dishonesty and outright deception to secure support from both sides.

In response, Paul pulls no punches and speaks straight from the heart with these words aimed at the hearts of his critics. Unequivocally, Paul is not in the business of currying favor with man when it comes to the gospel message. Admittedly, Paul was a man-pleaser before his conversion, but no more. The moment his life was transformed on that road to Damascus, he would devote his life to pleasing God and God alone. His purpose was not to satisfy what man desired of him, but rather what God desired of him, for he would state that his commission did not come from Jerusalem, Rome, or any man-made organization. His call and commission came from the Creator of the world. Paul’s first obligation was to please God and not to please men. He refused to shape his message just to please his audience, and when he spoke, he first spoke to God and not to man. He was much more concerned about pleasing His heavenly Father than the fickleness of men.

**What Are You Going To Do?**

We have a choice to make today: will we shape our message to please men or please God? The message of the cross was never meant to please man, but within its contents is the very power of God. The power of God to set the captive free. The power of God to deliver from all sin. The power of God to endue with power from on high. Within the confines of the cross, we have everything for life and living, and even though it may not be popular with men, it doesn’t take away the fact that this is God’s plan. The very souls of men are at stake, and for us to bow down to what man desires means the loss of souls everywhere. If we obeyed man rather than God, then we would forfeit the plan of God for this ministry, and we are not about to do that. Paul understood that the gospel had the power to save, and we understand that very same thing—the cross still works.

Today, it is not popular to proclaim this old-fashioned gospel because it is considered intolerant to other viewpoints. The thought today is that the gospel of Jesus Christ is too narrow-minded, that we should broaden our horizons to reach people of all stripes. However, let me remind you of what Jesus said about ways that are broad: “For wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat” (Matt. 7:13).

We have a responsibility to deliver what the Lord tells us to without worry about what man has to say. Our responsibility is to God and God alone. There is no alternative to the message of the cross that will be satisfactory to God, and there is no alternative to the message of the cross that will bring life to the lifeless, hope to the hopeless, and rest to the weary. Stand for the truth, no matter the cost. There is no standing on the fence, it will be one message or the other. I want to ask you, dear reader, this question: Are you going to please men, or are you going to please God? The choice is up to you. Souls are hanging in the balance, and they need to hear the message that can bring deliverance to their very souls—the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

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A Soul Situation

Every believer is responsible for the Great Commission. Every believer—there is not one single believer outside of those under a certain age (that have really no ability to do anything)—everyone else is required to participate.

It’s not for some but not for others; it’s for everyone.

International

God has given us an international platform, as few ministries have been given. We are focused twenty-four hours a day on missions—getting the Word out, getting the gospel out. Some might ask, “Aren’t there other Christian networks, Donnie, from America that go overseas?” Oh yeah, there’s some, sure. I don’t know to the extent of the world, but there are some. But you see there’s a difference; there’s a big difference. All they do is just run the signal from the States so it’s just one preacher after another. And I know you might say, “Well, everybody’s concerned about the harvest.” No, they’re not. No, they’re not. I challenge you: take a week and set aside three or four hours a day and switch around to all the different Christian networks. You will find that the vast majority of the programming—the preachers they sell time to—are focused on what’s around them, trying to build their churches, their ministries, and there’s nothing wrong with that, but they’re not speaking to the world. Just because they buy time, it may give them access, but their message is not geared to the world.

Do you realize how few preachers give altar calls anymore on TV? Do you realize that? Most of the time what you’ll find is that there’s one here or there every few weeks. But the mode of presentation today—infuenced by the seeker-sensitive church—is to take a topic and spread it out over four, six, eight weeks. Almost ninety percent of it is broken down to self-help.

The days are over when you used to see someone on television that they would preach a salvation message, then they’d preach a divine healing message, then they’d preach a Christian growth message, then they would preach a message on sin, then they would preach a message on doctrine, then they would preach a message on the baptism with the Holy Spirit—the
list goes on and on. Now, you can go for weeks watching one network, and not once in all the different programs is there an opportunity given for somebody to get saved. And that’s a fact.

