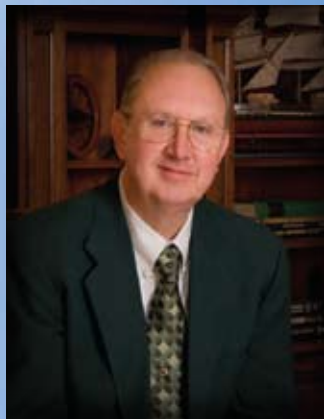


The **BEREAN SEARCHLIGHT**

Studying God's Word, Rightly Divided

June 2016

Pastor Paul M. Sadler
Memorial Issue



1948-2016



Feature Article

Boldness in the Face of Affliction, *by Paul M. Sadler* 5

Articles

A Family Tribute, *by Kevin Sadler* 9

Paul’s Earnest Expectation and Hope, *by Ken Lawson* 15

A Full Measure of Devotion, *by John Fredericksen* 19

Departments

Thou Alone Shalt Lead 4

Some Personal Thoughts about the Passing of My Friend 22

Lives Touched by the Life and Ministry of Pastor Paul M. Sadler 24

News and Announcements 29

The **Purpose** of the *Berean Bible Society* is to help you understand and enjoy the Bible. The **Mission** of BBS is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming the whole counsel of God according to the revelation of the Mystery. Our **Goals** are to *evangelize* the lost, to *educate* the saved in “rightly dividing the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15), to *energize* the Christian life, and to *encourage* the local church.

The *Berean Searchlight* is the official organ of the *Berean Bible Society*, and is sent free of charge to any who request it.

Editor: Ricky L. Kurth — Graphic Design: Jessica Sadler (*Book ads*: Christine Mulholland)

Reader’s Rights & Responsibilities: BBS respects a reader’s right to hold views that differ from those of our writers. If a reader has a serious concern with a specific article, it is his or her responsibility to act in a manner that endeavors to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. This can best be accomplished by contacting the editor, who will then forward your concerns to the author of the article in question. We promise to address all concerns in a timely manner.



You can reach us at:

BEREAN BIBLE SOCIETY
N112 W17761 Mequon Road
PO Box 756
Germantown, WI 53022

Main Office: (262) 255-4750 — Fax Number: (262) 255-4195

Internet: www.bereanbiblesociety.org

E-mail: berean@bereanbiblesociety.org

The *Berean Searchlight* (ISSN 0005-8890), June 2016. Vol. 77, Number 4.

The *Berean Searchlight* is published monthly (except July) at no subscription price, by *Berean Bible Society*, N112 W17761 Mequon Rd., PO Box 756, Germantown, WI 53022-0756. Periodical postage paid at Germantown, WI. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to *Berean Searchlight*, N112 W17761 Mequon Rd., PO Box 756, Germantown, WI 53022-0756 and additional mailing offices.



A Note From the President

Dear Saints in Christ,

For the past 20 years of work at BBS, my day followed a routine. I usually arrived around 8:00 a.m., and my dad arrived at 9:00 a.m. I would start my day with coffee and then begin working. Around 9:00 a.m. I would hear my dad come in on the other side of the building and greet our business manager and then our receptionist. He would hang his coat in a closet, go back to his office to open blinds, and then turn on his computer. Then he would come to see me in my office. He would sit in a chair in my office and we would just talk.

I've had a difficult time thinking about these morning visits since my dad's homegoing. I always looked forward to hearing him come and seeing him each morning, and talking with him. We talked about a lot of things during this time. We'd talk about my four kids, things he and mom were doing, sports, things in the news or politics. We'd talk about things going on in the Grace Movement. We would talk about anything and everything. Something is missing to my day now when I come to work at BBS; and it hurts. I will miss these times and always remember them.

Often I would use these times to talk to my dad about the Scriptures. During the years when I was going to Bible School, or when I was studying for sermons in my local church ministry, I had Bible questions. I used this time to ask my dad questions about God's Word. He always had an answer, and a good one.

