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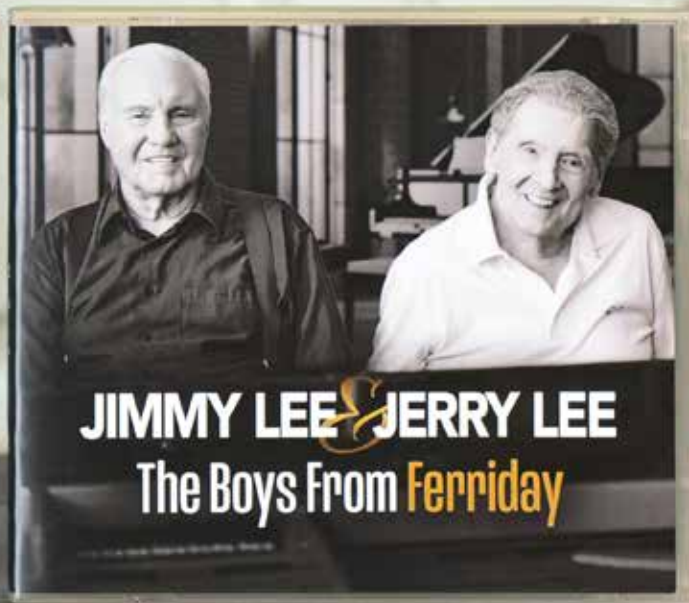
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Victory

PART I

By Jimmy Swaggart

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (I Cor. 6:11).

JUST AS THE SINNER cannot justify himself, neither can the Christian sanctify himself—it's not possible, nor was it meant to be possible.

Do we really think that we can effect a work the magnitude of sanctification within our hearts and lives according to our own abilities, power, and strength? Of course not. And the Lord does not expect us to do it for the simple reason that we cannot do it.

Unfortunately, all too many Christians have been taught the wrong thing. What they have been taught mostly caters to self-righteousness. It's sad but true. Any time a believer does something of this nature—something that really isn't the will of God—it falls out toward self-righteousness.

Every avenue taken other than the cross of Christ, always and without exception concludes in self-righteousness. How? Every so-called victory outside of the cross always brings glory to the individual as in, "I fasted for twenty-one days," or "I memorized four Scriptures," or "I witnessed to seven people." Such a list can be as long as you want to make it, but all of it brings glory to man.

The cross alone brings glory to God because it's something that the Lord did, and man could not do. Whatever it is that man does will never fall out to ultimate victory. But there is still something about

the struggle that man wants to hold up as his crowning effort. In other words, "I struggled greater than my brother or my sister did."

Sanctification is strictly a work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in our lives. If we take it out of that context, that's when we get into trouble.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Whatever is done for believers has to be done by the Lord alone, or it goes in wrong directions. It is totally the Lord (outside of our faith) who saves the believing sinner. It is the Lord who baptizes the born-again believer with the Holy Spirit. And it is the Lord who sanctifies the believer.

The Holy Spirit comes into the heart and life of a person the moment he is born again. When that person is born again, he is immediately sanctified. Now the Holy Spirit is involved in every single thing that happens to that believer.

Let me also emphasize that the Holy Spirit coming into a person the moment he is born again is not the same as being *baptized* with the Holy Spirit. The baptism with the Holy Spirit is something completely different and separate.

When a believer is baptized with the Holy Spirit he will, without exception, speak with other tongues (Acts 2:4). The baptism with the Holy Spirit, with the

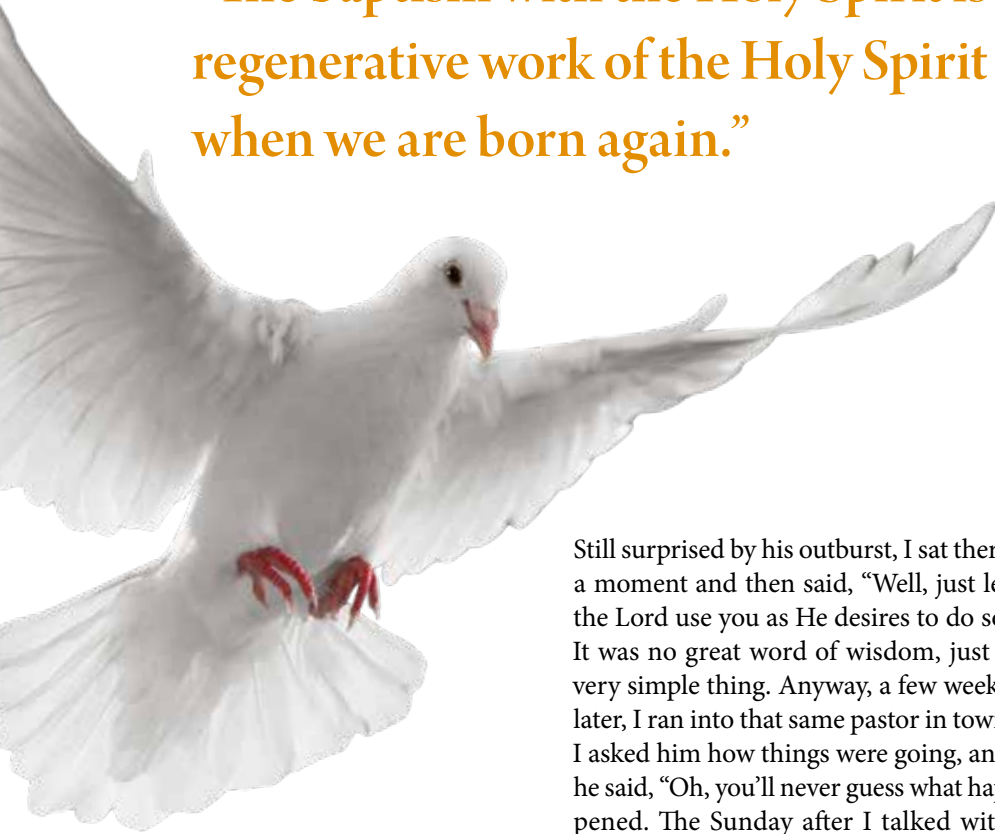
evidence of speaking in other tongues is something every believer should experience. It is a gift given to us to serve us in our work for the Lord. A preacher who is baptized with the Holy Spirit will be a better preacher. A truck driver who is baptized with the Holy Spirit will be a better truck driver. A Spirit-filled doctor will be a better doctor. A ditch digger who has received the baptism with the Holy Spirit will be a better ditch digger.

I don't mean to sound trite, but what I am saying is a fact. That's the reason Jesus said: "*And being assembled together with them* (speaks of the time He ascended back to the Father; this was probably the time of the "above five hundred" [I Cor. 15:6]), *commanded them* (not a suggestion) *that they should not depart from Jerusalem* (the site of the temple where the Holy Spirit would descend), *but wait for the promise of the Father* (spoke of the Holy Spirit which had been promised by the Father [Luke 24:49; Joel 2]), *which, said He, you have heard of Me* (you have also heard Me say these things [John 7:37-39; 14:12-17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15]) (Acts 1:4, The Expositor's Study Bible).

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

I remember years ago, when our office was across town in Baton Rouge, my secretary told me that a pastor had come and wanted to see me, and he was the pastor of a very large Baptist church in the city. I didn't know him, but I said, "Sure, bring him in." So this man came into my

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office and sat down. We greeted each other and engaged in a little small talk and that was about it. I had a meeting to get to and needed to leave, but this man just sat there, saying nothing. To sort of get things moving along, I said, “My brother, what do you think about the baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues?”

To my surprise, this Baptist did not respond the way I thought he might. He jumped up out of his chair and gushed, “I thought you’d never ask! The Lord has filled me with the Holy Spirit and, in prayer this morning, I was asking Him what I should do next, and I believe He laid it on my heart to come and see you—that you could help.”

Still surprised by his outburst, I sat there a moment and then said, “Well, just let the Lord use you as He desires to do so.” It was no great word of wisdom, just a very simple thing. Anyway, a few weeks later, I ran into that same pastor in town. I asked him how things were going, and he said, “Oh, you’ll never guess what happened. The Sunday after I talked with you, we had service, and I never mentioned to anyone about being baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. But a lady came up to me in the service and said, ‘Brother, I don’t feel well, and I would like for you to pray for me.’ Now you have to understand, our church didn’t believe in that, but I told her I would. And Brother Swaggart, as soon as I laid my hands on her to pray, she hit the floor! The congregation saw that, and, to my surprise, others started running up to the front saying, ‘Pray for me, pray for me!’ Soon, we had the whole front of that Baptist church lined up with people touched by the power of God and praising the Lord. He moved in such a mighty way that morning!” This goes to show that if we’ll give the Lord half a chance, He’ll do great things.