**Christ And Him Crucified**

But this ministry—first of all, we don’t sell time to other preachers. It is a consistent message, and that message is Christ and Him crucified. And then all of the tentacles that lead to: salvation—you’ll find altar calls for salvation here; divine healing—you’ll find us laying hands on the sick; baptism with the Holy Spirit—about once every six or seven weeks, somebody preaches on the baptism with the Holy Spirit and prays for people to be baptized with the Holy Spirit, you don’t see that anymore; doctrine—we are constantly reinforcing doctrine. Without doctrine, you don’t know who you are because you don’t know what you believe. Until you define what you believe, you don’t know who you are, and you don’t know where you’re going, and you don’t know how to get there. And we do live in a time—maybe not as overt as it used to be in the last few years—but we’re living in a time where, in most circles, the word doctrine is looked down upon. How many times have I heard—and I don’t know the people because, to be honest with you, on the other Christian networks, there’s nothing wrong with that, but they don’t deal with anything. They don’t deal with doctrine; doctrine is a bad word. I’ve actually heard them say, “We don’t need doctrine.”

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- Those of you who are saved, you couldn’t get saved until somebody explained the doctrine of salvation, which includes, “Hey, you’re lost! If you don’t repent, you’re going to hell.”
- Many of you, you were not healed until somebody preached the doctrine of healing.
- The doctrine of faith.
- The doctrine of justification.
- The doctrine of sanctification.
- The doctrine of the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

The list goes on and on and on. But until those doctrines are elucidated and presented and explained, you’re like a ship in the ocean with no rudder—you’re just going in circles, being pushed one way, being pushed the other way—and you don’t know where to go.

At SBN, we’re going to deal with doctrine. It makes people mad. It doesn’t make us the most popular people on the block, but this is not a popularity contest. This is a soul situation—the condition of people’s souls and where they will spend eternity. We proclaim the gospel, and we deserve your support. SBN is good ground.

“God has given us an international platform, as few ministries have been given. We are focused twenty-four hours a day on missions—getting the Word out, getting the gospel out.”

**Doctrine**

The reality is that most of them that are on TV now on these other networks, because the cost of television is for a mega church much more attainable, it’s mostly local churches buying time on national Christian networks, and there’s nothing wrong with that, but they don’t deal with anything. They don’t deal with doctrine; doctrine is a bad word. I’ve actually heard them say, “We don’t need doctrine.”

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LETTERS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A Precious Time With SBN
My dad—a ninety-eight-year old veteran who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam—passed away last night. Over these last months, I found your show on TV and spent hours sitting and talking to my dad about what I learned. That time is so precious to me and probably wouldn’t have happened without your show. In his last hours in the ICU, we gave thanks and surrendered to God. I also played “The Promise” for him. When he was well enough, he would watch the video over and over. Thank you for your respect and support for our military members and for your ministry. Please pray for us. God bless you. —Maryland

THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS
I pastor a very small church in my garage in Tennessee. My wife and I left the church we previously served in. I felt that my family was no longer growing spiritually and I felt that God was calling me to depart from there to take the message of the cross out to my community. When we left, a small number of people at our previous church approached us a few weeks later and they want to be pastored by me and my wife. The people that joined us were not the godliest people, however, this was the chance that I had to preach one message—the cross—to them. We had all agreed to hold services in my garage. I named our small church, “Power of The Cross Fellowship.” From June of 2018 until now, I have been preaching the cross heavily each and every Sunday. I do have to admit, about a month ago, I began to ask myself whether I was getting through to the people. Then God showed my wife and me a miracle! There was a gentleman in our church who rarely comes to church. He was the last person that anyone would think would be saved, let alone understand the cross. But one Sunday, we had to cancel service about a month ago due to ice. This gentleman is one of my coworkers, and when we saw each other at work the next day he told me about how God revealed the cross to him through the television. I was a little skeptical, but he said that since church was cancelled, he was going to watch TV, but he could not find the remote. So he stood up and turned it on manually. He began to scroll through the channels, came across SBN, and Brother Donnie was preaching. For some reason, he said his cable box would not change to the next channel, so he figured, “Oh well, I’ll just watch this for a little bit.” He was explaining this to me in tears, and I began to worship and give God praise! By the time the service was over, he said he
was in tears. “I now understand the message of the cross,” he said. “I now understand what it is that you try to preach to us every Sunday!” We began to praise the Lord together in my workplace. I am seeing the Holy Spirit change this gentleman every day. His work ethic has drastically improved, and he has become an encouragement for the body of Christ and testifying the cross every Sunday. The message works! It is the power of God! Thank you for your network! —Tennessee