Recently when I was preparing a sermon, I had a question. It caused me to break down because I knew I couldn't ask Dad. When I pulled myself together, I stopped and thought, and realized that I could find the answer to my question in his commentary on Ephesians. I pulled it from the shelf and quickly found the answer I needed. This was really comforting to me, to know that my dad will continue to teach me and help me in my ministry through the literature he has left behind.

My father has left behind a rich legacy in his writings. He will continue to help and teach the Grace Movement through his books and booklets. My dad often told me that Pastor Win Johnson once told him "Brother Paul, when you preach, teach, and write, put the truth on the bottom shelf so all can understand and benefit." My father had a gift for this. His preaching, teaching, and writings were always understandable and beneficial for all. We will all continue to profit from his life and ministry by the works he produced for his Savior in his many years of ministry.

Grieving with hope,
Pastor Kevin Sadler, President



THOU ALONE SHALT LEAD

Pastor Sadler's personal testimony

Nestled in the hills of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, stands my boyhood home. Back in those days my family rarely attended church, although I am grateful that I was raised in a home where there was a high standard of moral conduct.

I am thankful for a godly aunt who lived next door to us. She saw to it that I was in Sunday School every week. She *prayed faithfully* for my salvation and took advantage of *every opportunity* to tell me about the Lord as we clattered along in her 1927 Plymouth on the way to church.

As the years passed, I was drawn into the clutches of worldliness, which caused me to become more and more indifferent to spiritual things. But the effectual fervent prayers of a godly aunt availed much!

Shortly after my wife, Vicki, and I were married the Lord brought us under deep conviction of our sins. Having a sense of urgency to escape the wrath of God, we immediately went back to the Baptist pastor who had married us. He graciously explained the way of salvation, and *both* of us were gloriously saved that day in his office. The pastor later commented that in all his years of ministry this was the first time he had ever had the opportunity to lead both husband and wife to the Lord at the same time. And he added, "Apparently the Lord has something very special for you to do in His service." We shall be eternally grateful to my aunt and to this dear man of God.

After having attended and graduated from *Berean School of Bible and Theology*, I accepted my first pastorate at the *Grace Christian Church of Independence, Kentucky*, and after a two year tenure there, I received a call to pastor the *Falls Bible Church* in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Vicki and I had the privilege of ministering the good news of God's grace there for nine years. In December, 1987, we moved to Chicago, having been called to the presidency of the *Berean Bible Society* which, as you have seen, is an international organization for the promotion of God's Word, rightly divided, ministering regularly to people in every state of the Union and more than 60 foreign countries. And now, having led us safely thus far, will our faithful Lord forsake us? Surely not. Rather we can say with Frances Ridley Havergal:

*I am trusting Thee to guide me: Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.
I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee for ever, And for all.*



BOLDNESS

In the Face of Affliction

By Paul M. Sadler D.D.

ST. PAUL IN PRISON

A print of this 1627 Rembrandt painting overlooks Pastor Sadler's desk

“For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Eph. 6:20).

D. J. DeHaan tells the story of Horatio G. Spafford, an earnest Christian lawyer from Chicago, who put his wife and family on an ocean liner bound for France. In the mid-Atlantic the steamship collided with another vessel. Twelve minutes later it went down, carrying most of its crew and passengers with it. Among them were Mr. Spafford's four children. His wife, however, was rescued and taken to France with the other survivors. Immediately she cabled her husband in Chicago: “Saved-alone.” The message struck him with full force and plunged him into deep sorrow. Some time later Mr. Spafford wrote the gospel song that has been sung by Christians around the world:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot,

Thou hast taught me to say; It is well, it is well with my soul.

Whatever the trial, affliction, or lot we may be called upon to bear, let us rejoice if by God's grace we can also say, “*It is well; it is well with my soul.*”

Be Not Ashamed

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God” (II Tim. 1:8).