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Scripture says: “*And Jesus, when He was baptized (this was the beginning of His earthly ministry), went up straightway (immediately) out of the water (refers to baptism by immersion and not by sprinkling): and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him (the only one, the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom the heavens would be opened), and He saw the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him (John saw a visible form that reminded him of a dove). And lo a voice from heaven, saying (the voice of God the Father) this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased (the Trinity appears here: the Father speaks, the Spirit descends, and the Son prays [Luke 3:21]) (Matt. 3:16-17, The Expositor’s Study Bible).*”

DIFFERENT

Jesus could not begin His ministry until He was baptized with the Holy Spirit. That should be a lesson to all of us. If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, considering that He was God manifested in the flesh, then we certainly need the baptism with the Spirit as well.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is different than the regenerative work of the Holy Spirit that takes place when we are born again. At that time—and I’m speaking of the time of conversion—the Holy Spirit comes into the heart and life of the person who is born again, and He is there for many purposes and reasons. The main reason He is there is that the Holy Spirit strongly

THE PRICELESS CORNER

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 ..." (1 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 (1 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).
- 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 (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; 1 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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desires to rid us of all sin. But He cannot perform His work in us unless our faith is exclusively in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the cross. And the Holy Spirit is the only one who can do the things we need. When we try to rid ourselves of sins of any nature, we will fail every single time. We cannot extricate sin from our lives; it's not within our power to do so. This is the domain of the Holy Spirit, and He can do anything.

FAITH

But considering that Jesus paid the price at Calvary's cross by atoning for all sin—past, present, and future, at least for those who will believe—the Holy Spirit will not use such authority over Christ, considering that Christ is the one who paid the price at Calvary's cross for what we must have. That's why our faith must ever be in Christ and what He did for us at the cross, and I mean keeping our faith there constantly.

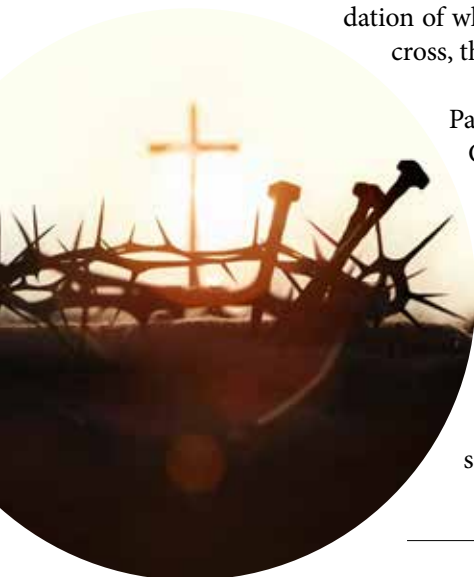
Am I over-emphasizing the cross of Christ? No. And, to be frank, even if I wanted to do that, I wouldn't know how. The cross is so critical, especially now, when most of the church world has put its faith in other things. Nearly every believer is placing his faith in anything and everything other than the cross of Christ. It's tragic and it's sad, but it happens to be true.

Paul said, *"For Christ sent me not to baptize (presents to us a cardinal truth), but to preach the gospel (the manner in which one may be saved from sin): not with wisdom of words (intellectualism is not the gospel), lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (This tells us in no uncertain terms that the cross of Christ must be always the emphasis of the message)"* (1 Cor. 1:17, The Expositor's Study Bible).

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

This one verse tells us what the gospel actually is—it is "the cross of Christ." Most preachers are preaching *about* the gospel instead of preaching the gospel. In some ways, the cross of Christ must be the foundation of whatever it is we do preach. If it's not the cross, then it's not really the gospel.

Paul here tells us what the gospel of Jesus Christ is—the cross of Christ. That's the reason the great apostle said, *"For I determined not to know anything among you (with purpose and design, Paul did not resort to the knowledge or philosophy of the world regarding the preaching of the gospel) save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified"* (that and that alone is the message that will save the sinner, set the captive free, and give the



believer perpetual victory” (I Cor. 2:2, The Expositor’s Study Bible).

Paul stuck with the cross simply because that was the only message that would really set the captive free. We must not forget that.

DOMINION

There are millions of Christians all over the world today who love the Lord, but they are held captive by powers of darkness whether through alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, nicotine, jealousy, envy, strife, or even religion. Believe it or not, religion carries with it the biggest dominion of all.

What we are teaching here will set believers free, if they will adhere to what is being taught, thereby giving glory to God. Anything else gives glory to man, which God cannot accept.

What we are speaking of—the cross of Christ—gives glory to the Lord Jesus exclusively, which is the way it is intended to be. At the cross, Jesus atoned for all sins—past, present, and future—at least for those who will believe Him. It doesn’t matter what the sin is or how tight its grip is on the individual. If a believer will place his faith exclusively in Christ and the cross—and maintain it in Christ and the cross—he will see victory.

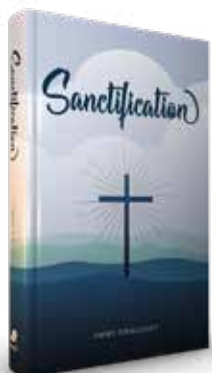
WILL VICTORY COME IMMEDIATELY?

For some believers it does, but for many, it doesn’t. Satan is not going to give up his territory easily. He is going to fight every way he can. He is going to do everything within his power to discourage you and make you think that the cross of Christ works for others but doesn’t work for you. He will come up with every excuse. He may leave for a time only to come back with a vengeance. Remember, he wants to destroy you, and for some believers, he comes close to doing so. Irrespective as to what Satan does or what tack he takes, if you will continue to

believe and exercise your faith in Christ and what Christ has done for you at the cross, then you will ultimately find victory. But you must maintain your equilibrium in Christ and the cross and not allow it to slip. And proclaim your faith in Christ and His work at the cross that defeated all the powers of darkness.

Paul said: *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh* (speaks of spiritual death [i.e., “separation from God”], which sin does!), *has He quickened together with Him* (refers to being made spiritually alive, which is done through being born again), *having forgiven you all trespasses* (the cross made it possible for all manner of sins to be forgiven and taken away); *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us* (pertains to the law of Moses, which was God’s standard of righteousness that man could not reach), *which was contrary to us* (law is against us, simply because we are unable to keep its precepts, no matter how hard we try), *and took it out of the way* (refers to the penalty of the law being removed) *nailing it to His cross* (the law with its decrees was abolished in Christ’s death, as if crucified with Him); *And having spoiled principalities and powers* (Satan and all of his henchmen were defeated at the cross by Christ atoning for all sin; sin was the legal right Satan had to hold man in captivity; with all sin atoned, he has no more legal right to hold anyone in bondage), *He* (Christ) *made a show of them openly* (what Jesus did at the cross was in the face of the whole universe), *triumphing over them in it*. (The triumph is complete, and it was all done for us, meaning we can walk in power and perpetual victory due to the cross (Col. 2:13-15, The Expositor’s Study Bible).

In this passage, Paul tells us that Christ defeated Satan and his powers of darkness in every capacity. That means Satan has no right to hold you captive, no right to hold you in bondage, and no right to make a slave of you. Satan has been defeated; he just doesn’t want you to know it. ✎



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ARTICLE BY **Frances Swaggart**

As a kid, my dad had a Baptist background, he was raised around a Baptist church, and he had it in his mind that being water baptized was the equivalent of being saved. In other words, you just couldn't be saved without being water baptized.



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HE CARRIED THIS piece of religion with him as he went on with life, although, between the years of boyhood and beyond, he didn't seem to give it another thought. He was a great man, my dad, a hard worker, and if he thought you needed it, he would give you the shirt off his back. He really would. He loved his family, I believe that, but he also loved his liquor and his cigarettes. While we were growing up, my dad simply did not want to live for the Lord.

But when it came down to the end of his life, things changed. At that time, he

was living near us here in Baton Rouge. My husband and I visited with him as often as we could, and we'd talk to him about the Lord, doing our best to be led by the Spirit as to what to say to him. Each time, we felt like some progress was made. Little by little, inch by inch, he came closer and closer to accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Savior until, we believe, he did.

I remember him calling me on the phone one day to say, in no uncertain terms, "I want to be baptized in water." I told my husband, and he and I discussed my dad's childhood beliefs about

water baptism. We still needed to make sure that, as a new believer, my dad understood what baptism really meant, according to the Word of God.

Meanwhile, my husband went ahead and made the arrangements to have the baptistery filled at the church and, on a certain day, we went to do what my dad wanted done. It was just the three of us there at the church—Jimmy, my dad, and me. I'll never forget it—Jimmy helped my dad into the baptismal tank and, right before he baptized him, he said, "Now, Mr. Anderson, I want to make sure you understand that this water does not save

“A person is baptized in water because he has already been saved—*not to be saved.*”

you.” And, just like a little child, my dad turned around, looked up at my husband and said, “Well, I know that!” Jimmy said, “Well, I just want to make sure. I’m baptizing you because you asked me to, and it’s great that you’re being baptized, but this has nothing to do with your salvation. You’re already a Christian.” My dad agreed, and he was baptized just like Jesus said in Matthew 28:19, “*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*” It was a precious time in the Lord and a memory I treasure.