BEACON OF LIGHT
I just wanted to let all you know: I’m changed. Jesus has done a beautiful work in my soul! For the first time in my life, there is true love! I’m so amazed at the love, the peace, the joy! The love, oh my goodness, this is what I’ve wanted my whole life! I’m so thankful. It’s been a hard lonely life, but now I know Jesus, and I’ll never go back. I never knew I could feel like this. Thank y’all for being my beacon of light showing me the way! I will never be the same. Thank you for the prayers. Thank God for SBN and Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. I’m one soul forever changed. God bless you all. —Email

THE POWER OF GOD
Brother Swaggart, I wanted to share a “God thing” with you that happened while I was watching your TV show. For the last six months, my father had been watching your broadcast night and day. He loved the music and preaching, and it helped him keep his faith. He had stage IV lung cancer, and it had spread to every part of his frail body. In February my mom, siblings and I were gathered around his bed watching your broadcast. The song “There’s A Promise Coming Down That Dusty Road” started playing. People were shouting and running the aisles during your service. We started praising God—clapping, worshiping, and shouting as well. The power of God fell in our front room. At the end of the song, my daddy took two breaths, closed his eyes, and Jesus came and took him home! The power of God was so strong. Your broadcast helped usher the spirit of the Lord into our home! Even though we were heartbroken, God comforted us with His presence. So I want to thank you for what you do. It has definitely touched our whole family more than you know! —Texas

HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS WORKING
I lived in a ninety-nine percent Muslim country while being a Christian woman. I had to worship in private and in hiding. There were underground churches, but those were mostly for middle-African nations. I was a white American woman, and this country was Libya under Gaddafi—a very oppressive and deadly regime. The Bible was considered treason, so to own one or anything resembling it was a jail sentence or death. But the Holy Spirit works in a miraculous way. He provides His Word to you in ways that you could never imagine. Sometimes in His speaking to your heart, sometimes in other ways—all made available by the Holy Spirit. I was able to keep a copy of Psalm 23, hidden in a Koran because of another foreign woman who brought it and smuggled it in. —Email

GROWING IN THE WORD
So blessed that God saw fit that I stopped flipping through channels and landed on SBN a few months ago! Joining in the live services, hearing and receiving the teaching and preaching from Pastor Swaggart, the associate pastors, and Sister Frances and panel discussions. I have grown in God’s Word more in the last few months than in fifteen years out in churches that don’t know, never heard, or just plain ignore the message of the cross. I’m learning, soaking in, and seeking God for complete knowledge of this message. FWC is now my home church through SBN, and I knew the very moment that the media church was for me. Pastor Donnie was speaking about joining the media church and how, if you can’t find a church or your church doesn’t preach the message of the cross, then the media church is a perfect choice. Pastor Swaggart then pointed right into the camera and said what Donnie was talking about was for you! I wept like a baby and knew he was right—it was for me! So humbled to worship our Lord with all you fine people. Hope to meet y’all at FWC one day should the Lord tarry! Be blessed my friends! —Ohio

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Add to Your Faith

In II Peter 1:4–9, the apostle Peter wrote:

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.”

THE RECIPIENTS that Peter was writing to were Jewish Christians who had been dispersed from Israel to other areas in the Roman Empire, specifically Asia Minor. Paul had planted many of the churches in this area, and these Jewish believers, most likely, had become a part of those churches. Peter was called by God to be the “apostle to the Jews” (Gal. 2:8), so his words carried much weight with these Jewish Christians. Many of them had been under Peter’s influence in Israel. Now they are in different locations, but they needed to hear from the same Peter who had once influenced them. The Holy Spirit led Peter to write his two letters to these Jewish believers.

One of the false teachings these believers had been affected by was using the message of grace as a license to sin. Viewing God’s grace, love, justification or anything from God as a license to sin is a perversion of God’s grace. This was a problem in the early church (II Pet. 3:14-16; Rom. 6:1), and it is a huge problem in the church today.

