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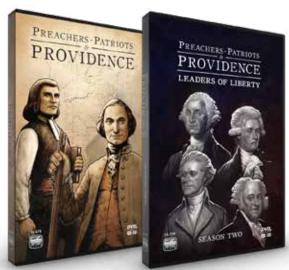
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THE DOCTRINE OF LATIN

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

HE ONLY FAITH that God will recognize is faith that we place in Christ and His finished work of the cross. Actually, when the words *the faith* are used, they always address Christ and the cross—what He did for us at the cross, benefits that continue to come to us and will ever continue to do so. That's the reason the apostle told us, "*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith*" (II Cor. 13:5).

The Scripture also says, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death (refers to God transferring Enoch to heaven in his physical body while he was yet alive); and was not found, because God had translated him (refers to his translation being well-known at that time): for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (He pleased God because he placed his faith exclusively in Christ and the cross.) But without faith (in Christ and the cross; anytime faith is mentioned, always and without exception, its root meaning is that its object is Christ and the cross; otherwise, it is faith

God will not accept) it is impossible to please Him (faith in anything other than Christ and the cross greatly displeases the Lord): for he who comes to God must believe that He is (places faith as the foundation and principle of the manner in which God deals with the human race), and that He (God) is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him (seek Him on the premise of Christ and Him crucified)" (Heb. 11:5-6, The Expositor's Study Bible).

THE SACRIFICE In fact, the Holy Spirit begins His great Hall of Fame regarding faith in Hebrews 11: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain (immediately proclaims the fact that the object of our faith must be 'Jesus Christ and Him crucified' [I Cor. 2:2]), by which he obtained witness that he was righteous (proclaims the fact that righteousness comes exclusively from Christ, and is obtained by the cross being the object of our faith), God testifying of His gifts (referring to the fact that the sacrifice of the Lamb, which represented Christ, was accepted by God; at the dawn of time it was 'the cross,' and it is still 'the cross'): and by it he being dead yet speaks (speaks of that alone God will accept)" (Heb. 11:4, The Expositor's Study Bible).

FAITH CAN BE TURNED TO WORKS Jesus said, "But if your eye be evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness (if the spirit be evil, the entirety of the soul will be full of darkness). If therefore the light that is in you be darkness (the light is not acted upon, but rather perverted), how great is that darkness (the latter state is worse than if there had been no light at all)! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (this is flat out, stated as, an impossibility; it is total devotion to God, or



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ultimately, it will be total devotion to the world; the word, *mammon* is derived from the Babylonian *mimma*, which means 'anything at all')" (Matt. 6:23-24, The Expositor's Study Bible).

HOW CAN FAITH BE TURNED TO WORKS? Here's how it happens: We evidence faith in Christ and what He did for us at the cross. We understand that this is God's means of dealing with the human race—that everything we receive from the Lord is made possible by the cross. We understand this, adhere to it, and believe it with all of our hearts by placing our faith exclusively in the cross of Christ. Then, by thinking that God owes us something because our faith is placed in the correct object,

we have just turned it into works.

God doesn't owe us anything. In fact, He has nothing for sale. The Scripture plainly says, "For the wages of sin is death (speaks of spiritual death, which is separation from God); but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (as stated, all of this, without exception, comes to us by the means of what Christ did at the cross, which demands that the cross ever be the object of our faith, thus giving the Holy Spirit latitude to work within our lives and bring forth His fruit)" (Rom. 6:23, The Expositor's Study Bible).

Man must look at himself as being in the ocean without a life raft, or any lifesaving device, thereby drowning, and holding up his hand asking for help. The Lord will always respond to that. Pride has always been the major problem with man. It just might be the sin that God hates most (Prov. 6:16-19).

I think you could say without fear of exaggeration that pride has sent more people to hell than anything else. Pride has also kept more Christians from receiving from God than anything else. This is why the cross of Christ, which must be the object of our faith, is such an offense to many. It lays to waste all of our good works and leaves us with nothing but what we really are, which does not present a pretty picture. We don't like to see or admit that. We like to think of ourselves as pretty good, even as Job did. But when Job saw the Lord, he truly saw himself, and his reaction was, "I am vile" (Job 40:4). I think it could be said that pride is the greatest hindrance to faith, especially faith in the correct object, which is the cross of Christ. Pride keeps many from going to the cross, and it hinders those who actually do place their faith and trust in the cross by making them think that God owes them something, due to the fact that the cross of Christ is the object of their faith.

FAITH THAT GROWS Paul said, "So then faith comes by hearing (it is the publication of the gospel which produces faith in it), and hearing by the Word of God (faith does not come simply by hearing just anything, but rather by hearing God's Word, and believing that Word)" (Rom. 10:17, The Expositor's Study Bible).

This passage simply means that we hear the Word of God and believe it. But if our understanding is lacking as it regards the cross of Christ, which, in effect, is the meaning of the new covenant, then we will also have a lack of understanding concerning all of the Bible. That doesn't mean that, in such a case, a person cannot understand some things about the Bible or understand them correctly. But if the truth be known, all error stems from an improper interpretation of the cross of Christ. That being the case, our faith will be flawed as well. And, as should be obvious, flawed faith will hinder our understanding of the Word.

You might say that everything hinges on a proper understanding of the new covenant, which the old covenant ever pointed to, and is, in reality, the message of the cross—the story of the Bible.

God deals with everything on the premise of faith, but to be recognized by God, it must be faith in the correct object. And that correct object is the cross of Christ, which is, in essence, the Word of God.

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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:

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" (John 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" (Eccl. 7:20).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

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 ..." (I Peter 3:18).

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

4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR

Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

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

WE BELIEVE:

- The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (I John 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. 19-20).
- \bullet In the blessed hope the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (I 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 (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).
- The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; I Peter 2:24).
- The baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7).
- In the 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)

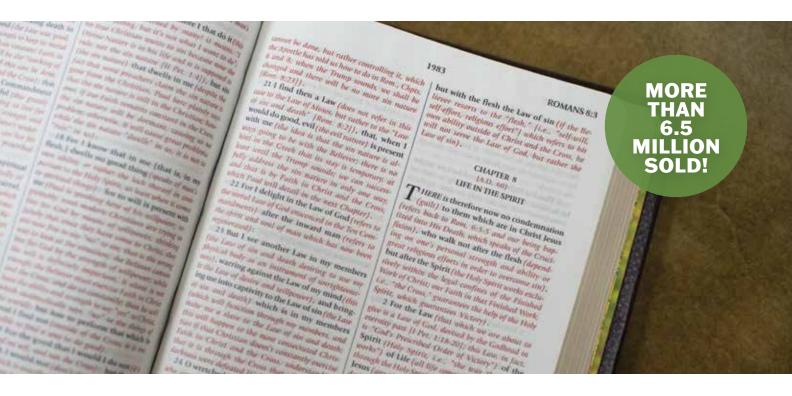
PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART: "Dear God in heaven, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Savior and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen."

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ARTICLE BY Frances Swaggart

This emailed question went on to say that the thief on the cross received "no baptism, no communion, no confirmation, no speaking in tongues, no mission trips, no volunteerism, no church clothes; he couldn't even bend his knees to pray.

How Does the Thief on the Cross Fit Into Your Theology?