The Apostle Paul's life had such a profound impact upon the lives of the saints that it should teach us the importance of a godly example. If we are ashamed of Christ and His apostle, then it should not surprise us if those to whom we are ministering are ashamed as well. The old adage, “Do as I say, not as I do,” falls under the category of poor counsel.

Although the apostle was in bonds when he wrote to the

saints at Ephesus and later here to Timothy, he sought to challenge them not to be ashamed of the gospel on the basis that he himself had *boldly* proclaimed the message in the face of almost unbelievable adversity. The question naturally arises from our passage that perhaps Timothy was already struggling with this problem, as he ministered the gospel at Ephesus. While this is a possibility, we believe the tenor of Paul's words were meant to *encourage* Timothy never to be ashamed, no matter how perilous the circumstances. Bear in mind there was much to fear at that time, not to mention the tendency to become discouraged.

First of all, Hymenaeus and Philetus were aggressively persuading many of the saints to accept the extreme teaching that the resurrection was past (2 Tim. 2:17,18). In addition, Timothy knew in advance of this letter that all Asia (which included Ephesus) had departed from the *Mystery* which was committed to them by the Apostle Paul (Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Tim. 1:15). Moreover, Rome was rapidly turning against the Christians of that day; in fact many believers had already become martyrs for the cause of Christ.

The Apostle Paul knew that the best hope for the continuance of the gospel of grace was vested in Timothy. He also realized though, that there may be a temptation on Timothy's part not to speak out for fear of persecution.

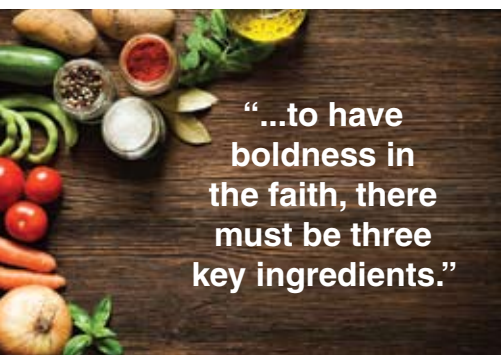
By now the news that Peter had denied our Lord three times was a well-known fact. How could

this be possible of the most fearless one of all of the disciples? Why, Peter was the one who had climbed out of his boat and walked on the water at our Lord's beckoning (Matt. 14:28-30). On another occasion when the Master spoke of His impending death at Jerusalem it was Peter who stepped forward and boldly said, "*Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto Thee*" (Matt. 16:21,22). In other words he was willing to fight to the death to protect the one he loved so dearly. Thus, it was Peter in Gethsemane who drew his sword in defense of Christ and cut off the right ear of Malchus, servant to the high priest (John 18:10,11).

However, after the soldiers had apprehended our Lord, the disciples fled to the hills, as everything seemed to come crashing down around them. But Peter followed the soldiers and stood outside the door where the first interrogation took place. Standing by the fire warming himself he was questioned by some of those present, "*Art thou also one of His disciples?*" He denied it and said, "*I am not.*" Had Peter lost track of his senses? This may seem like the case, however he had weighed the consequences carefully and decided to deny our Lord that no harm might come to him. Sadly, the fear of rejection is perhaps one of the leading causes of being ashamed when proclaiming the good news. This is one of the many devices that Satan frequently uses against the saints with amazing success.

Many capable men have succumbed to the fear of retaliation

or rejection, thus the apostle warns us: *“let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall”* (1 Cor. 10:12). We too are living in a time when some are seeking to distance themselves from the apostleship and message of Paul. Others, like Alexander the coppersmith, have resorted to various forms of intimidation to discourage believers from standing for the truth. But, what many fail to be mindful of is that *“we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ”* (2 Cor. 5:10). Therefore, may we encourage you to stand fast, come what may! *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”* (2 Tim. 1:7).