Personally, I believe that so many believers are participating in sin, and they do not believe it is sin. Faith in Christ becomes more of a verbal and mental assent to Christ than it does the way of life. This can even happen to believers who know the message of the cross for sanctification. I have seen this and participated in this wrong view of grace and the cross myself. Years ago, during a spiritually dry season in my life (I was still very active in ministry, even teaching and preaching the message of the cross), the Lord spoke to me in prayer and said, “Stop using My grace as an excuse not to seek My face.” That is exactly what I was doing, and I
didn't even realize it until God spoke to my heart with conviction. Some might say, “Well, that’s an isolated case.” My answer would be, “Oh no, it happens more than we want to admit.”

The message of Peter in this passage is as relevant for today’s believers as it was for the original recipients. Through what Christ has done for us on the cross, we have “precious promises” (II Pet. 1:4). These precious promises are the blessings of Christ’s all-sufficient death. We receive every blessing by grace through faith in Christ and His finished work. This is the process in which the Spirit works in our lives from beginning to end. For at least some of the recipients that Peter was writing to, they believed in Christ and had experienced His saving and sanctifying power, but they became apathetic in their faith. This is why Peter wrote in II Peter 1:5, “giving all diligence.” Diligence means “to move quickly with zeal to obey.” The opposite of diligence is apathy, complacency, half-heartedness. The Holy Spirit influences our hearts to be diligent, but He does not make us robots. We must obey the inner influence of the Spirit. How do we do this? By remembering that we were cleansed from our sin through the blood of Christ (II Pet. 1:9). Then, on the basis of our dependence in Jesus, we diligently pursue after Him (Matt. 6:33).

We must understand that faith in Christ does not want to be by itself. This is what Peter was meaning when he wrote, “add to your faith.” True faith in Christ and His cross needs virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, kindness, and love added to it. The word *add* has the word picture of supplies being taken by one on a long journey. All of the characteristics Peter mentioned are the characteristics of Christ that have been given to us. It is our responsibility to believe, know, and apply those “supplies” to our lives. In Christ, He has given us virtue (righteous character), love, victory, and every blessing of Christ. If we truly believe in the finished work of Christ on the cross, then we should with diligent faith take the “supplies” of Christ to our everyday lives.

Don’t allow faith to become simply terminology that you use; don’t just go through the motions of Christianity. Add to your faith all the characteristics of Christ Himself. If we don’t, Peter wrote that we are blind, and cannot see afar off, and we have forgotten that we were purged from our old sins (II Pet. 1:9).
Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” —II Corinthians 1:3-4

The God of All Comfort

How To Travel Through Trials
One of the most important processes that a believer must learn is the ways and means as to proceed in times of sufferings. It is a simple fact of life that every believer will face difficult and tumultuous times. No life is exempt. No heart will pass through this life minus the scourging efforts of the enemy of our souls. Situations will get out of hand. Loved ones will discourage us. Fellow believers may disappoint us. Our faith will be placed into the crucible of the “fiery furnace” to see whether or not it is genuine. So the fact of trials demands that believers should understand something about them. In II Corinthians 1:3-11, Paul helps us in this regard.

Blessed Be God
One of the most important truths to recall when going through a difficult period is the truth that the believer always has a reason to praise the Lord. Praise that is truly directed by God will always bring a reciprocal moving of the Holy Spirit within the heart. We give God praise for both who He is and what He has done. We recognize Him as the Father of all mercy or compassion. In my lostness, He reached down and saved me. So I say, “Blessed be God.” How many numerous times has He come to my rescue at the least feasible moment? “Blessed be God.” He has promised to never leave me or forsake me. “Blessed be God!” As I praise Him for being the merciful Father that He is, the Holy Spirit comforts me inwardly. Thus, He retains the title of the God who comforts. In fact, He is the God who will never fail to comfort if I willingly look to Him in my time of need (Phil. 4:4-7; Isa. 26:3; I Peter 5:7). He is the God of all comfort.

Recognizing A Purpose In Trials
There is never a singular reason for every or any trial. As believers, what we should be sure of is that no trial or circumstance ever takes our heavenly Father by surprise. He is always aware of and in control of those things that affect the believer (1 Cor. 10:13). But in this passage Paul declares that one beneficial outcome of successfully traversing through a trial is that the experience might benefit others. Once we have learned how to rest in the mighty hand of God, we will have hands-on experience by which we may encour-
age others. In fact, the details of our trial do not need to be a spot-on match with the situation another believer is going through. It is enough that in our time of difficulty, we have learned to rely upon God. We can share how the Lord buttressed and supported our faith. We can tell how He comforted us through the activity and presence of the Holy Spirit. And we can encourage another to use the processes of faith and praise that we ourselves used during the time frame of our dilemma.