HE DIDN'T SAY the sinner's prayer. And, among other things, he was a thief. Jesus didn't take away his pain. He didn't heal his body or smote His scoffers. Yet, it was a thief that walked into heaven No spin from brilliant theologians. No ego or arrogance. No shiny lights, no skinny jeans, no crafty works, no haze machine, no donuts, no coffee in the entrance. Just a naked man, dying on a cross, unable to even fold his arms to pray."

I'll start the answer to this question by stating that we believe what happened to

the thief on the cross is one of the most remarkable conversions recorded in the Bible, and the story unfolds in Matthew (27:38-44) and Luke (23:33-43).

Matthew, inspired by the Holy Spirit, writes: "Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left."

At this time, many were being crucified in Jerusalem because of insurrection carried out against Rome. Such thieves were quickly dispatched and executed without the benefit of a complete trial, if any. So there may have been several men crucified other than the two mentioned here.

There also seems to be some spiritual significance to the placement of the two thieves, at least to Augustine who wrote, "The very cross, if thou mark it well, was a judgment-seat: for the judge being set in the midst, the one who believed was delivered, the other who mocked Him was condemned. Already He has signified what He shall do to the quick and the dead; some He

will set on His right, others on His left hand."

In Matthew 27, we read how those who passed by Christ on the cross reviled Him and wagged their heads saying, "Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." The chief priests, scribes, and elders also mocked Him saying, "He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God." Matthew goes on to write, "The thieves, also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth."

But something happened. The Scripture doesn't say what it was. Two of them were cursing Him, reviling Him, blaspheming Him. When did things start to change for the one thief? Perhaps it was when he heard Jesus say, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

At the crucifixion site, Luke lifts us a



"By refusing to blame others for his misdeeds, this dying thief conducted himself in true repentance."

little higher, allowing us to hear the conversation between these two condemned men: "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?"

Their comments show us a clear separation taking place. While one thief keeps railing against Christ, spewing more venom as he faces certain death, the other owns up to his guilt—the first requirement of repentance—and says, "We indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

The human race is plagued with the problem of blaming others for failures. But this thief made no excuses. He blamed no one for his plight, and he held no enmity toward his executioners. By refusing to blame others for his misdeeds, this dying thief conducted himself in true repentance. Instead, he chose to focus on the innocence of Christ, stating, "this man hath done nothing amiss."

Think of that—the religious leaders mocked him, the soldiers cursed him, and others derided him, but a thief spoke kindly of Him.

Now this condemned man was ready to speak directly to Christ: "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

In a single flash of light, the Holy Spirit revealed Christ to him and taught him of the Lord's future kingdom of glory, though, at the moment, He was hanging in shame and agony on the tree. The thief did not ask Jesus for any physical relief from his

pain, only to be remembered in the future kingdom—that is true humility.

As this condemned man prayed, he was close enough to Christ to see Him bleed—precious blood that cleansed him of his sins so effectually that, in the same moment, made him as fit to enter paradise as Christ Himself.

Something else should be noticed here: near the cross of this dying thief stood the apostle John, Mary, the mother of our Lord; her sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas; Mary Magdalene, and John's own mother. But the malefactor turned to none of these saints for help. He turned from them and prayed directly to Jesus, with nothing and nobody between his sinstained soul and the sin-atoning Savior. Had he trusted in any one of these great saints, he would have perished, for salvation is in Christ—He alone is the one and only refuge for sinners.

The person who wrote this email was correct—this thief received no baptism in water; he could not take the Lord's Supper, and didn't he belong to any church. Yet he was instantly and gloriously saved. This tells us that while these things are possibly very important in their own right, they have nothing to do with one's salvation. Salvation is so exact that if any of these other things were a necessity, this man could not have been saved. But the Lord did save him.

Those who claim that a person must undergo water baptism, communion, or other such things not named in order to be saved are preaching a false gospel. Paul called it "another gospel" (Gal. 1:6).

The Bible says, "For by grace are ye saved

through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

And for those who claim that such is too easy, we would remind them that it is not easy at all, considering the terrible price that Christ paid at Calvary.

The salvation of the thief on the cross was instant, with no mention of any probationary place, such as purgatory as taught by the Catholics. Jesus told him, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Jesus let him know that he was entering into that kingdom on that very day. Even though he was taken to paradise, his duration there was very short. Jesus immediately came back after liberating all of these precious souls, with this man included in that great number.

Invariably, we always get far more from the Lord than what we ask. The Lord will always answer a sincere cry and appeal. He has never turned a single one away who came with such humility and petition. If you want to know how to reach God, we believe that the example set by this dying thief on the cross cannot be improved upon: "Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

How does the thief on the cross fit into our theology? He fits into Romans 10:13, which says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We believe that "whosoever" includes the entirety of the world, and it included the thief on the cross who, by resting his soul for eternal salvation upon the dying Savior, had His kingdom assured to him. Praise God.

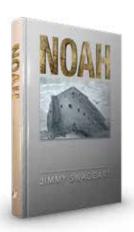
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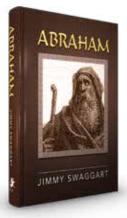
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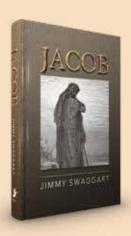
Noah walked with God and he found grace in the eyes of the Lord, which happens to be the very first time that the word grace is mentioned in the Word of God. God told Noah, and Noah alone, that the flood was coming. For decades, the people around Noah watched his struggle to build an ark based on pure faith in God. Still standing on dry ground, they mocked the man of God while eating, drinking, and refusing to heed Noah's warning that rain was coming. Then, just as God said, the flood came. **09-118**



ABRAHAM

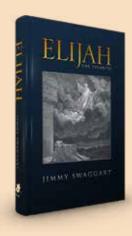
In the plan of God, Abraham occupies a unique position. The call that God placed on his life more than 4,000 years ago still echoes in the hearts of believers today. Who was this man whom the angel of the Lord had to shout, "Abraham, Abraham," to stop him from sacrificing his son to God? How was his faith counted as righteousness, and why was he called the friend of God? Brother Swaggart takes his readers to Genesis and introduces them to Abraham whom God transformed into Abraham through covenant and promise. 09-119

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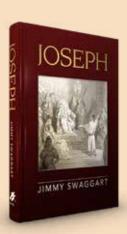
JACOB

From his beginning, Jacob—one of two nations in Rebekah's womb—is found struggling. From birth we see the supplanter at work: grasping Esau's heel, bargaining with his brother for the birthright, and deceiving his father for the blessing of the firstborn. Cut off from family, running from a murderous brother, and headed somewhere he knows nothing about, Jacob comes to the point of total dependency on God. We see him discover the same place the Holy Spirit draws every believer where human abilities and resources end and the power of God begins, transforming Jacob from deceiver to the patriarch he becomes. 09-123



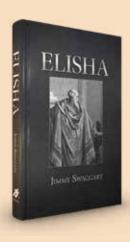
ELIJAH THE TISHBITE

Little is known about Elijah, one of the greatest prophets who ever lived, and one of only two men who never died, but was translated and carried up to heaven in a fiery chariot. Yet, before his miraculous departure, Elijah left something behind that every believer can learn from: A lifestyle of unshakable faith. So tangible was the Lord's anointing on Elijah's life and ministry that Elisha asked for a double portion of his spirit, which he received when he saw Elijah translated. Yet, the story of Elijah does not end in the Old Testament; the Lord will send him back to earth during the great tribulation to once again preach the gospel. 09-128