How to Have Boldness

“For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Eph. 6:20).

In our modern day there is a great demand for instant success. We read frequently of how many have risen to fame and fortune practically overnight. Seldom, however, do we hear of the hours of labor, practice, sacrifice, and discipline it took to build that

career. Most of the time we only hear and see the end result. Many have been deceived and disillusioned to think that they can have fame and fortune with little or no effort.

In these days in which we live, the world seems to have a powerful influence over the lives of many believers. For this reason, many members of the Body of Christ are looking for that book, conference, or seminar that will be a shortcut to spiritual maturity. When it comes to our spiritual lives and having *boldness* of faith, we want instant results with little or no effort put into it. As a pastor, I would have to say that to have boldness in the faith, there must be three key ingredients.

Time: Just as physical growth takes years, spiritual growth also takes time. As we come to spiritual maturity we become more and more confident to speak out for the Lord. Focusing on ourselves causes us to fear man and be reluctant to speak out. It takes time to learn to take our eyes off ourselves and to focus on Him.

Discipline: It also takes discipline to sit down with the Word of God and study to acquire a knowledge of the Scriptures. We don't mean just reading the Bible devotionally, for it is said that we retain only about 20 percent of what we read. But, if we read and study the Scriptures, we retain about 60 percent. The better equipped you are in the Word of God, the more comfortable you will be to share the truth rightly divided.


Consistency: If we are to gain the respect of others in order to more effectively minister the gospel, we must be consistent with the truth. In short, don't sound an uncertain trumpet; be able to substantiate what you teach with the Blessed Book. Not only should we speak the truth in love consistently, we must also live the truth. Our lives are the only Bibles some men will ever see. That's why the Apostle Paul warns us to, "put away lying, [and] speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25). True boldness in the faith does not come naturally, it is something we grow into as we increase in the knowledge of Him who has called us into the glorious light.

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

Dear sinner friend, have you trusted Christ as your personal Savior? The Word of God teaches, "The wages of sin is death!" Thus when Christ stepped across the stars into this world of sin and

woe, death was powerless over Him. Christ knew no sin. He was the sinless, spotless Lamb of God; therefore death could not lay its icy grip upon the shoulder of our Lord.

Tell me then, how is it that at the end of His earthly journey He is suffering and dying in shame and disgrace? You see, Christ wasn't dying for His sins, for He knew no sin. He was dying for *your sins* and *my sins* upon that cruel tree. Our sins and iniquities were laid upon Him that He might redeem us back to God through His precious blood.

Now God turns to a lost and dying world with the good news of Calvary. Simply believe that Christ died for your sins *personally*, was buried, and rose again the third day, and God will wonderfully save you from the wrath to come according to the riches of His grace. We beg you to remember the chilling voice of those that perished in the days of Noah, "*believe, before it's too late!*" 

An excerpt from Pastor Sadler's
commentary on *Ephesians*.

A FRIEND REMEMBERED

"When I think of Paul Sadler, the first message I heard him preach 27 years ago always comes to mind. He was the main speaker at a Grace Bible Conference in Missouri, where he gave a powerful and convincing presentation and defense of the revelation of the mystery. A statement he made that was indelibly etched in my mind that day was, 'Brethren, I say these things to you today because these things are so.' I thought to myself, 'this is a man with the proper motive for proclaiming the truth of the mystery, a man God can use.' And used he was over the years through the ministry of *Berean Bible Society*. Like many others, I have personally benefited from Paul Sadler's labors in the work of the Lord. I pray that the Lord will raise up a multitude of like-minded men in these troubling times to faithfully and boldly preach the Word of Truth rightly divided to the glory of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ." —Dr. W. Edward Bedore



A Family Tribute

Pastor Kevin Sadler's remembrance of his father shared at
Pastor Paul Sadler's Memorial Service, April 29, 2016 at *Falls Bible Church*

Ecclesiastes 3:2 says there is "A time to be born, a time to die." My father's time to be born was October 12, 1948. His time to die was March 31, 2016. In between that time my dad lived an amazing life, a life lived for the honor and glory of his Savior.