A Testimony Of Intense Pressure
Paul had his own story to tell. Most Bible commentators point to the events of Acts 19 as the time Paul speaks of in II Corinthians 8-11. Paul was greatly burdened and concerned about happenings in the church at Corinth. Then, the townspeople of Ephesus where he was pastoring—unbelievers and tradesmen that had been financially ill-affected by the entrance of Christianity to Ephesus—caused a riot. Luke does not go into much detail about the events in Acts 19. On the surface it doesn’t seem to have been a big deal, but according to Paul, it was a monumental attack. Paul said he was “pressed out of measure” (II Cor. 1:8). This describes an intense amount of pressure that was applied to the heart and life of Paul and his companions. He states that he was pushed learned, once again, that faith in self was futile. God took him to a place where he could not trust in any effort of his own to resolve the problems. As Paul encountered the strong blows and gale forces of the enemy, God stood up and quieted the storm. Paul then declared that he serves a God who has delivered him! He is also the God that is currently delivering him and taking him through whatever it is that he is presently facing. He is also the God that will deliver him from every enemy in the future. Even death will have to bow before the power of the living God that Paul served.

Pray For One Another
Paul closed out the passage by thanking the Corinthian church for their prayers on his behalf. One of the greatest things we can do is to lift up another brother or sister in a time of trial. Prayer is powerful. Prayer changes things. We need to use the access to the throne room of God for something other than the mentioning of our own personal needs. God, the God of all comfort, the Father of mercies, will hear our petitions for one another. He who has delivered and is delivering will deliver again. Blessed be God!

“As Paul encountered the strong blows and gale forces of the enemy, God stood up and quieted the storm.”
In order to properly understand mysticism, we need to define it and explain how it was introduced to unsuspecting believers and was unnoticeable while cloaked in Christian terminology. "Mysticism" is derived from the Greek μυῶ, which means "I conceal," and its derivative, μυστικός, mystikos, meaning "an initiate." However, μοῦ, when used as a verb, has received a different meaning in the Greek language wherein it is still used. Its primary meanings are “induct” and “initiate.” Its secondary meanings include: “introduce, make someone aware of something, train, familiarize, and give first experience of something.”

The related form of the verb, μυέω (mueó or myéō) appears in the New Testament. According to Strong’s Concordance, it properly means “shutting the eyes and mouth to experience mystery.” Its figurative meaning is to be initiated into the “mystery revelation.” The meaning derives from the initiatory rites of the pagan mysteries. Also in the New Testament, we find the related noun μυστήριον mustéron or mysteryon, the root word of the English term mystery. The term means “anything hidden,” a mystery or secret, of which initiation is necessary. In the New Testament, it takes on the meaning of the counsels of God, once hidden but now revealed in the gospel, and epistles. An example of this is found in Colossians 1:26: "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints."

In today’s modern church, use of mysticism can refer to a religious or a spiritual experience. New Christians and young disciples are being reintroduced to ancient practices like contemplative prayer, Lectio Divina (divine reading), and walking labyrinths as ways to get closer to God or communicate with Him.

Divine Reading

The practice of Lectio Divina comes from the ancient Roman Catholic monks who borrowed it from the Eastern religions. These individuals are called the desert foxes or fathers and mothers of the desert. Lectio Divina initiates practice the ancient method of slowly reading the Scriptures in a repetitive manner. It is not done to gain understanding and knowledge of the Scriptures, but rather a technique to open one's mind as to what God is telling the person through the text. It is used to cultivate the
ability to listen deeply, with “the ear of our hearts,” as spoken by Benedict, founder of the Benedictine Roman Catholic order of Monks. Another explanation of how Lectio Divina works is, the practitioner is not to concentrate on what the passage says, but instead listens constantly for the “still, small voice” of a word or phrase that somehow speaks to the practitioner. In other words, it becomes a mantra. The Hindus believe that the gods speak to them when they meditate in this manner.