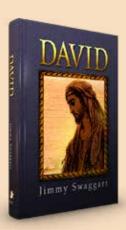
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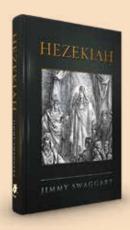
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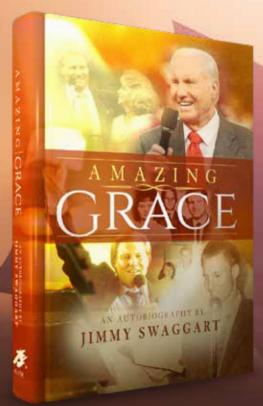
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ARTICLE BY **Donnie Swaggart**

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." —ACTS 2:42

The Apostles' Doctrine

THE BOOK OF ACTS is the blueprint for the local church. To be a true New Testament church, it must have the earmarks of the book of Acts, and those earmarks are:

- Powerful preaching and teaching of the gospel. The Holy Spirit must anoint the preacher or teacher. It's not enough to be a great orator or one filled with great knowledge. Ability to speak and great knowledge, while good, are still not enough to penetrate the heart of man; it takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit.
- Great conversions, like those noted in Acts 4:4, 9:1-6, and in other verses of Scripture.
 - Great boldness (Acts 4:13).
- Divine healing of which there are numerous accounts in Acts.
- Great miracles (Acts 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 28).
 - Demons cast out (Acts 8, 19).
- Believers filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 19).
- The gifts of the Spirit in operation (Acts 10, 19).

- Great persecution (Acts 4, 5, 8, 12, 14, 21).
- Doctrine, as Acts is doctrine, and carried out by example.
 - Missions (Acts 8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18).

Because of all these great events in a short time, the church grew from one hundred and twenty to several thousand. Acts 2:42 states that the early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine." So let's look at what that doctrine is, which is actually found in Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

REPENTANCE

Acts 2:38 records Peter stating, "Repent." The message of repentance is for the church and the world. Actually, the message of repentance should be the foundational message of every church. Repentance means "to turn around"; when one turns from the wrong path onto the right

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path. The believer, though not a sinner (one who purposefully sins), is still in this evil world, and he will not find perfection until he is glorified, so the believer needs to live a repentant life characterized by a broken and contrite heart. We must constantly examine our lives to make sure there is nothing in our hearts that is not pleasing to the Lord.

WATER BAPTISM

Water baptism is an ordinance of the church; it is not a sacrament, meaning that there is no salvation in water. The act of baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. It is to serve as a testimony to the world that one is now born

again, and his allegiance is to Jesus Christ. It is an outward portrayal of an inward act already performed.

Acts 2:38 is misunderstood by many, especially those who call themselves Apostolic or Oneness. They interpret this verse to mean that baptism is to be in the "name of Jesus," as in, "I do hereby baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit who is our Lord Jesus Christ," stating that Christ is the Father and the Holy Spirit, as well as the Son. Trinitarians believe that the only baptismal formula is what was given by the Lord in Matthew 28:19, which says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptiz-

Peter

ing them in the name

of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The last admonition of Acts 2:38 states, "And ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." After salvation, it is the will of God for every believer to go on and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

As life changing as salvation is to the sinner, so is the infilling of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues life changing to the believer.

The benefits and help of the Holy Spirit to the believer is incalculable to the believer. Without the help of the Holy Spirit, nothing can really be done for the kingdom.

STEADFASTLY

In Acts 2:42, we see that they didn't just continue in this doctrine, but they did so "steadfastly," which means, "to persevere, be constantly diligent, and to attend assiduously all the exercises."

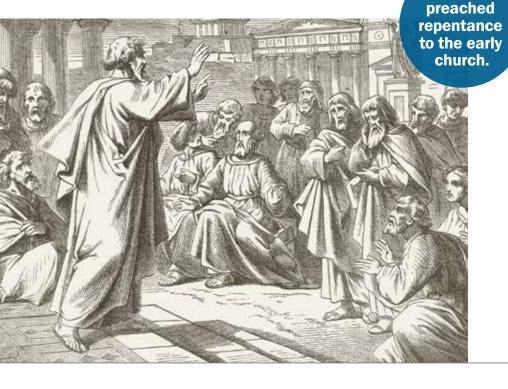
BREAKING BREAD

The "breaking of bread" had to do with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is also a portrayal of Calvary as the bread symbolized His broken body, and the cup represents His shed blood.

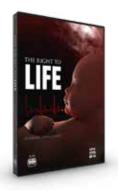
IN PRAYERS

The last part of Acts 2:42, "and in prayers," concludes the matter by stating that the early church was a praying church.

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ARTICLE BY Gabriel Swaggart

"Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory."

-EPHESIANS 3:13

Stay Strong and Don't Lose Heart

TRIALS AND tribulations are an inevitable part of life, testing our resilience and determination in the face of adversity. Whether it's personal struggles, hardships in relationships, financial difficulties, or health issues, these challenges can be overwhelming and leave us feeling somewhat defeated.

In Ephesians 3:13, Paul recognizes the church's concern over his present circumstances and how they might become discouraged by what he's facing due to his ministry on their behalf.

Paul was the most influential minister of the gospel who had ever lived and a pioneer of church leadership, but his ministry was not without difficulties. He faced constant opposition and persecution and was imprisoned for his faith.

Yet Paul urges them not to lose heart or become dispirited but instead view his difficulties as a source of glory for themselves. He assured the church that his trials were not a cause for discouragement but a testimony to their faith. His difficulties were not to be looked at as a hindrance but as an opportunity for them to experience the power of the presence of God in their lives.

REJOICE IN YOUR TRIAL

Before we continue with that train of thought, let us remember where Paul was when he penned this tremendous epistle to the Ephesians. By the time this letter was completed, Paul had been in Roman custody for nearly three years. At times, Paul felt as if the walls of life were closing in on him and that his life was being poured out as a drink offering unto the Lord. However, it was not to be.

Nevertheless, Paul experienced suffering for the cause of Christ as very few have. Yet he viewed trials and tribulations differently than most Christians; he rejoiced in them. Some may scratch their heads and wonder how a man who suffered so much could rejoice. The answer is quite simple—he rejoiced in his trials because they were for Christ's sake. One could say that Paul rejoiced despite his suffering because these trials and tribulations did not rob him of his joy. That is quite a statement!

Regardless of the circumstances that life presented, the joy of the Lord was his strength. Irrespective of his outward circumstances, Paul was not focusing on those issues. Instead, he took great comfort in knowing that God was in control. His joy came from the inside, not the outside. His joy came from trusting that God would provide and perform His work irrespective of the chains that held him captive.

THREE APPLICATIONS FOR EVERY BELIEVER

So, how should the church view these trials for their glory? Let's begin with this thought: whatever the circumstance, God is still in control. Whatever may happen to the believer, we must take comfort in knowing that God has either caused it or allowed it to happen. As a result, instead of questioning the Lord in whatever He does, we must trust Him that He knows exactly what He is doing. The reason for this is that God is sovereign. God knows everything, and everything that He does is right. We may not fully understand or

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grasp why things happen, but everything He does is right. God never makes mistakes. We must take solace in knowing that God is still at work, even when things are difficult, and that He uses our experiences for His purpose.