I wanted to share this with you because a lot of people have it in their minds, just as my dad did years ago, that they need to be baptized in water to be saved, but that simply is not true.

Water baptism has never saved a soul. It is a person’s faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that saves the soul. A person is baptized in water because he has already been saved—*not to be saved.* It’s just not possible for a person who trusts in the Lord to be partially saved until he is baptized with water and then be completely saved—no. The very moment an individual trusts Jesus Christ as his Savior—at that moment—the person is saved instantly, totally, and completely. He can never be more saved no matter what else he may or may not do.

“Water baptism has never saved a soul.”

And then we’ve had people write or call us in such despair because they had received Christ and wanted so badly to be water baptized, but due to a physical ailment or disability, they could not be immersed in water. You could feel the desperation in their words as they asked, “Is there any other way that I can be baptized?”

I respond this way—I have read accounts by believers who lived in other countries where it’s dangerous and sometimes deadly for Christians to publicly declare their faith with a water baptism. So some have actually baptized themselves, the best way they could, in a bathtub or a pool of some sort. And we’ve all heard of soldiers experiencing foxhole conversions during combat situations. Well, we know there have been foxhole baptisms as well. Soldiers have been known to line foxholes with canvas from tents or even their jackets to hold enough water for a makeshift baptism. In both examples, we can’t say for sure if the water was deep enough or if other conditions were even close to those of a church ceremony. But these are still true baptisms because the hearts of such believers are in the right place, and you can’t tell me that God won’t honor this kind of sincerity and purity of heart. The Lord is so merciful. He looks on the person’s heart, and He sees that they are trying their best to follow God. So I don’t want people feeling bad if they are unable to do this. If you can’t be immersed in

water for health reasons, then you have no control over that, and the Lord knows it.

The last thing I want to mention about being baptized in water is that if you were baptized any way other than total immersion, it’s okay to be baptized again. Some people who were sprinkled as infants or children have asked us if they need to be baptized again by immersion. While water baptism is not needed for salvation, it is an ordinance of the church, and baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized the way that Jesus was. Mark 1:10 says, “*And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him.*” His going under the water signified His coming death and burial, and His coming out of the water signified His coming resurrection. With Christ serving as the example, our water baptism symbolizes the same—the old man dies and is buried, symbolized by the believer going down into the water, and is resurrected in newness of life, symbolized by the believer coming up out of the water.

As a girl, when I was baptized as a Methodist, they sprinkled me with water. Of course, after I became a Pentecostal, I got baptized again and was immersed in water, and I’m glad I did that because it’s a beautiful testimony to express to others what God has done in your life. ✨

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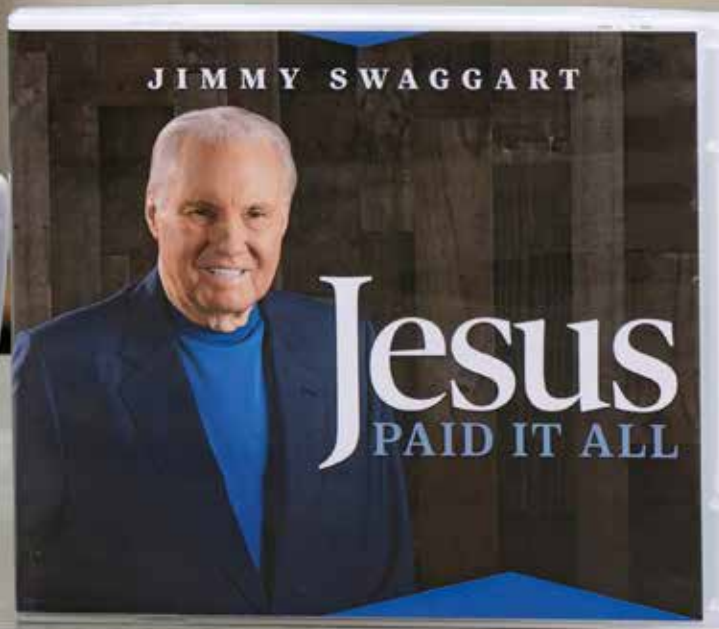
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“So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.” —GENESIS 12:4

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LAST MONTH we dealt with Abraham and separation—separation as it regards the Lord bringing man out of something in order to bring him into something. This regards God’s will for Abraham’s life.

This article will deal with the subject of surrender. The word *surrender* means, “The action of yielding one’s person or giving up the possession of something into the power of another.” While the specific word *surrender* is not found in the Bible, the idea of yielding one’s person or possessions to the power of another is found throughout the Bible.

In Luke 22:42, Christ, speaking of Himself says, “Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.” So the point that we hope to make is that until our

will is perfectly ensconced in His will, there is no true surrender.

Genesis 12:4 states, “So Abram departed.” This is in reference to him leaving his country. So now the journey of faith and surrender begins.

SURRENDER OF HIS NATIVE LAND

The first surrender involved Abraham leaving his native land, Ur of the Chaldees (Gen. 11:28). To leave one’s home and all of its familiarities points to the idea of relationship. Abraham’s relationship with God was more important than location or nationality. Abraham was stating that relationship with the Lord is greater than relationship with location.

SURRENDER OF FAMILY

Genesis 12:1 states that God told Abraham to leave his family behind, and verse

4 tells us that he obeyed. This surrender is much harder than the first. Family is so important, yet the believer must not allow family to come between one’s relationship with the Lord. This is one of the hardest things to do. How many times have I seen individuals put family before the Lord. Over the years, I’ve had individuals tell me how they wanted to go to church at Family Worship Center, but a spouse or children wanted to go somewhere else. If you are being spiritually fed in one place, then you must not allow anything or anyone to come between you and your relationship with God. Compromise in the things of the Lord never ends well; there is always a price we must pay that will always bring regret.

SURRENDER OF THE VALE OF JORDAN

Genesis 13:10-13 tells us the story of Lot and Abraham regarding their choices of

“Lot had improper faith while Abraham’s faith was securely placed in Jehovah God.”

locations to live. Lot looked at the land and saw that the vale of Jordan was well watered, meaning that the land was fertile. It looked the most appealing, the most prosperous, so Lot operated by sight and not faith. Abraham allowed God to choose for him. Lot allowed his senses, his “flesh” to choose for him. Lot saw the well-watered plains, but he didn’t see the wickedness of Sodom. In the natural, the vale of Jordan represented riches—riches that brought destruction and heartache. Abraham surrendered his fleshly desire; he let God choose his place for him and, by doing so, he dwelt in Canaan where Israel would be birthed to become a great nation—a people that would give the world the Bible and, greater still, the Messiah—Jesus Christ.

Lot had improper faith while Abraham’s faith was securely placed in Jehovah God. We all have a choice to make.

SURRENDER OF THE RICHES OF SODOM

Genesis 14:21-23 tells us that Abraham had won a great victory in battle against Chedorlaomer (14:1-16). The king of Sodom offered great riches to Abraham. However, Abraham told him, “*I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich.*” Abraham knew that faith doesn’t respond to Sodom or trust

in Sodom. Our blessing comes from the Lord. If the world wants to be a part of blessing, compromise follows.

SURRENDER OF ISHMAEL

Genesis 21:9-12 tells us the story of Ishmael. Ishmael was the product of Abraham’s flesh. God had given him the promise of a son. Abraham, in doubt because of his age and the age of Sarah, tried to bring forth God’s promise through his own works. Ishmael was born and Abraham loved him, as the flesh always loves what it produces (we see this also in the story of Cain). However, Ishmael was not the promised heir; Isaac, a product of the divine power of the Holy Spirit, was the promised heir. The Lord, through Sarah, told Abraham, “*Cast out this bondwoman and her son.*” And Genesis 21:11 says, “*The thing was very grievous in Abraham’s sight because of his son.*” Abraham had a choice to make—Isaac or Ishmael—only one could stay. In this moment, Abraham surrendered Ishmael.

Isaac and Ishmael symbolize the new and the old nature in the believer. When one comes to the Lord, the new nature that is given demands the removal of the Adamic nature. We must surrender Ishmael—we must set aside or surrender our desires for His will.

SURRENDER OF SELF

Genesis 22 gives us the story of Isaac

and the Lord’s command to Abraham to offer up Isaac in sacrifice. This was the Lord testing Abraham’s faith. It has been said that faith must be tested, and great faith must be tested greatly. Can you imagine what he must have felt? Self could never offer up Isaac, only faith can. The Lord will test us to teach us dependence. This test leads us right into the seventh surrender.

SURRENDER OF ISAAC

Abraham could not know or understand all that God was doing just as we won’t know or understand all that God speaks to us. But even though he didn’t really understand, he obeyed. His obedience was saying, “I believe that God is going to do what is right.” Abraham’s faith was so great—he believed that even if he did kill Isaac, God would raise him from the dead (Gen. 22:5). Isaac was his son, the love of his life, yet in obeying God, he was saying that the Word of the Lord and God’s will was more important. The Lord asked Abraham for Isaac and, because of his obedience, the Lord gave him a nation of children—Israel. When we surrender what God asks of us, He will always give us more than we could ever hope for.