True believers are to properly meditate on the Scriptures. The emphasis is to understand the meaning of the words and what is being said by God in His Word. And then, take what it says and means, and apply it to our lives. The Holy Spirit will help the believer understand the true mystery of God now revealed to the church—the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is now ascended and seated at the right hand of God and ever lives to make intercession for the saints.

Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative prayer is also known as centering, listening, or breath prayer, and it is another mystical practice that the modern church has embraced and incorporated into its liturgy. This practice is widely used in the occult, but it is now dressed in Christian terminology and taught in Christian circles. The danger of this practice is that its roots are found in contemplative spirituality. The concept of pantheism—God is all; worship that tolerates all gods—is at the core if this demonic exercise. In reality, this is not prayer at all. The definition of contemplation is: To look at attentively and thoughtfully; to consider carefully and at length; to ponder; to view with consideration. Contemplative prayer practitioners are taught to do exactly the opposite. The goal of contemplative prayer is to curtail one’s thought process and totally center one’s mind on God—not by conscience thought but simply by feeling God within. They call this stillness “resting in God.” The real objective is to get one beyond thinking and understanding and into the realm of experiencing. In other words, contemplative prayer that promotes emptying of the mind and suspending all critical thinking is not prayer at all. We may go on to say that our once functioning brains now tell us that as long as we feel right about something, it has to be okay, right? A new culture of thinking of gratifying self is consumed with feeling intimacy rather than faith in what God has already spoken. This new mystical generation cares less and less about what the Lord Himself has spoken and cares more on having an experience to be satisfied in feelings only.

In his book Open Mind, Open Heart, Thomas Keating, abbot of St. Benedict’s Monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, wrote, “All thoughts pass if you wait long enough.” Eventually, the practitioner reaches a state of pure consciousness in which the thinking process is suspended. Keating goes on to say, “As you go down deeper, you may reach a place where the sacred word disappears altogether and there are no thoughts. This is often experienced as a suspension of consciousness, a space.”

This kind of emptying is practiced by Buddhists. Many modern books have been written from the influence of Buddhist teaching. One example is the book, Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster, which is believed by many to follow the teachings of Thomas Merton. Merton wrote more than seventy books dealing with spirituality, social justice and quiet pacifism. He was a promoter of interfaith understanding and of using Eastern religious contemplative prayers to become more spiritual. Foster’s book, Celebration of Discipline, introduced the church world to the beliefs and practices of the medieval mystics, and by doing so, changed the biblical understanding of spirituality. He went so far as to declare that the “masters of the interior life,” as he called the ancient mystics, were the only ones who had discovered the true path to spiritual growth.

Spread of Contemplative Prayer

Contemplative prayer has spread throughout the many strains of the modern church growth movement. To the Evangelicals, Rick Warren, author of the book, The Purpose Driven Life promotes breath prayers. He claims that Richard Foster, Dallas Willard, and others have “underscored” the importance of building Christians and establishing personal spiritual disciplines.

Leaders and schools of many religious denominations include many books and teachings of Roman Catholic mystics in their studies. A research study in the year 2000 found that in the Golden Gate Theological Seminary in San Francisco, most of the required reading materials for the course “Classics of Church Devotion” are books on Roman Catholic authors. Book titles included: Spiritual Exercises by Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits (disciplines of the Jesuits were taught to the German Schutzstaffel (SS) by Heinrich Himmler); and New Seeds of Contemplation by Merton, a Roman Catholic convert from Anglicanism.

The New Age spirituality has one premier long-term goal: to find common ground through a mystical experience. One experience in which everyone can feel God and therefore unite mankind as being the manifestation of God on earth.
God is great! What a camp! 2019 International Kids’ Conference was a huge success. How do I define success? Well, from the beginning of the first service on Wednesday night until the end of the last altar call on Saturday night, we saw children and adults come to the altar to receive from the Lord. For a children’s pastor, that defines a successful conference.

More in Love with Jesus

Justified By Faith, Justified By The Blood

The theme for this year’s International Kids’ Conference was “Justified by Faith, Justified by the Blood,” taken out of Romans 5:1 and 5:9. By God’s grace, the vilest of sinners can be declared righteous through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. God did not declare us justified because there was a lack of evidence against us or because of a technicality. He declared us righteous because we received an imputed righteousness when we asked Jesus Christ to be our Lord and Saviour.