Second, that which He causes or allows is a part of our spiritual growth. As such, we are to take a page out of Paul's playbook and rejoice in our trials, knowing that whatever happens, God will ultimately receive the glory. That's why we must rejoice in our trials and not complain or murmur because of our suffering. The central theme of Ephesians 3:13 is that God is demonstrating His glory through trials and tribulations and inviting us to participate in that glory through faith and

perseverance. This should remind us that, as Christians, our ultimate goal is to bring glory to God and that our struggles can ultimately be used for this purpose.

Third, we must understand that we are not alone in our suffering. Satan is good at making believers feel like they are the only ones going through a specific trial and, therefore, no one can help us. But that's not the case at all. Scores of Christians have gone through what you may be facing, and they can provide much needed help and support. Others may know exactly what you may be feeling, and they can assist you in getting through that circumstance, which is why it's so vital to grasp the idea of Christian community. Not only is God still present, but so are other believers. The church is a must for Christians, and supporting our fellow believers who are suffering is a must as well. As Christians, we should bend over backward to help fellow believers through their trials and tribulations. And even though we may not fully understand what that person might be going through, we should always offer them support with our prayers.

WHAT SHOULD OUR POSITION BE WHEN WE SEE ANOTHER CHRISTIAN **HURTING?**

Allow me to express my personal feelings regarding this subject. When we see fellow Christians struggling, we should never kick them while they're down. We should never gossip about their struggles. We should never ignore their cries for help. We should never turn them away. We should never try to destroy their character or slander their name. Christians have

earned their stripes in destroying fellow believers who are down when we should be showing the world what it means to restore and lift up fellow believers from their struggles.

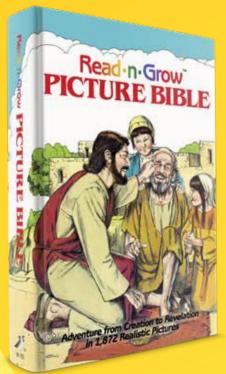
Christians can be so self-righteous that they have no qualms about rejecting their brothers and sisters in the Lord who are hurting. Instead, why don't we show that person the same grace that God has shown us? Why don't we help our brothers and sisters in the Lord by showing them the cross in action? When the cross is properly working in our lives, we will extend grace and mercy to others because we understand that God has provided us with more grace and mercy than we'll ever know. We realize that we are not perfect, but we serve a perfect Savior. We know that we may not have all the answers, but we know someone who does. Our responsibility is to help our fellow believers when they are struggling, not kick them when they're down.

BE RESILIENT IN YOUR FAITH

Ephesians 3:13 is a powerful verse that encourages believers everywhere to persevere in the face of adversity and that our trials and tribulations are not the cause for discouragement but rather an opportunity for us to experience the glory of God in our lives.

Through our faith being anchored in the finished work of Christ, we can demonstrate resiliency and what it means to be transformed into the image of God. This verse is a call to action, urging us to embrace our difficulties with hope, knowing that God will see us through and that whatever may come, He will receive the glory. 🥒

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| Central America |
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| Berry | 487 |
| Birmingham | |
| Spectrum | . 257 / 1257 HD |
| OTA | 24 |
| Fayette | |
| OTA | 15.4 |
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| Comcast | 1070 |
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| Mobile | |
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| Statewide | |
| Spectrum | 157 / 776 |

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| Cable One |
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| Springdale, Rogers |
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| OTA14.2 / 49.3 |
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| Bakersfield |
| Spectrum 499 / 1499 HD |
| OTA 34.6 |
| Beaumont |
| Spectrum 470 |
| Burlington |
| VoIPTV 115 |
| OTA 7.2 / 35.3 |
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| Cox |
| Spectrum 470 |
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| CONNECTICUT |
| Hartford, New Haven, Manchester |
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| OTA 42.2 |

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| FLORIDA Astor, Astatuloa, Lakes of Mt. Dora, Magnolia Point Florida Cable Inc |
| OTA |
| GEORGIA Atlanta Comcast |
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| HAWAII Statewide Spectrum 406 / 1406 HD |

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| IDAHO |
| Boise |
| OTA41.3 |
| Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls |
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| Chicago |
| RCN |
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| Comcast 115 / 365 |
| OTA35.2 |
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| Hamilton County Communications Inc |
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| Highland |
| Hamilton Communications |
| Services |
| Metamora 201 |
| MTCO 201 |
| Peoria Comcast |
| Rockford 74 |
| Comcast 103 |
| INDIANA |
| Indianapolis |
| Spectrum 257 / 1257 HD |
| OTA30.5 |
| Comcast90 |
| South Bend |
| Comcast 111 |
| Terre Haute |
| Spectrum TBA |
| IOWA |
| Des Moines, Ames |
| OTA14 / 19.2 / 36.2 |
| Sioux City |
| Cable One |
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| Dodge City |
| United Telecom 162 |
| Emporia |
| Cable One |
| Wichita, Hutchinson Plus |
| OTA 40.4 |
| KENTUCKY |
| Bowling Green |
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| Comcast | 1070 |
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| New Orleans | |
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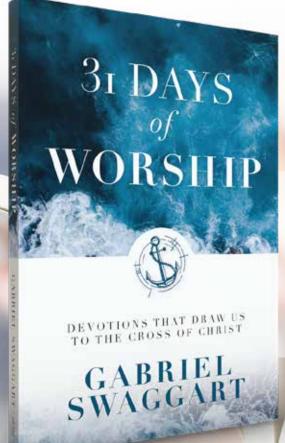
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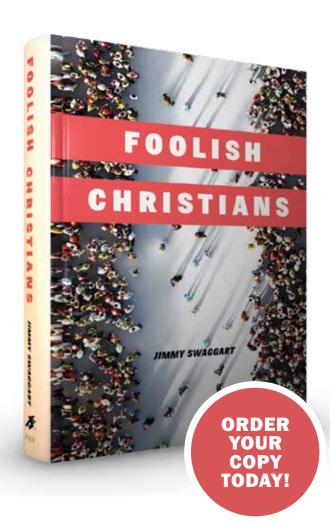
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Dear Evangelist Dear Pastor and Sister Swaggart, for many years, we have been a part of sending, with you, The Expositor's Study Bibles to countries. We consider this such a privilege to participate in ministry and winning the lost with JSM. We are retired now, however, we still purchase as many Expositor's Study Bibles monthly as we possibly can. I pray over every Bible sent all over this world. I see the pastors, workers, believers, or just a hungry unsaved soul, as sparks all over this world. I pray and ask God to ignite those sparks into Holy Ghost fires all over this world! I ask the Lord if the Expositor's Study Bible could be what starts the 'move of God' in the last days that is spoken of in Joel and Acts. I take very seriously my call as a missionary to the world every time we send out an Expositor's Study Bible. We, too, are excited and happy to be a part of JSM and to send Bibles all over the world. We have been with you for over twenty years now. There was also a time we would purchase and take the Expositor's Study Bibles to Mexico and Guatemala. I am so thankful today—we are still in ministry as we send Expositor's Study Bibles every month. We love, love, love you all! —**Texas**

Dear Evangelist I have had stage 4 kidney disease for five years. I have continued to work my job and go through medical appointments and all the stress that goes with my illness. I live alone, and whenever



"Brother Swaggart spoke directly to me, and it was like a word of knowledge when I was thinking about ending it all. He said, "You're watching now, and that's not the way!"