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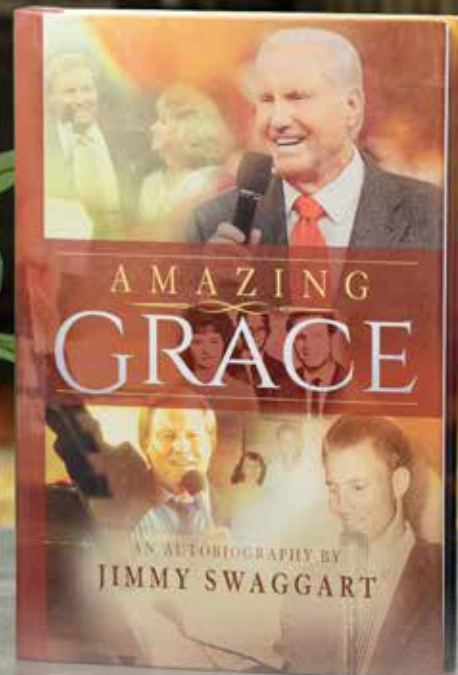
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“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.” —MATTHEW 5:13-15

Salt and Light

BELIEVERS ARE NOT passive onlookers but active participants in God’s purpose to reach souls through the gospel. This truth is emphasized by theologian John Stott’s observation: “The greatest hindrance to the advance of the gospel worldwide is the failure of the lives of God’s people.”

As Christians, we exist in this world, but we are not of it. We are not to live in isolation from the world around us but rather live separated as unto God. We have been given the responsibility to reach people, to be radiant lights in an otherwise dark world where we extend God’s love and grace to those who are lost via the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word. We are supposed to be witnesses, giving the hope

of reconciliation through Christ and what He accomplished for us on the cross. But isolating ourselves reduces our ability to reach out to others. We are to be God’s hands and feet extended. Meaningful engagement with the world allows the Holy Spirit to operate through us with the hope of seeing them brought into the kingdom of God. When we walk forth in faith, we become ambassadors for Christ, touching hearts and changing lives.

SALT PRESERVES AND ENHANCES FLAVOR

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus teaches His disciples a profound truth: “*Ye are the salt of the earth.*” This figurative term is highly significant and summarizes every believer’s position and responsibility in a world



plagued by sin and corruption. Sin has invaded all aspects of society, causing strife, injustice, and moral deterioration. Its repercussions are evident both on a global scale and in the complexities of everyday life. Despite the gloom, Jesus urges His followers to be the salt of the earth.

“When we walk forth in faith, we become ambassadors for Christ, touching hearts and changing lives.”

Salt is a preservative. In ancient times, people relied on it to preserve food and prevent it from rotting. In a similar way, Christians are to be a preservative to hold back the tide of darkness that plagues our world. Jesus’ metaphor of salt as a preservative highlights the transformational potential of the Christian life. As Christ-followers, we are change agents in our communities and in the world around us. As a result, our lives should preserve—keep alive—our Savior’s love, compassion, and grace, which draws people to Christ.

Jesus also highlights salt as a flavor enhancer. In the life of a believer, Christians should exhibit an exciting, fruitful life and be a testimony of the abundant life found in Christ. Such testimony allows others to experience the fullness of His love. Unfortunately, there are many misconceptions about Christianity. Some see Christians as joyless, judgmental people whose lives are devoid of excitement and vitality. But nothing could be further from the truth. True Christianity is characterized by joy, freedom, and authenticity as believers accept their identity as God’s children.

The sad thing is that many who bear the name of Christ have failed to live up to their calling as the salt of the earth. Instead of upholding truth and holiness, they yield to the world’s influence,

blending in rather than sticking out. In doing so, they risk losing their effectiveness and relevance in a world clamoring for real reform.

LIGHT

Matthew 5:14 says, “*Ye are the light of the world.*” This proclamation centers on the personal side of Christianity. Charles Spurgeon expressed this truth brilliantly when he said, “Christ has lighted us that we might enlighten the world.” God did not redeem us and call us into His kingdom so that we might remain hidden and silent. Instead, He has given us the blazing light of His truth, urging us to light up the darkness around us.

In a world consumed by darkness, the need for light has never been stronger. The world speaks about enlightenment, but proper illumination can only be found in Christ. He alone provides the light of salvation, piercing the darkness of sin and giving hope to the lost and shattered. Jesus himself declared, “*I am the light of the world*” (John 8:12).

Through our relationship with Him, we become bearers of this light. At the moment of salvation, we are imbued with His divine light and become lamps of His love and truth in a world in desperate need of illumination.

However, it is critical to acknowledge that this light is not our own creation. As the apostle Paul reminds us, we were once in the darkness, but Christ has brought us

into the light of His kingdom (Eph. 5:8). Our role as the light of the world is rooted in our relationship with Jesus Christ, who infuses us with His presence and empowers us to shine brightly in the midst of darkness. It is critical to recognize that we do not have light inside ourselves; instead, all light comes from Christ. He is the source of our illumination, and as we unite with Him, we reflect His splendor to the world around us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we are expected to reflect Christ’s light in a world seeking truth and hope.

As we manage the challenges of living in a fallen world, let us embrace our role as the light of the world. Let us shine brightly in the dark, directing those in darkness to the one who is the true Light of the world. And let us never forget that it is through our unity with Christ that we are called to shine light on the darkness and bring hope to the shattered.

Allow me to leave you with a powerful quote by an unknown writer that says, “The reason some folks don’t believe in missions and evangelism is that the brand of religion they have isn’t worth propagating.”

Christianity is worth propagating, and it’s needful for all believers to spread the good news of the gospel. As we do, let’s embrace our role as salt and light and remember that our genuineness directly impacts our witness. ✚

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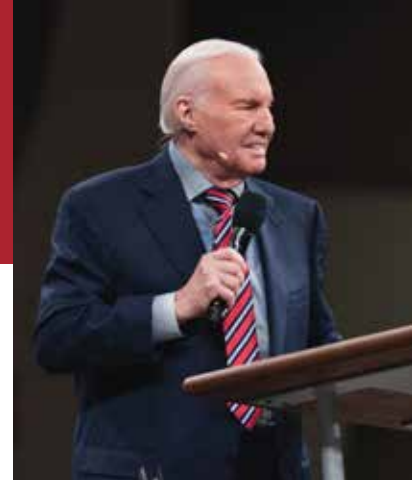
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6:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Sunday Evening Live Service	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	FWC Music
6:30:00 PM				
7:00:00 PM				Family Worship Center Live Service
7:30:00 PM	FWC Music			
8:00:00 PM	The Story Behind The Song	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	
8:30:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)			FWC Music
9:00:00 PM		Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)
9:30:00 PM				
10:00:00 PM				Frances & Friends (Re-Air)
10:30:00 PM				
11:00:00 PM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	
11:30:00 PM				

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	Hour (ET)
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	1:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	1:30:00 AM
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	2:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	2:30:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	3:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	3:30:00 AM
The Message Of The Cross (Live)	The Message Of The Cross (Live)	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	4:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	4:30:00 AM
Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	The Story Behind The Song	5:00:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	5:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	6:00:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Generation Of The Cross E/I	6:30:00 AM
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	7:00:00 AM
FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	FWC Music	7:30:00 AM
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Gabriel Swaggart Broadcast	8:00:00 AM
Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	8:30:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	9:00:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	9:30:00 AM
The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	The Message Of The Cross (Re-Air)	Family Worship Center Wednesday Night Service (Repeat)	10:00:00 AM
Crossfire Service E/I	Gabriel Swaggart Broadcast	FWC Music	10:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	11:00:00 AM
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24/7	Check Local Listings

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<i>Birmingham</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	24
<i>Fayette</i>	
OTA	15.4
<i>Florence</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Huntsville</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Mobile</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 776

ALASKA	
<i>Anchorage</i>	
OTA	31
ARIZONA	
<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA	22.3 / 50.3
<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One	91
ARKANSAS	
<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	14.2 / 49.3

C	Channel
CALIFORNIA	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum	499 / 1499 HD
OTA	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPTV	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox	483
Spectrum	470
OTA	20.1
Verizon	297
<i>Palm Desert, San Diego</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Redding/Chico</i>	
OTA	41.2
<i>Sacramento</i>	
OTA	9.1 / 49.6
<i>Salinas</i>	
OTA	27.4
<i>San Rafael</i>	
Lucas Valley Cable	487
<i>San Francisco/San Jose</i>	
Comcast	103 / 1099
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San Bruno Cable	23
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OTA	38.3
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<i>Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara</i>	
OTA	40.2