Praise And Worship

The anointing of the Holy Spirit flowed upon and through our worship team. The Salvation Station worship team under the leadership of James Smith and Pastor Justin Reese blessed us with a new song written by the Salvation Station worship team. There was not one person sitting down during this song or the rest of the anointed songs led by this team.

Preaching The Word

We had a great team of pastors bringing the Word at this conference. Whether it was David Cavazos, Mario Nash, Jonathan Steele, Angela Schneiderman, or me, the Holy Spirit moved in the preaching of the Word and inspired the object lessons. It certainly was not hard to keep the attention of the kids or the adults in attendance. My thanks to these pastors and the many who worked so hard in preparing for and overseeing this year’s IKC.
**Altar Calls**
When the children were told that the altars were opened, they wasted no time coming to the front. This has become the norm for all of our services during the International Kids’ Conferences. We saw children of all ages become children of God, receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and draw closer to God as some of these children stayed at the altars seeking God.

**Filled With The Holy Spirit**
Night after night we saw children and adults receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues. Many received for the first time while others received a refilling. We saw children receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit as presented in Acts 2 and then turn to boys and girls around them to pray for them to receive. Some children would lay hands on adults. Praise God for the boldness of a child yielding to the moving of the Holy Spirit!

**Fun Way To Learn About Jesus**
Salvation Station's International Kids Conference is the fun way to learn about Jesus. Children worshipped, learned, and spent time at the altar, but they also enjoyed fun events throughout the conference.

**A Record Number Of Participants**
We had a record number of participants at this year’s IKC. It seems that the testimonies of previous conferences moved more and more families to make IKC a part of their summer, and, more importantly, a part of the children’s spiritual growth.

**Next Year**
What about next year? We are growing year by year. We have already started working on what needs to be done to make next year’s International Kids’ Conference bigger and better. It takes a lot of planning, a lot of work, and a lot of workers to put on such a conference. Most of the children told us of their intentions to return next year, and some would never dream of missing IKC.

**Thank You**
We thank the Lord for moving in such a powerful way this year, but we also want to thank all who participated in this year’s International Kids’ Conference: Brother and Sister Swaggart, Pastor Donnie and Sister Debbie, Pastor Gabe and Sister Jill for their ongoing support of the children’s ministry here at Family Worship Center, the children’s pastors from various churches who brought their kids to IKC, and the employees of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries who helped us put on the best IKC ever.
Is Psychology A Religion?

Psychological counseling is a religion because it deals with the same spiritual principles as other religions: it’s based on faith, it’s the study of the soul or mind, and it’s a substitute for Christianity.

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING is a religion because it deals with the same spiritual areas other religions address like the nature of man, how he should live, how he can change, behavior, attitudes, morals, and values.

In their book, PsychoHeresy: The Psychological Seduction of Christianity, Martin and Deidre Bobgan state: “Because psychotherapy deals with meaning in life, values, and behavior, it is religion in theory and practice. Every branch of psychotherapy is religious. Therefore, combining Christianity with psychotherapy is joining two or more religious systems. Psychotherapy cannot be performed and people cannot be transformed without affecting a person’s beliefs. No psychotherapy and no psychotherapist would say that what they do and what they believe is absent of ethics, morals, and values. Because psychotherapy involves ethics, morals, and values, it is religion.”

Since psychological counseling is based on subjective opinions rather than objective facts that try to describe why people do what they do and how they can change, those opinions can only be chosen by faith, which is a characteristic of religion.

Since it is based on faith, it is a religion. Therefore, the Bobgans note, “The conflict between the psychological way of counseling and the biblical way is not between true science and true religion. The conflict is strictly religious—a conflict between many religions grouped under the name of psychotherapy (psychological counseling) and the one true religion of the Bible.”

Because psychology is the study of (in the Greek, logia) the soul (in the Greek, psueche), or mind, which are spiritual and not physical entities, then psychological counseling is a religion. Brother Swaggart puts it this way, “Psychology is the study of the human psyche (the soul, the mind). It is not medicine, or chemistry, or physics; it claims to deal with the spiritual side of man. It does not deal with his body but rather with his soul and his mind.”