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I am not working, I have SBN on in my home continuously. I am a media church member and just wanted to say thank you for all your programming! I get great comfort, and I am learning a lot during my trying times. You are truly making a difference in my life and in the lives of others! **–Email**

Dear Evangelist I recently called your prayer line asking prayer for my eightyseven-year-old grandmother who had heart surgery recently. I'm sitting here watching SBN church service, and I want to say thank you for your prayers! She not only came through with no problems, but the surgeon said it was like, "Someone was holding her hand." Yes, it was Jesus! In her recovery room, I put SBN on my phone while she just laid there in her bed thanking me for praying with her and for the music she loves so much. God is beyond good; my God is incredible! God bless you all! -Email

Dear Evangelist My husband and I love to hear the testimonies of SBN viewers. I was suicidal and smoking marijuana most of my waking hours, just to be numb. My marriage was barely existing; we were two people that lived in the same house. I knew I had to do something before I went through with it. Our town has a faith-based care center that offers many different services. Counseling is one of them. Not knowing what

else to do, I started to see the counselor. It was a mixture of Scriptures, praying, and psychology. It did help some, I was no longer suicidal, but I also knew I needed more. My husband came across SBN. He had it on twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It drove me crazy. I didn't mind hearing it sometimes, but all day was a bit much. When he would leave the room, I would change the channel. Then one day I found myself leaving it on or putting it on. After about a month, I accepted Jesus as my Savior! I was at peace. I no longer smoked marijuana. My husband and I started having a relationship again. God was in our lives! We want to thank you for you and your family! Thank you for being faithful to God! Thank you for sharing the true gospel! Thank you so much for your time. God bless. -Florida

Dear Evangelist I want to thank you for the MP3 player that has just arrived. I think it's great! The music is so beautiful. I thoroughly enjoy listening to such Spirit-filled songs. You never get tired of hearing. It has made my day! I would be lost without SBN and the great preaching and music. -Australia

Dear Evangelist Your ministry has been a lifeline for me in some of my darkest hours; times I did not want to go on in this life, and I have received strength from listening to your programs. The

Holy Spirit has reached down and touched me while watching many times. I have a degree in religious studies, however, I drifted away from God's presence for a long time. But the Holy Ghost was drawing me back, and He told me He would not let me go. Brother Swaggart spoke directly to me, and it was like a word of knowledge when I was thinking about ending it all. He said, "You're watching now, and that's not the way!" I remember very clearly how the Holy Ghost spoke to me. Please pray for me. I grew up around preachers and evangelists, Assembly of God churches. I was called into the ministry, but I don't know why I ran from God for years. It was such a lonely road and wasted years, just like the song says. God bless you all, and I have watched from my teenage years; I'm now sixty-five years old! -Email





ARTICLE BY Dr. Don Paul Gray

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." -I CORINTHIANS 11:23-24

The Message of the Cross Gets to Rome PART II

PART I OF THIS article series left off with the ordinance of holy communion. First, when a person partakes of the Lord's Supper, he should take a few minutes to remember something very important. I Corinthians 11:24, Paul quotes Christ: "This do in remembrance of me." The next verse says, "This do ye, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Yes, the practice of holy communion requires us to remember something; to look backward and see why and how this important ordinance was established. What does it really mean?

The Lord's Supper should be understood involving several Old Testament historical realities:

- Genesis 3:21 tells us that almighty God sacrificed an animal using its skin as a covering for the nakedness and sin of Adam and Eve.
- In Genesis 4:4, Abel presents a sacrificial lamb as a blood sacrifice unto God.
- In Exodus 12, God instructs Moses to have every family to select a very special sheep or goat, to kill it and splash its blood on the door post of each family dwelling as an atonement for sins.
- In the book of Leviticus, God instructs Moses to institute the animal sacrificial system involving lambs, goats, and bulls which was instituted to deal with sin.
- I Peter 1:18-19 says, "Forasmuch as ye know, that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... but with

the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Truly, the death of Christ on the old rugged cross two thousand years ago dealt with the sin issue once and for all.

Second, partaking of the Lord's Supper requires us to look inward. This identifies the doctrine of sanctification. In I Corinthians 11:28-30 Paul writes, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."

Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we should look inside our hearts and minds and ask God to forgive us of sin-sins of commission or omission. I John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

And in I Thessalonians 4:3-4, Paul writes, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication; That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor."

Paul clearly taught the necessity of radical faith in the shed blood of Calvary to live a sanctified life unto Christ and the world. Sincere repentance and faith in Calvary cleanses from all sin.

Third, in I Corinthians 11:26 we read, "For as often as ye eat this

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bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." In this brief passage of Scripture, the Paul admonished us to look upward. Paul strongly believed in the coming of the Lord in his lifetime. He writes in Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

In I Thessalonians 5:23, the apostle Paul links together the doctrine of sanctification with the doctrine of the second coming of Christ, when he writes, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

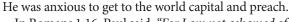
Proper observance of the Lord's Supper does contribute to one's sanctification in sincere preparation for the coming of the Lord.

PAUL GOT TO PREACH IN ROME

In Romans 1:14, the apostle Paul declares, "I am a debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians." Paul felt that he owed something. He really wants to preach Christ and the cross in Rome. Do we possess that same quickening?

In Romans 1:15, Paul declares, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S **SUPPER**



In Romans 1:16, Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation." He knows the gospel will change lives.

In Acts 28:16, we read that Paul finally arrives in Rome and was able to preach the great doctrine of Christ and the cross, and many lives were changed.

In a sermon, someone once asked, "Do you live on the right side of Easter?" Are you fully persuaded that Christ was crucified for your sins, arose from the grave on the third day, and that He is alive today?

More than a hundred years ago, Lewis E. Jones wrote the great hymn "Power In the Blood." I think the first verse deals with what salvation is all about:

Would you be free from the burden of sin? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Would you o'er evil a victory win? There's wonderful pow'r in the blood."

I think the second verse is about sanctification: Would you be free from your passion and pride? *There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;* Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide— There's wonderful pow'r in the blood. Yes, you can be set free from the guilt of past sins: "Would you be whiter, yes brighter than snow? There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood; Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow— There's wonderful pow'r in the blood.

And then there's that beautiful chorus: There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r *In the blood of the Lamb;* There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r *In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

This great hymn of the past makes abundantly clear that everything we need spiritually is found by exercising total faith in Christ and the blood of Calvary. Truly, there is power in the blood.



ARTICLE BY Loren Larson

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." - PHILIPPIANS 4:7

Blossoms in Winter

THE ARRIVAL OF STRESS

One day I received a text from my youngest daughter. She was just a few months away from delivering her third child, and a series of negative events had rushed into her life, causing her great distress. The problems included health issues surrounding the pregnancy, financial issues regarding her husband's work and income, and policy issues that could force her to have the baby in a location that she wasn't totally comfortable with. As well, she was responsible for preparing food for a Bible study that she and her husband were hosting, all the while trying to keep up with her two boys, both under the age of three. Can you say, "Stress?"

Feeling distressed and overwhelmed, she did what every daughter should be able to do—she texted her dad (that's me) and requested prayer.

After receiving her text, what I really wanted to do was put on my superman cape, fly across the several states that separate us, and be her superhero. I wanted to fix every single problem that she was

facing. I wanted to lift her burdens, supply her financial need, see to the care and healing of her body, make sure that she was able to have the baby where she wanted to have it, and then give her a hug and kiss before I flew up, up, and away back home.