COLORADO	
<i>Denver</i>	
Comcast	91
OTA	5.1 / 16.3
CONNECTICUT	
<i>Hartford, New Haven, Manchester</i>	
Spectrum	129 / 854
Comcast	1096
OTA	43.2

D	Channel
DELAWARE	
<i>Wilmington</i>	
Comcast	487
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	
<i>Washington DC</i>	
RCN	55
Cox	28
Comcast	Check local listings
OTA	49.5

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FLORIDA	
<i>Astor, Astatuloo, Lakes of Mt. Dora, Magnolia Point</i>	
Florida Cable Inc.	168
<i>Fort Myers-Naples</i>	
OTA	22.3
<i>Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach</i>	
OTA	48.2
<i>Gainesville</i>	
OTA	2
<i>Jacksonville</i>	
OTA	24
<i>Miami</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Orlando</i>	
Spectrum	231 / 1116 HD
OTA	55.4
<i>Tallahassee</i>	
OTA	4
<i>Tampa (Hillsborough, Manatee, St. Petersburg)</i>	
Spectrum	199 / 1116 HD
OTA	43.1
<i>West Palm Beach</i>	
OTA	57.3

G	Channel
GEORGIA	
<i>Atlanta</i>	
Comcast	28
OTA	16.2
<i>Augusta</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Milledgeville</i>	
Bulldog	112
<i>Rome</i>	
*Comcast	1070
<i>Savannah</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	34.5
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 782

H	Channel
HAWAII	
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	406 / 1406 HD

I	Channel
IDAHO	
<i>Boise</i>	
OTA	41.3
<i>Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls</i>	
Cable One	91
ILLINOIS	
<i>Champaign</i>	
OTA	46
<i>Chicago</i>	
RCN	270
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MTCO	201
<i>Peoria</i>	
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Comcast	103
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Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
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Comcast	90
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Comcast	111
<i>Terre Haute</i>	
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IOWA	
<i>Des Moines, Ames</i>	
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<i>Independence</i>	
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Spectrum	TBA
<i>Louisville</i>	
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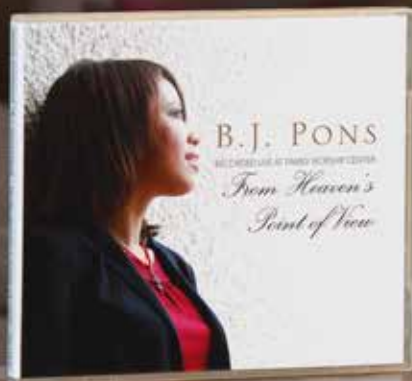
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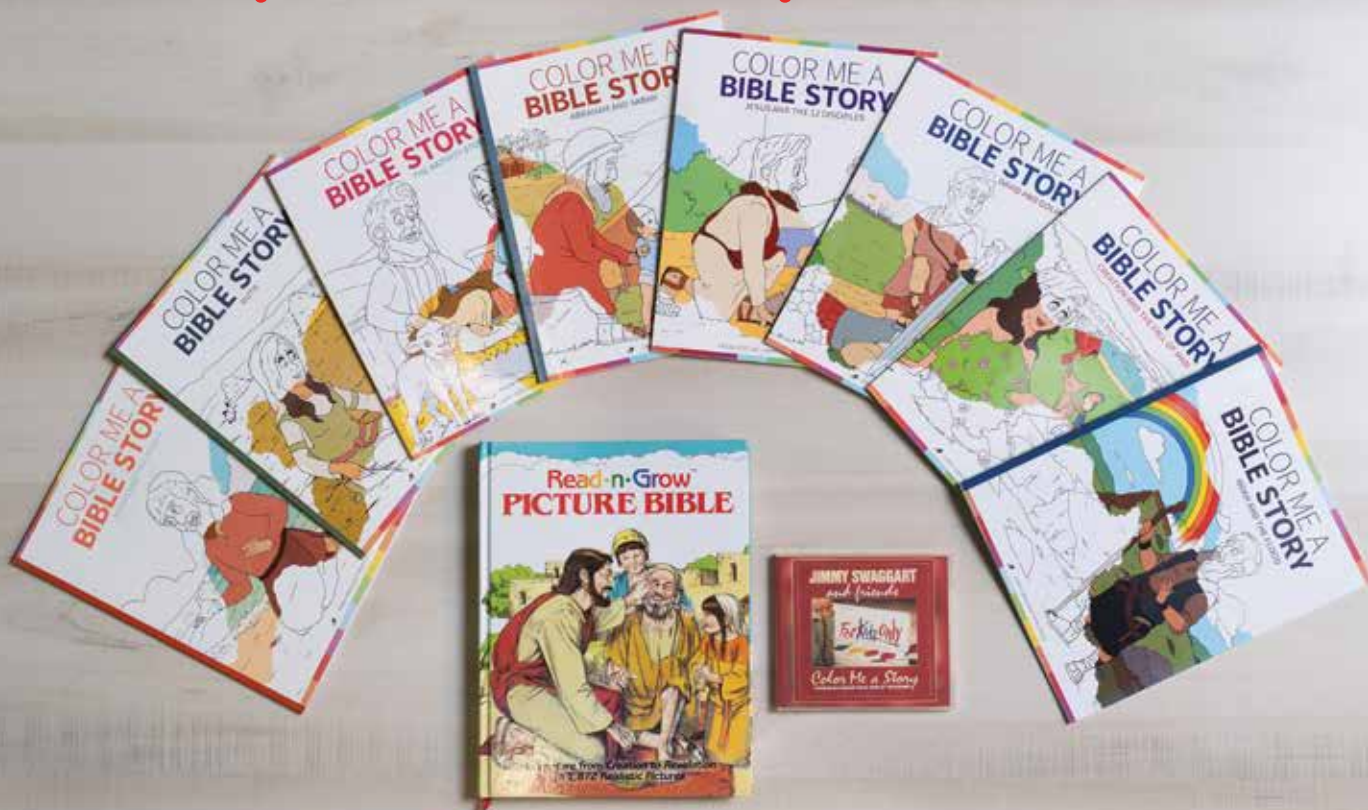
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I want you to know that I feared everyone and everything not that long ago. In 2010, the Holy Spirit led me to your ministry. I turned my TV on (DISH) and there was a service on. The first time I heard the cross preached for sanctification, I knew it was true! I continued listening every day to *The Message of The Cross, Frances & Friends, A Study In The Word*, and the church services. I bought commentaries and The Expositor's Study Bible. I continued praying to understand in my heart and not just in my head. Finally, the Holy Spirit helped me to get it! I've been set free from fear, religion, alcohol, pain medication, and nerve medication! Thank you for walking with the Lord and being faithful. The Lord used all of you to save my life! I am a media church member. —EMAIL

Dear Evangelist, back in January there was a very extremely cold day, so I opted to stay home and have church watching SBN. For about four years, I had noticed a weakness on the left side of my chest at various times doing different things. For about two weeks in January 2024, I noticed I couldn't take a full deep breath. During the service, Brother Gabe felt led by the Lord to give a healing altar call before the message. I got up off of my recliner, walked a few steps forward, and knelt down. I lifted up my hands, and as I ran my right hand along my upper chest,

I said to Jesus, "Jesus, You know what is going on inside of me. I'm asking You to heal me." I felt Jesus touch me! Since then, I've been able to take full deep breaths! I continue to praise God for my miracle! Just wanted to share about one of God's wonderful works on that day! —EMAIL

I just want you to know God has used your ministry to change my life. I have a long story, but to be short, finding (by the direction of the Holy Spirit) your TV network SBN and watching, the Lord

Jesus has been speaking to my heart! I am changing before my own eyes in incredible ways! My sick body is healing! And my heart overflows with joy and peace. Oh praise His precious name! I am so very grateful for this. Please don't stop! Keep going and following the calling of God. Thank you so very much! —OKLAHOMA

I grew up in the 1970s and 1980s with my parents listening to Brother Jimmy and playing his records. Praise God, I

“The first time I heard the cross preached for sanctification, I knew it was true!”