In his book Beyond Seduction, Dave Hunt writes, “Science cannot deal with the spirit, for the latter is not physical. Any system that attempts to deal with spiritual matters is by definition a religion, regardless of what it is called. Psychology is clearly a religion.” Hunt goes
on to say, “Medicine is a physical science; psychology can only claim to be a spiritual science. But this is an impossible contradiction of terms.”

This was done by attempting to replace, the Bobgans note, “The cure of minds by confusing an abstraction (mind) with a biological organ (brain), and thus convince people that mental healing and medical healing are the same.”

Psychological counseling was created as—and is used as—a substitute for true Christianity. The Enlightenment of the eighteenth century was an example of the undermining of belief in the Bible. It taught that human reasoning, instead of revelations from God, was the source of truth that could be used to solve human problems. Only the things that could be confirmed logically and scientifically were accepted. This was a rejection of revealed, absolute truth from God. By rejecting absolutes of right and wrong, they emphasized what was relevant to or worked in immediate situations.

The Bobgans write, “Religious bias colored the psychological systems of both Freud and Jung. They were not dealing with science, but with values, attitudes, and behavior. And because they were working in areas which the Bible gives the authoritative Word of God, they were developing anti-biblical religions.” They go on to say, “From its inception, psychotherapy was developed as an alternative means of healing and help as an addition of complement to Christianity. It is not only a substitute method of helping troubled souls, it is a surrogate religion.”

Therefore psychological counseling is an attempt to replace God’s salvation and sanctification with man’s way as another gospel (Gal. 1:6). So, as the Bobgans point out, “Psychologists have contrived ways of explaining man other than the fall, ways of saving man other than the cross, and various ways of transforming man other than through Christ.”

SOURCES:
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9 Ibid., p. 118.
On July 1, 1985, at about 7 a.m. that Monday morning, the Lord gave me a vision of the coming harvest.

As was my usual custom then, each morning I would go to a secluded place not far from our house where a railroad track ran. Back then it was total privacy with no houses or buildings, whereas now it’s built up extensively so.

At any rate, I took my Bible with me as I always did and studied it for a while, and then I went to prayer.

I would walk down the track for about a half mile or more and then walk back. I did this every morning in those days.

The Vision
All of a sudden as I walked and prayed, everything around me changed. It seemed like I could see a cotton field stretching in every direction as far as the eye could see. As well, there was such a harvest that there were no green leaves on the stalks; rather it was cotton everywhere that you could see.

I then looked to my left, which was east, and I saw a storm coming that was unlike anything I had ever seen. The clouds were as black as ink, and lightning cut its swaths through the heavens. I knew if the crop of cotton wasn’t gathered quickly, it would be lost in the coming storm. Then for the first time, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to my heart.

Thus Saith The Lord
The Lord told me that He would hold back the storm for a short period until the harvest could be gathered. And then He said, “I have called other ministries for certain localities of the world, but I have called your ministry for the entirety of the world.” Then He said, “It’s the only ministry that I have labeled in this direction.” He followed that by saying, “Don’t fail Me, because there is none other to take your place.”

Knowing what the Lord had said to me, I did my best with all of our people to do exactly what He said do, yet I feel like I
failed. We were able to get the telecast on in what was then the Soviet Union, which resulted in a tremendous harvest of souls, and we were on other places as well, but not to the extent that I felt it had to be to gather in this last harvest.

**Fast Forward**

In prayer a few months ago, the Lord renewed that vision to me. It was as if I had seen it for the first time. He then spoke this to my heart: “The commission that I gave you on July 1, 1985, is still in force. Get it done.”

I cannot tell you how I felt. I was amazed, even shocked at the words the Lord gave to me. That’s the reason we do what we do. That’s the reason we are attempting, as God opens the doors to put the television network on all over the world. I have to do it. Each and every one of you is an integral part of this, and I’m speaking of the fulfillment of this vision.

After the vision was completed, I wondered about it—why did the Lord show me vast fields of cotton, when normally it’s a wheat field to suggest the harvest of souls? The Holy Spirit brought back to me the following words of our Saviour: “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest” (Jn. 4:35).

I repeat again what the Lord said to me: “The commission that I gave you on July 1, 1985, on that Monday morning is still in force. Get it done.”

As the great apostle Paul said: “I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision” (Acts 26:19).

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