But since I'm not a superhero, I couldn't do any of those things. What I could do is what I've always done for all my children—I could pray!

AN AVAILABLE RESOURCE

Since neither one of us was available for a phone call until sometime the next day, I began to think about what I might say that would be of any help. I know what it's like to be overwhelmed and distressed in this wonderful opportunity that we call life.

I recalled a time in my own life when I suffered from A-Fib and A-Flutter—a condition of the heart. It began as an occasional instance, but by the time it concluded some seventeen months later, it had grown into a constant ordeal.

It had been my practice to walk and

pray in the morning. But during that time, any movement would cause the heart to begin racing to the tune of 140 to 160 beats per minute. The doctors were unable to bring it under control with medicine. Making good choices for health and diet didn't change the issue. So, having come to the end of options that were available. I had to learn how to deal with the constant pressure of A-Fib and A-Flutter.

THE LESSON

It was during this seventeen-month time span that I learned more fully a truth that I had preached for years—that on the inside of every believer, the Holy Spirit lies ready to rise up, comfort, and bring peace to those who will express faith in Christ.

Each morning, instead of walking, I would sit in a chair on my porch. I would begin to praise and worship the Lord until the source from within, the Holy Spirit, would rise up into my being and bring the comforting peace that was so

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desperately needed. Then, and only then, would I be ready to face the day. I learned to count on this resource, the indwelling Holy Spirit, to make it through each day. I am confident that God allowed this situation into my life to teach me that He was capable of bringing comfort to my heart and mind in a time of stress. I learned that lesson, and now stressful situations, fear, and bad news don't always get to be "king of my life" as they once were.

By turning my attention to the God who saved me and loves me, I know I can find peace in the midst of any storm. My heart dilemma ended with an ablation—a heart operation that proved tremendously successful. I haven't had any

issues with my heart since. I don't need medicine. There are no more trips to the doctor. And I have a practicing knowledge of how to allow the Holy Spirit to bring me peace to eliminate stress.

THE NEXT DAY

The day after getting the news of my daughter's dilemma, I awoke and headed outside to pray. The very first thing that popped into my head were her needs and issues.

That morning it was dark, and it was winter. Of course, winter in Louisiana is not harsh like winter in other areas of the country. But early winter

"I COULD

REMIND HER

THAT THERE

mornings are generally marked by dark and cold. As I made my way down my usual route, I happened to look up and see foliage alongside many of the area homes. In the dark and in the winter and in the cold. I looked in amazement at several bushes that had started to blossom. Imagine that, right in the midst of winter, in the midst of dark, in the midst of cold, something on the inside of these plants rose up and came to life. They brought forth a beautiful blossom of color that interrupted the cold, the dismal, and the dark.

When I arrived back home, I saw that some of these bushes were blooming at the side of my own home. At just

> the right time, something activated on the inside of these plants and brought forth beautiful blossoms despite the dark, the cold, and the dismal.

I knew then what I could share with my daughter. While I couldn't be her superhero and fly to her rescue, I could remind her that there was true life on the inside of her. Life that was always ready and willing to rise up and provide her with peace in the midst of the cold, in the midst of the dark, in the midst of the dismal.

What my daughter needed wasn't a superhero but blossoms in winter. These are made available to her as she expresses her faith in Christ. What He has done for us on Calvary supplies every believer with this new source of life.

May the Lord provide each of you with blossoms in winter.



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Efforts in using the Mosaic law or any other laws that we create to gain or maintain righteousness are doomed to fail. If believers fully understood the first part of Romans 7, then they would not experience the defeat of the latter part. Romans 7 deals mainly with the principle of law.

Reckoning and the Law PART III

POSITION

In Christ, no believer is under law:

- "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4).
- "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17).

The law governed Israel and placed restraints on the "old man"—who we were before we were born again and regenerated. The Mosaic law had no power to help anyone walk in holiness. However, Paul would say that "the law is holy...just and good" (Rom. 7:12).

The law does not make us sinners but reveals to us that we are sinful: "By the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20).

Although the Mosaic law seems negative to us, the law was a faithful ministry

to bring light and cause us to face up to the fact of our sinfulness, weakness, and bondage.

The principle of law applies to our "self" life, and can only produce self-righteousness. Therefore, the law convicts us of our need of life in Christ Jesus.

To be clear, anything that we seek to do or keep from doing by using our own will-power places us under legal bondage. That includes any vows or promises we make to God, any code of ethics or rules of conduct that we establish for ourselves or have placed on us—these are on the basis of law, and their end result will be failure and an ever-deepening enslavement to sin.

STRUGGLE

As believers, our audacious efforts to thwart sin only produce struggles that result in experiences of failure. These failures not only prepare for liberation from the tyranny of the principle of sin, but also from the bondage of the principle of law. Not only are we are brought from the release of the dominion of sin (Romans 6), but also to deliverance from law (Romans 7).

In Romans 8, we learn with gladness that we exchanged "the law of sin and death" for "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus." However, as long as we depend on our own strength, the only thing that we can produce is sin; we hungered for life and brought forth death.

But in the midst of our attempts to be delivered from the "body of this death," we find ourselves wretched and miserable. Meanwhile, during our time of failure, our faithful heavenly Father was teaching us what we had to know of our freedom in Christ Jesus—that self is our greatest enemy, and Christ is our only hope. Romans 7:5 says, "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death."

VICTORY FROM THE LAW'S AUTHORITY

The believer must reckon—take into account—that "I through the law am dead

"The law does not make us sinners but reveals to us that we are sinful..."

to the law, that I might live unto God" (Gal. 2:19).

We must further reckon. So, on to the next verses, which tell us where our victory is (Paul takes us to the cross): "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2:20-21).

What can interfere with the amazing life-giving power of God? What can stifle our progress and spiritual growth? Simple answer—law! It could be the law of Moses or any law that we subject ourselves to that

we might gain or maintain righteousness.

In essence, we can make the work of our Lord ineffectual to us if we do not keep our faith in Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Paul instructs us: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith" (II Cor. 13:5).

This is all part of the reckoning process. Failure is an opportunity for us to see our misappropriated object of faith. As believers, we can frustrate the grace of God. Paul said, "For I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Gal. 2:21). Again, to be clear, we died to the principle of sin in Christ Jesus on the cross, but there we also died to (came out from under the dominion and authority of) the principle of law.

Every believer is "dead to the law" (Gal. 2:19); we were "delivered from the law" (Rom. 7:6); and we are "not under the law" (Rom. 6:14).



As we reckon on having died to the principle of law, the Holy Spirit carries out the will of God in our lives as His perfect will becomes a delight to us and not a duty. We are His children and heirs to His promises. We grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and become more dependent upon the Lord to work in us as He conforms us to the image of His Son Jesus Christ. We're to go forward and not backward; not from grace back into law.

Paul instructs us with the need for more reckoning: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal. 5:1).

Every believer is a new creation in the last Adam, Jesus Christ. Judicially, the old things of the first Adam have passed away, both to their penalty and their power. Our history with the earthly Adam was brought to an end at Calvary. We now reckon on our new relationship to the heavenly Adam to conform us to His image. Our reckoning has to do with our new position in Christ, not our condition in the body.