All letters are current and may have been edited for space.

finally came to the Lord on February 11, 2018! Recently, I discovered SBN, and it is the only channel I watch on TV. Thank you to the Swaggart family and staff for being such a blessing in my life! You help provide the well-balanced “soul” food of Holy-Spirit filled Word, worship, and praise that I need in my life right now. Thank you and God bless! —INDIANA

When I was twelve years old, my mother was trying to get me interested in church and to learn more about the Lord. We used to ride around in the country here in Kentucky and listen to music, and one day she said, “You like that, maybe you’ll like this,” and she popped a cassette tape out of her car radio and stuck another tape in, and it was Jimmy Swaggart. I had heard him preach on TV, but I never heard his music. Halfway through that cassette, the Holy Spirit hit me for the first time. I began to weep and cry, and I did not understand why. I asked my mother, “What is happening to me, Mommy?” And she said, “That’s Jesus showing Himself to you.” From that moment on and for the next two years, I couldn’t get enough of Jimmy Swaggart music or his preaching and teaching! And even if some people’s lives do draw them away off of their own path sometimes, I never did not believe or stop believing. When I was forty-eight

years old, I gave my life back to Jesus, and He has changed my life. During that same week, almost within twenty-four hours, the Lord led me right back to Jimmy Swaggart music, preaching and teaching. I’ve been watching SBN every day that I’m awake and listening to his music on my earbuds while I’m at work. I know that he doesn’t know this story, but I would love for him to know how he helped a little twelve-year-old girl in the hollers of Southern Kentucky experience and learn about Jesus and helped give me a hunger for Jesus even though I went a lot of years not acting like it. But I’m back on with Jesus now, and I am never turning back! I feel the Spirit in my life like I never have before, and I have seen Him work in my life like I never have before. I want Brother Jimmy Swaggart to know just what a difference that he’s made in this Kentucky woman’s life and how grateful that I am and always will be for that! I sit here with my eyes rolled up with tears, and I feel it in my heart of how much this means to me and how much he means to me, how I thank Jesus for Jimmy Swaggart every day I live. And now these many years later, I thank God for Frances and Donnie and Gabriel as well. I just don’t have enough words to express this. It might seem very insignificant to someone else, but I’m sending this note to tell everyone, especially Brother Swaggart, what an impact that

he has had on my life and how much he means to me! I hope this little note will convey this feeling in a substantially enough way. I am a media church member and have been for about seven months. May the Lord bless this ministry and may the Lord bless and give it many, many more years. Praise the Lord Jesus! —KENTUCKY

I just want to appreciate your ministry. Recently I received a prompting to preach the Word of God. I would say I was dillydallying until I came across one of your beautiful songs. By the way, I am a follower of your gospel music. The song, “I Know A Man Who Can,” blesses me so much. This song really ministered to me. The message that we carry is not our own. It’s not us who mend the brokenhearted, calm the raging seas, or walk on the waters, but there is a man who can. I have been encouraged by the song to do the needful. Thank you so much for your ministry. It speaks to both harvesters and to the harvest. —ZAMBIA

Good afternoon, the peace of the Lord Jesus to the entire team of this program. I feel very honored to watch your program here in Portugal. I have been following your ministry for some time, and I feel blessed for it. —PORTUGAL

We would love to hear from you! Please email your comments to info@jsm.org





ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” —II TIMOTHY 4:2

Is Church Doctrine Important?

PART II

TO REVIEW, I began last month's article with the Scripture given by Paul, *“Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee”* (I Tim. 4:16). I urge you to carefully study each part of this quite emotional command from Paul to one of his ministers whom he helped to train and mentor. Paul writes, “Take heed unto thyself Timothy.” Paul desires greatly that this young man of God, a dear friend, should really know Scripture and doctrine. And Paul adds, “You will save yourself and those that listen to you teach and preach.” Wow, this is powerful!

Yes, church doctrine is very important. I am convinced that the preachers and ministers who get off into false doctrine do so because they have failed to study and learn all the major doctrines of the Bible.

BE PROPERLY TRAINED

After surrendering to full-time ministry, I spent four years in a conservative accredited Pentecostal Bible college. Year after year, we were taught hundreds of Scriptures and required to study many books on the Bible, doctrine, and theology. President Emeritus M.E. Collins taught us about prayer and the Holy Spirit. Dr. Josephine Williams thrilled us with her teaching on biology, anatomy, and the hand of God in creation. I have great respect and love for distinguished missionary professors Hugh Jeter and Helen Davis for teaching us all about world missions and evangelism. But there was one professor who greatly impacted my life the most—Dr. Thomas Harrison. He taught primarily doctrine and theology. Over and over, class after class, he clarified and emphasized correct doctrine, biblical hermeneutics, and proper interpretation of Scripture. Dr. Harrison is in heaven today, and I thank God for him.

In Part I of this series, I gave three very important reasons for really knowing and understanding a comprehensive biblical statement of faith. I call this a creed. Each reason presented is highly significant. I included in that article the actual words to the historic Apostles' Creed, which was shared from church to church during the second, third, and fourth centuries of the church. I do hope you carefully reviewed this important creedal statement of faith called The Apostles' Creed.

NICENE CREED

Have you ever heard of the Nicene Creed of AD 325? During the fourth century of the church, a controversy (a church fight) arose concerning the doctrine and nature of Christ. It seems to have begun in the Alexandria, Egypt area. A young minister there by the name of Arius began to teach that Christ Jesus was not fully God. Arius was teaching that Christ was not coequal with God the Father in essence,

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substance, and power. Essentially, He taught that Christ Jesus was created by the Father like the angelic creation and came into existence after the Father. This debate became a huge controversy in the Middle East, in Asia Minor, and throughout Europe.

Finally, Roman Emperor Constantine I got involved. It bothered him greatly to see church leaders in disunity. The emperor lived in Rome but called for a council and requested that all church bishops lay aside their duties and meet with him in Nicene, a small city located in Northwest Asia Minor, which is now Turkey. The Roman government paid for all expenses for the bishops to be there. In AD 325, more than three hundred bishops met with Emperor Constantine I in Nicene for about two months. The debate went on day after day, and finally they were able to agree on a doctrinal statement that became known as the Nicene Creed of AD 325.

The Nicene Creed became one of the most important doctrinal statements ever set forth by the Christian church, and it remains so. It states:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and our salvation
he came down from heaven:
truly was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.
He will come again in glory to
judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have
no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the
Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and
the Son],
who with the Father and the Son, is
worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the
prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

CONCLUSION

The historic Nicene Creed clarified the person of Christ and the Holy Spirit as being fully God. Statements of faith are very important. The leadership of every church should carefully write out their statement of faith and do their best to teach it to their congregation. The Lutherans, led by Dr. Philip Melancthon, presented the Augsburg Confession in 1530; the Reformed Movement, followers of John Calvin, published the Helvetic Confessions in 1536 and 1562; and the followers of John Wesley, the Methodists, published their Twenty-five Articles of Religion in 1784. The Assemblies of God published its Sixteen Fundamentals Truths about a hundred years ago.

We need to know and preach doctrine.

“We need to know and preach doctrine.”

Second Timothy may have been the last epistle that the apostle Paul ever wrote. In II Timothy 4:2, he commanded his son in the faith, “*Preach the word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with longsuffering and doctrine.*” And I would say a big amen to that! 🦋



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.” –TITUS 2:11-12

Grace That Teaches

CONCEPTS OF GRACE

The grace of God would be described by most Christians as simply “unmerited favor.” While this certainly is an adequate overview of God’s grace, it explains very little as to the many facets of God’s grace. Brother Swaggart describes God’s grace as “the goodness of God given to undeserving people.” Webster’s dictionary gives the following as a definition for grace: “unmerited divine assistance in one’s regeneration and sanctification.”

Always keep in mind that it is impossible to work for grace. Any thinking or action that contradicts this will ultimately cut itself off from receiving grace. To work for grace is a virtual impossibility. Grace is something we receive that is freely given. Grace is something that we can’t work for, don’t deserve, and can never earn. Therefore it is impossible to work for grace.

THE HOLY SPIRIT AND GRACE

Again, there are numerous aspects of the grace of God, but the one I want to focus on is the aspect of “grace that works.”



“We are in need of God’s grace—the effectual working of the Holy Spirit—every single day.”

If it’s true that grace “works,” then it must also be true that grace is tied to or associated with a person. That person, in the life of the believer, is the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the one who works in us and conforms us to the image of Jesus; the one who brings the blessings of God to believers, is the Holy Spirit. Based on this theological surety, the active aspect of God’s grace should be clearly seen as the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

GRACE AT SALVATION

The “*grace of God that bringeth salvation*” should be thought of in this light. Jesus, in His initial advent to this earth, paid the price at Calvary’s cross for everything that the human being would need to be restored to relationship with the Father. Again, at Calvary, everything was paid for by Christ. Thus salvation was offered free of charge, outside of any work that the human being can perform. The believer’s responsibility is the responsibility of faith. When the believing sinner expresses simple faith in the finished work of Christ, the active grace of God—the operation of the Holy Spirit—begins. He first circumcises and recreates the interior of the new believer. This is dramatic. This is climactic. This brings a “new Genesis” into the interior part of the believer. A love for God is formed, forgiveness of sin is acknowledged, and the power of the sin nature is broken. All of this and more is the work of the Holy Spirit at the split-second of true conversion—hallelujah! Ephesians 2:8-9 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.”

GRACE THAT TEACHES

Paul goes on to say in Titus 2:12 that God’s grace doesn’t just save us, but rather that God’s grace has the ability to teach us. This indicates that the need for grace and the process of grace must be embraced and understood far beyond the salvation experience. We are in need of God’s grace—the effectual working of the Holy Spirit—every single day.