In the realm of reckoning, we are thereby yielding (presenting) ourselves to our risen Lord, and the fruit of His life is manifested in us by growth in His image. Everything that Christ had to do for us was done at the cross: our sins were forgiven, and we now have peace with God-justifying peace—through Jesus' shed blood. The penalty for sin is fully paid, securing our redemption. The power of sin broken; the power of Satan destroyed; victory over the world and the flesh.

In reckoning, our attitude becomes one of a firm stand against self. When I speak of self, I am speaking of our abilities or efforts to gain spiritual growth. Since we have been united with Christ in His death, we must also remember that we are united with Him in His resurrection. We have a new source of life in the Holy Spirit. Paul said, "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh ... But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law" (Gal. 5:16,18).

To walk in the Spirit means that our faith must be in Christ and Him crucified alone. The Holy Spirit will then supply all that we need for spiritual growth and Christlikeness. This is the "rest" in reckoning. Now stop working and believe!





Grace is often explained as "God's riches at Christ's expense" or "God's righteousness at Christ's expense." The longer we serve God, hopefully, the more we appreciate God's grace. As believers, we are granted access to the throne of grace. This access is not based on our maturity in Christ or on how long we have served God. Instead, every bornagain believer has immediate access to the throne of grace.

The Throne of Grace



come" is not presented as an imperative (a command) but as a suggestion. It is more accurately translated as, "Let us keep on coming to" the throne of grace. In other words, we are admonished to take advantage of God's grace daily. We need God's grace daily, therefore we need to access the throne of grace daily.

APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE OF GRACE

We are told to come, approach, or draw near to God's throne of grace boldly. Boldly does not mean arrogantly. There are some who perceive themselves as being on par with God. They fancy themselves as a "little god" or a "little Jesus." They are on a slippery slope.

The boldness spoken of in this verse does not exist because we are confident in our works. Instead, we have an assurance that through the name of Jesus Christ, and through His precious blood, we will be

"We began our walk by grace, and we are to continue our walk with God by grace."

granted access. Faith in the completed work of Calvary is the only means we can approach God's throne of grace.

THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY

This next phrase is called a "hina" clause in the Greek. It is a "purpose" clause. It states that the purpose of coming to the throne of grace is to obtain mercy. This proves that we are not accessing the throne of grace while trusting in our own righteousness. In reality, we are coming because we are placing our trust in His imputed righteousness (a freely given righteousness).

We seek to obtain mercy because we know we have fallen short of the glory of God. Adam Clarke's commentary says, "There is mercy for the taking. As Jesus

Christ tasted death for every man, so every man may go to that propitiatory, and take the mercy that is suited to his degree of guilt."

GRACE IN TIME OF NEED

There is not one moment of the day that we do not need God's grace. If one struggles with this statement, then it's evident that he is beginning to trust in his own righteousness. Doing so will produce the deadly sin of self-righteousness and encounter resistance from God (James

Every moment of the day, we need God's grace. Brother Swaggart brings this powerful observation to the table when he said that this grace "refers to the goodness of God extended to all who come, and during any 'time of need;' all made possible by the cross" (Heb. 4:16, The Expositor's Study Bible).

A PRAYER AWAY

Help is a prayer away. We can foolishly attempt to go through life's trials, tribulations, and temptations in our own strength and fail, or we can call on the name of the Lord and walk in His grace. We began our walk by grace, and we are to continue our walk with God by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2:8).

Let us keep on coming to the throne of grace.



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"And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid." —MARK 5:1-6, 15

A Generation in Its Right Mind

OUT OF MY MIND

Years ago, before I became a Christian, I received a scholarship to play baseball at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia. There, I started drinking much more than I had in high school. I was drinking nearly every night, unless we had practice the next day. Midway through my first season as a college baseball player, I took over a starting position hitting lead-off and playing center field. I had a fairly good freshman season, but when I came back for my sophomore year, my baseball career started on a downward trajectory. I

started drinking more heavily. Other situations in my life began to spiral out of control, and again, the drinking increased. At that point in my life, I wasn't drinking for fun, I was drinking to numb the pain and to forget why I had that pain in the first place. I was losing my mind. My drinking took me so deep that, on numerous occasions, I contemplated taking my own life. I started fights with people I didn't even know, and, on several occasions, I even tried to fight some of my best friends. This resulted in them kicking me out of our apartment. Essentially, I was much

like the demon possessed man in Mark 5—I was losing my mind, living among the tombs, and wanting to hurt myself. Sin had taken me to a place that I didn't think I could come back from.

I started visiting churches in the hope of them having something to offer me. But at most of these churches, I found nothing.

One night, while back home on a break, I was on the couch weeping over what my life was becoming. My mom looked at me and said, "You need to go back to the church we last attended." That church was Day Star Ministries in Bassett, Virginia. The moment I walked through the doors, I felt something different. I felt the presence of God. I wept, from the moment I walked into that church until the moment I returned home.

I grabbed my mom in a hug and told her that she needed to make things right with God, and she did. Her life changed, but I went right back to the "tombs." She urged me to stop drinking and allow Jesus

"Many are just like I was, just like that demon possessed man— they are out of their minds."

to change my heart. But I continued to resist, and my life sank deeper into sin and darkness.

One day, Mom texted to tell me to read Proverbs 20:1 and that I need to quit drinking. I ignored her text. Days later, as I was about to start another night of drinking, I pulled my phone out of my pocket. My phone had a lock code, but it was unlocked and a Bible app was opened to Proverbs 20:1: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Then I read the next verse, "The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul."

That night, Jesus spoke to me very clearly and said, "Your drinking is a sin

that makes the king angry." But again, I ignored the pull of the Spirit.

Several weeks later, I was at a party, talking with my friend and his girlfriend. I started talking about Jesus. The girl told me she was Catholic, and listed all the things that she believed about God. I told her, "No sinful man can absolve me of my sins. There is only one mediator between God and man and His name is Jesus." She left the room crying, and my friend's fist started to ball up, ready to fight. I looked down at the beer bottle in my hand that I was drinking from, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "What are you doing here?"

The next day, at Rivers of Living Water Ministries in Elkins, I asked the Lord to deliver me from alcohol and tobacco, and I said that He could have the remainder of my life. That day Jesus saved me, and He healed my mind. People began to notice that I was clothed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, and in my right mind.

A GENERATION OUT OF ITS MIND

There is a generation today that appears to be completely out of its mind. We have watched the deconstruction of the concept of absolute truth. This generation has been trained to think that truth is subjective, meaning that truth depends on what the individual feels rather than what the individual knows to be true. Gender has been brought into question. This generation has been taught, through various media outlets, to doubt the gender they were assigned at birth. They have been taught to consider that their gender is unfixed, fluid, and dependent on how they feel

about themselves rather than what they can observe to be true. The same has happened with sexuality.

This deconstruction of absolute truth is the work of Satan—to demoralize and create a depraved society with no moral compass; a false promise that you will be happier with yourself if you live according to your truth.

We see depression rising among teenagers and young adults. We find them less happy and more isolated than ever before. They are unhappy with themselves and hurting themselves. Many are just like I was, just like that demon possessed man they are out of their minds. The truth is, the darkness that has fallen on this generation is great darkness, and the picture is very bleak.

JESUS CAN TURN IT ALL AROUND

However, I do have some good news-Jesus can turn it all around. Jesus set the demoniac free; Jesus set me free; and Jesus can set this generation free from the chains

Jesus showed up for me in Elkins, West Virginia, just like he showed up on the southeast side of the Sea of Galilee for a man living among the tombs. I believe this generation is about to watch Jesus show up again. And just like the people who saw my life changed by Christ, and the people by the seaside saw the maniac of Gadara set free, I believe we are going to soon see this generation clothed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, and in their right mind.