In Galatians 2:8-9, Paul states that it was the grace of God working effectually in Peter and working mightily in his own heart that was changing the man who had once denied Christ as well as the man who had at first persecuted the church. In I Corinthians 15:10, Paul says, “*But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*”

In our text from Titus, Paul states that grace teaches us. It reveals what we are to deny, and it teaches us what to embrace. But remember, the only way to access the active grace of God is through properly placed faith. As we daily deny our own strength and ability to change and empower ourselves, we are truly denying ourselves. As we learn more and more to depend upon the finished work of Christ, the active grace of God—the effectual working of the Holy Spirit—will find the freedom to save, teach, and purify the saint. This is the only process given to us in Scripture by which we as believers can grow. It is all about faith and grace. As we trust in the cross, the Holy Spirit is free to flow like a river and does what no man can do. The active grace of God changes us and empowers us to live the truly victorious Christian life. All of this through simple faith in the cross!

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ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

Are the Abraham Accords a precursor to what the Antichrist may use to foster a pseudo peace agreement with Israel and her enemies?

Abraham Accords

PART II

DANIEL 9:27 SAYS, “*And he [the Antichrist] shall confirm the covenant with many.*” The word *confirm* is the Hebrew word *gabar* and here means “to prevail, have strength, be strengthened, powerful.” The indication is that the Antichrist will strengthen any existing treaties, truces, and/or covenant agreements, and not necessarily create a new one.

Since modern Israel’s reestablished statehood in 1948, a multitude of agreements have been made by the United Nations with regard to Israel and her neighboring countries and Israeli agreements with individual countries, including the current Abraham Accords. We may arguably deny that the Abraham Accords have little to do with peace, however, a closer examination of the Declaration and subsequent bilateral agreements with Bahrain, Morocco, United Arab Emirates, and Sudan clearly spell out the goal of peace

with Israel, howbeit, for the entire Middle East region and the world.

The Abraham Accords Declaration¹ states:

We, the undersigned, recognize the importance of maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East and around the world based on mutual understanding and coexistence, as well as respect for human dignity and freedom, including religious freedom.

We encourage efforts to promote interfaith and intercultural dialogue to advance a culture of peace among the three Abrahamic religions and all humanity.

We believe that the best way to address challenges is through cooperation and dialogue and that developing friendly relations among States



advances the interests of lasting peace in the Middle East and around the world.

We seek tolerance and respect for every person in order to make this world a place where all can enjoy a life of dignity and hope, no matter their race, faith or ethnicity.

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We seek to end radicalization and conflict to provide all children a better future.

We pursue a vision of peace, security, and prosperity in the Middle East and around the world.

“Islam teaches that fighting is an obligation for all Muslims.”

In this spirit, we warmly welcome and are encouraged by the progress already made in establishing diplomatic relations between Israel and its neighbors in the region under the principles of the Abraham Accords. We are encouraged by the ongoing efforts to consolidate and expand such friendly relations based on shared interests and a shared commitment to a better future.

As evidenced by this declaration, it's clear that peace is the long-term objective and goal of the Abraham Accords. Dialogue is the means suggested by the declaration to achieve and maintain peace. However, from 1948 to now, Israel has been unable to attain enduring success through negotiations. Prior to the Abraham Accords, only Jordan and Egypt have made formal peace agreements with Israel. Maintaining and strengthening peace in the Middle East sounds innocuous on paper, but it has proven quite the opposite for Israel, especially when dealing with the Palestinians. Psalm 120:7 says, “*I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.*”

PEACE

To better comprehend the risks associated with the Abraham Accords ideal of peace, let's examine how peace is variably viewed by the West, the sea of Islamic countries that detest the nation of Israel, and the Jews.

In our Western perspective, peace simply means societal friendship and harmony

in the sense of reduced hostility and violence. In the Hebrew language used in the Old Testament, the word most often used for peace is *shalom*. The concept of peace (shalom) goes far beyond the cessation of hostilities between two parties. Shalom is the embodiment of completeness and wholeness. The fullness of welfare and prosperity, health, favor, and happiness all encompass true peace.

The sacrificial system given to man for sin, starting with Adam and the animal skins that he and Eve were given by God to cover their nakedness signifies the need for a sacrifice for God to dwell with man. The law given to Moses defined sin and the five Levitical offerings ordained by God had to be administered by a priesthood on behalf of the Hebrews to maintain peace and fellowship with God. The law was temporary, and its animal sacrifices only atoned for sin but were unable to remove sin. God was able to make peace with sinful humanity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ who offered Himself as a peace offering to God to satisfy God's righteous anger against sin. As our propitiation (appeasing sacrifice) for sin, Jesus Christ restored fellowship with God. Now we have peace with God through the blood of Jesus Christ (Rom. 5:1).

The Quran discloses peace as one of Allah's names. Quran 59:23 says, “He is Allah, other than whom there is no deity, the Sovereign, the Pure, the Perfection, the Bestower of Faith, the Overseer, the Exalted in Might, the Compeller, the

Superior. Exalted is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.”

Oftentimes it is said that Islam is the religion of peace. This appears to be a twentieth century aberration of historical reality. Islam teaches that fighting is an obligation for all Muslims. The Quran makes it clear that Muslims have a duty to fight for the cause of Islam, and its god, Allah.

Quran 9:44 says, “Those who believe in Allah and the Last Day would not ask permission of you to be excused from striving with their wealth and their lives. And Allah is Knowing of those who fear Him.”

The call and duty is for Islamic followers to fight with their goods and their bodies. Who are they to fight?

Quran 9:29 says, “Fight those who do not believe in Allah or in the Last Day and who do not consider unlawful what Allah and His Messenger have made unlawful and who do not adopt the religion of truth from those who were given the Scripture - [fight] until they give the *zilyah* willingly while they are humbled.”

Quran 47:35 says, “So do not weaken and call for peace while you are superior; and Allah is with you and will never deprive you of [the reward of] your deeds.” 🦋

SOURCES

¹Abraham Accords Declaration: <https://www.state.gov/the-abraham-accords/>



ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

We live in a world where many follow the teaching, “If it feels good, do it!” This is not a new concept.



There Is Forgiveness

THROUGHOUT HISTORY man has chosen to do what feels good. The default nature of man is not to do what is right but to do what feels good. It is only when a person’s life is seen under the microscope of God’s Word that he realizes how utterly depraved mankind is. There is good news though—the same Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin also points us to the cross, Christ’s payment for sin. Only in the cross is there forgiveness.

HEDONISM

“If it feels good, do it” is the buzz phrase of hedonism. Hedonism is derived from the Greek word for “pleasure.” It is the theory promoting that the highest good in life is the securing of pleasure and the avoidance of pain. This sounds good on the surface but is it? Hedonism doesn’t ask, “Is it right?” but “Will it bring me pleasure?” Of course, if there is no God, no accountability, and no judgment for sin, then it does make sense; you get to do what brings you pleasure. Humanistic

psychology says, “Man must release his inhibitions and give in to temptations. To repress one’s passions is unhealthy.”

SIN IS UNHEALTHY

In Hebrews, the writer talks about Moses choosing to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin even for a season (Heb. 11:25). A.T. Robertson’s *Word Pictures* explains that the phrase “the pleasures of sin for a season” literally means “to have temporary pleasure of sin.” Sin offers temporary pleasure. The buzz of alcohol is replaced with the hangover of a life bound to alcohol. Lives are destroyed due to alcoholism. Obviously, the same goes for drugs or immorality. Repressing worldly temptations is not unhealthy; sin is unhealthy.

PENALTY FOR SIN

Paul tells us, “*The wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). We start

“The atoning death of Jesus Christ met the holy demand for the judgment of sin.”

experiencing the wages of sin on this side of eternity. It's the law of sowing and reaping. However, no matter how much we experience the wages of sin on this side of eternity, there is an eternal price to pay for sin. Hell is a place of eternal separation from God's mercy. It is eternal retribution for sin. However, hell can be avoided.

“Hell is a place of eternal separation from God's mercy.”

A LOVING GOD OFFERS FORGIVENESS

Let's look again at Romans 6:23: *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ*

our Lord.” The first part expresses God's holiness. The second part expresses God's love. God is holy as well as being the God of love. His holiness demands judgment for sin. His love supplied the full payment for sin.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

At the cross, both holiness and mercy were expressed by God. The atoning death of Jesus Christ met the holy demand for the judgment of sin. His mercy allows this atoning sacrifice to be the full payment for our sins. As a result of placing one's faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of

God's only begotten Son, forgiveness is now available to all who believe. This is the only way that sin can be addressed.

SAVED BY GRACE

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). To those who believe they can be saved through their works, I'm sorry, your works cannot save you. It is only through a simple faith in the completed work of Calvary that you will find forgiveness. ✎

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ARTICLE BY **Paris Ragan**

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.” —LUKE 4:14

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” —ACTS 1:8

Spirit-Filled Ministry

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION: Am I doing this right?