I hear the sound of chains falling as another person bound by sin walks free!



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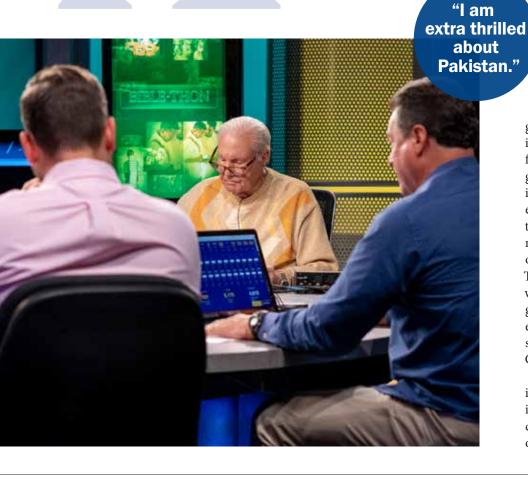
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El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Switzerland, Malawi, Nicaragua, Chile, Poland, South Africa, Nigeria, Ecuador, Spain, Honduras, Ethiopia, Guatemala, the Philippines, Russia, Zimbabwe, Ghana, and Pakistan, which I am extra thrilled about Pakistan. Missionaries Kody and Meaghan Barbier are helping us put Bibles into Kenya, and we're working with our friends Dave Roever and Patrick Klein to get the New Testament part of The Expositor's Study Bible translated into Vietnamese and Hmong languages and then ship them into country. We've sent our Readn-Grow Picture Bibles to children living on Native Americans reservations, and The Expositor's New Testaments to those who are incarcerated. As well, our aim is to get our New Testaments into the hands of every first responder and active-duty U.S. soldier, sailor, Marine, airman, and Coast Guardsman who requests one.

In fact, it's our goal to put The Expositor's Study Bible into the hands of every individual in the world. I realize that's quite a task, but that's what we're setting out to do. And again, I must thank you



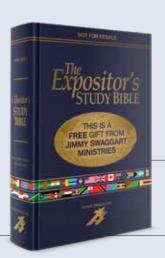
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for helping to make all of this possible, for without you, we could not do what we are doing.

TESTIMONIES

The testimonies we are getting are just phenomenal, to say the least. They write and tell us how that The Expositor's Study Bible is helping them to understand the Word of God as never before. And to be sure, the single most important thing in the world is the Word of God.



A long time ago, somebody said, "As long as the gospel of Jesus Christ is America's greatest export, the jackbooted heel of foreign invaders will never walk on American soil." What a statement, but I believe it to be true.

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to place one of these Bibles into the hands of a friend or a loved one. It will certainly be read—we've heard from so many people that this is a Bible they want to read simply because they can understand what's being said.

I REMEMBER

Whenever I set out to write the notes of The Expositor's Study Bible at the behest of the Holy Spirit, I was undecided as to where to put them. Should the notes go at the end of each chapter? At the end of a verse? But the Lord told me to place the notes in the body of the text, where they would be easy to read and understand.

One brother wrote me and said, "Brother Swaggart, I enjoy looking up the notes in study Bibles, but in most study Bibles, I can't find the notes. But your notes are imbedded in the Scripture, making them easy to find and easy to understand. That's the secret of The Expositor's Study Bible, the notes are easy to find, and that's because the Holy Spirit told me where to put them.

Thank you for letting us know that The Expositor's Study Bible is the easiest Bible in the world to understand, and also for making it the most proliferated. In other words, I think I can say without fear of contradiction, that this is the best-selling Bible in the world.

And thank you, again, for helping to make the distribution of these Bibles possible and for blessing people all over the world by helping us put an Expositor's Study Bible into their hands.

Let me say again what I said some paragraphs back: If you have a loved one who does not yet have The Expositor's Study Bible, then, as you are able to do so, put one into his or her hands—they will thank you forever.

PRAYER

I also want to invite you to join us in prayer—on Saturday mornings, if you can, at 10 a.m. (CST)—and let's believe God together for souls to be saved, because that is the most important thing. We love you, and may the Lord bless you and abundantly so.

In the Master's service, yours,

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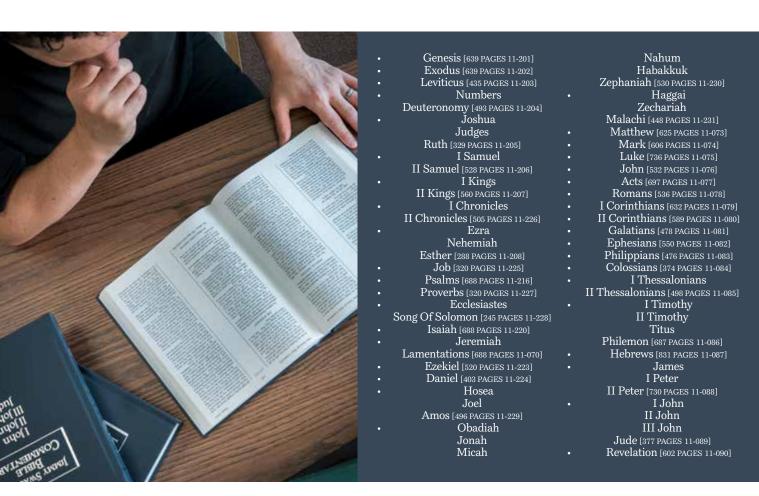
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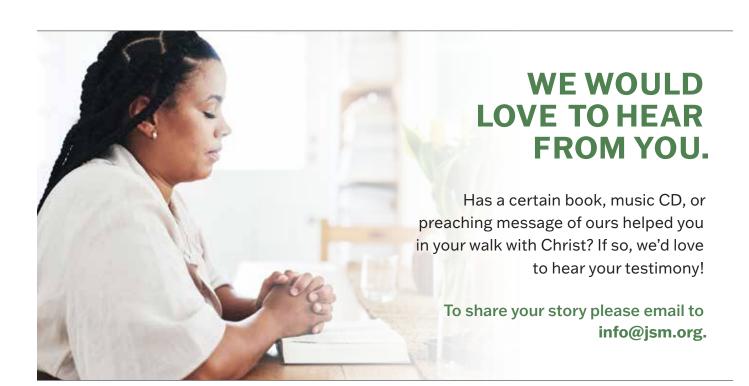
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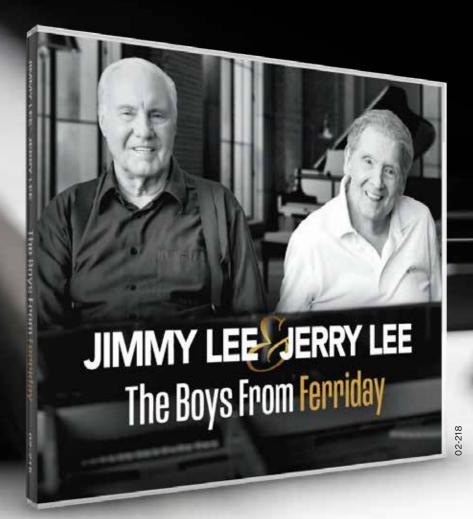


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