It's a noble desire to want to reach more people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. And it's correct for a youth pastor to desire to reach as many young people as he possibly can with the gospel of Jesus Christ. But this doesn't mean that we can abandon biblical principles in order to reach the next generation.

Much of modern Christianity has built a model for Christian ministry that is more concerned with pragmatism than theological truth, more concerned with marketing than evangelism, and more concerned with fellowship than prayer meetings. This is because we have become more concerned with building crowds than making disciples. The question we ask is, How can we better

market ourselves to attract consumers to the content we are producing? In many ways, we have lost sight of any type of biblical model for ministry because we are more interested in what can produce fast or rapid growth. Youth ministries are attempting to imitate these models because they want rapid results.

It is time to ask the question—Am I doing this right?

THE BIBLICAL MODEL FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Both Jesus and the early church (recorded in the book of Acts), provide us with the biblical model for Christianity.

The gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are actually one book in two parts. The story that begins in the gospel does not find its conclusion until the end of the

book of Acts. Luke establishes the ministry of Jesus Christ as the model for what the early church will look like in the book of Acts. In the gospel of Luke, we find Jesus filled with the Spirit after His baptism, led by the Spirit into the wilderness for forty days, and then returning into Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Similarly, we find Jesus spending forty days with the disciples, proving to them that he really is alive. He then instructs them to go to Jerusalem and wait for the promise of the Father, which will empower them for their continued ministry. Over and over again, we learn throughout the book of Acts that the Spirit-empowered ministry that began in the life of Jesus continues through the Spirit-empowered witness that is found in the book of Acts (Acts 1:1-2). Just as

“The biblical model for ministry is...to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and then go be witnesses for Jesus in all of the world.”



Jesus healed a paralytic at the beginning of His ministry in the gospel of Luke (Luke 5:17-26) so does Peter at the beginning of his ministry (Acts 3:1-10) and the apostle Paul at the beginning of his (Acts 14:8-18).

We see another example of the Spirit-empowered ministry of Jesus continuing in the example of Philip. Jesus is translated after walking with two disciples teaching them Scriptures on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-27) and Philip is also translated from an encounter with an Ethiopian eunuch traveling down a road after he teaches him the Scriptures. These are

only a few examples that demonstrate that the Spirit-empowered ministry of Jesus is the standard for how the church was to conduct ministry in His absence. The biblical model for ministry is, therefore, to receive the power of the Holy Spirit and then go be witnesses for Jesus in all of the world.

IS THIS THE MODEL FOR EVERY GENERATION OF THE CHURCH?

The answer is yes. First, there is no other model. We should be less interested in church tradition and more interested in carrying out ministry according to Scripture. Scripture should define how we approach every single area of our lives. If the early church (and some of them even walked with Jesus) needed the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on the gospel in Jesus' absence, then our generation also needs this power. Luke tells the story of Jesus' sermon in Nazareth earlier than all the other Gospels. It becomes the programmatic Scripture that narrates the remainder of the gospel. Jesus said, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord”* (Luke 4:18-19).

The rest of the gospel shows Jesus fulfilling this prophecy. The same thing happens in the book of Acts. Peter quotes an

Old Testament Scripture that becomes the programmatic text that drives the rest of the story in the book of Acts: *“But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy”* (Acts 2:16-17). Just as Jesus went about preaching, healing, and delivering, the early church went out prophesying the gospel of Jesus Christ in the book of Acts.

Second, Luke tells us that this promise was not limited to the time period of the early church as some have suggested. Luke records this in Peter's inaugural sermon for the church, *“For this promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call”* (Acts 2:39).

Luke expected every generation to follow the pattern for Christian ministry that he gave us in the life of Jesus Christ and the story of the early church. I wonder what Luke would think if he saw the modern church today. We aren't going to win the next generation through better marketing schemes and social media campaigns. The only way that we're going to see a great harvest come in is by receiving the power of the Holy Spirit and faithfully obeying our call to be the witness of His death and resurrection—the gospel of Jesus Christ—to our modern generation. This is the only biblical model for modern ministry! 🦅



THE WORD OF GOD

There is absolutely nothing in the world more important than the Word of God. It is important simply because it is the Word of God and thereby proclaims the way of life and living. It is, above all, the blueprint for eternity.



“He came but for one purpose and that was to go to the cross.”

IT IS ISRAEL who gave the Bible to the world. Every part of it, as far as we know, was written by the prophets of old or the apostles of the New Testament. They were all Jewish, with the possible exception of Luke. Some claim that Luke was a Gentile. Perhaps he was, but it is my personal thought that Luke was Jewish. Nevertheless, through the men of God spanning a time frame of approximately 1,600 years, the Bible was ultimately given to the human race.

MOSES

Moses, the great lawgiver, was the first writer of the Bible, writing the Pentateuch—the first five books of the Bible. It is also believed that Moses may very well have collaborated with Job in writing the book that bears Job’s name. If, in fact, that is the case, then the book of Job would be the oldest book on the face of the earth, and it was probably written while Moses was at the backside of the desert. No doubt, Genesis was written at that time as well.

The canon of Scripture was closed out approximately 1,600 years later by John the Beloved. He wrote the book of Revelation while incarcerated as a prisoner on the isle of Patmos.

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

As well, and even more important, the Jewish people served, one might say, as the womb of the Messiah. I speak of the Lord Jesus Christ who was born of the Virgin Mary and was the Son of the living

God. He was God manifest in the flesh (Isa. 7:14). All of this means that Jesus Christ was very God and very man. He wasn’t half man and half God but rather fully God and fully man. During His incarnation, He never ceased to be God; still, He laid aside the expression of His deity while never losing possession of His deity.

He came but for one purpose and that was to go to the cross. There He would offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin, making it possible for sinful man to be saved and come into the very presence of God.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The Jewish people were raised up for the very purpose of bringing the Son of God into the world. Unfortunately, they did not recognize Him when He came, or, if they did, they refused to admit it and demanded that He be crucified as an impostor. For that act, they have suffered untold agony for nearly 2,000 years and have been scattered all over the world.

However, in 1948, in fulfillment of Bible prophecy, the nation of Israel was reborn in the ancient homeland. The ultimate conclusion would be their full restoration, which will take place at the second coming.

ALL JEWS

Then, all Jews in the world will accept Christ as their Savior and their Lord, realizing that the one whom they

crucified was, in reality, their Messiah. Willingly, gloriously, and gladly they will accept Him, and do so without reservation. This is yet to come, but most assuredly it shall come.

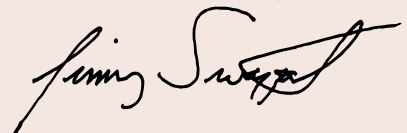
The formation of Israel as a state was and is a harbinger of this coming event. Truly, as it has been stated, Israel is God’s prophetic time clock. In other words, one can look at Israel and pretty much tell the time that the great prophecies of Daniel and others are to be fulfilled. In fact, the world is on the very eve of their fulfillment, even though it really doesn’t know or understand such.

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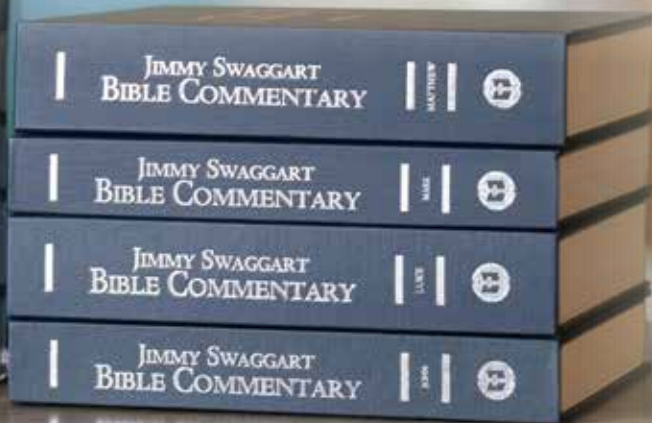
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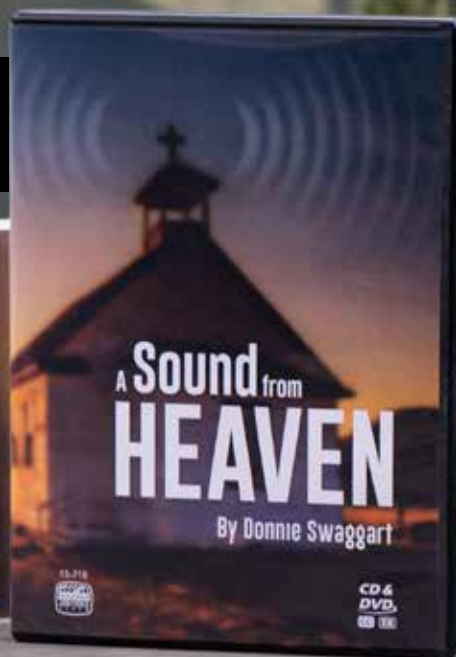
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