I would like to remember my father by the things he loved. First, he loved his Savior. Although he would want me to qualify that by saying, "We love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). My dad loved God's Word, he loved my mother, he loved his family. He loved the ministry of the *Berean Bible Society* and he loved his local church ministries.

To lesser extents, but still up there, my dad loved hunting, fishing, and old cars. He could tell you the make, model and year of any car from 1940-1970. He loved working on cars, working on projects around the house, rocking chairs, football, and watching the news. He loved McDonald's coffee, but only when it was fresh; otherwise, in his words, it was "sludge." My dad loved their three dogs, although he called them "good dogs gone bad." Since they are tiny little yorkies, he would joke and say they weren't real dogs.

My dad loved to wear ties. Pictures of my dad without a tie are rare. He was asked many times over the years if he slept with a tie on. His response always was: "That's not the right question to ask. The question is: do I like to sleep with the tie above the covers or under them."

My dad's love for my mom and God's Word showed during his last days in the hospital. At one point, they thought my dad might have suffered



a stroke. So they hooked him up to a computer with many sensors on his head to measure brain activity. When Mom would talk to him the activity and lines on the computer started jumping all over the place. After a while, I went over and read the first three chapters of the Book of Ephesians to him, and it was the same thing, lines jumping all over the place. All of us in the family thought how this

Pastor Sadler and Vicki by his vintage truck



showed how much he loved my mom and God's Word. The following day he woke up and had one of the best days he had in the hospital, being alert and responsive and interacting with us.

My dad loved people. He cared about others and put others first. The greatest way we show our care for people is to care for the eternal destiny of their souls. I often posted updates on Facebook about my dad's condition while he was in ICU. Then I shared the Facebook responses and posts with Dad. He was always really encouraged by them, because of so many saying they were praying for him. One particular post hit him. The person posted that he was praying for him and then added that his concern for him was because: "He led me to Christ." That meant so much to Dad. He had a heart for lost souls and wanted his life to be used to reach others that they might be saved from their sins. My dad's last conference in Mobile, Alabama resulted in two people trusting Christ as their Savior. He was emotional when he told us about it, and excited. He was really burdened to follow-up with them and had Bibles sent to the couple who were saved.

Often in the pulpit, he would spread his arms, and it looked like he would wrap his arms around the whole congregation, and he would say "Isn't it wonderful to know that we are the sinners for whom Christ died?" He would proceed to share how Christ, who knew no sin, took our sins on Himself, died for our sins, and paid sin's penalty in full that we might be saved.

My dad was a good man, the best of men. He was a good husband, a good father, a good grandfather, a good pastor, and a good President of BBS. But his goodness isn't why he is in heaven right now. He's there because of the grace of God. That's the only way any of us go there. It's not a question of *if* my dad might be in heaven, we *know* he is there, based on the authority of the Word of God, and because he trusted Christ as his personal Savior.

My dad's personal goodness did nothing for his salvation and going to heaven. He went to Heaven because he placed his faith in Christ that Christ died for his sins and rose again. We are saved by grace through faith as a free gift, not of works, by Christ alone. Because of this, when my dad passed away in the presence of his family on March 31, it was immediately 2 Corinthians 5:8: "Absent from the body...present with the Lord." We praise God he is safe with Him now and for eternity. After my dad was saved, he lived a life full of good works out of gratitude for his salvation, for his Savior, and God's grace. And the passionate, hard-working way he lived his life by faith is a lesson to us all of what God can do with a life fully yielded to Him.

Out of his love for others, my dad was incredibly kind. The impact my dad made on the ICU in the hospital in his last days, on the doctors, nurses, cleaning people, workers, to me was a snapshot and picture of the impact he made on so many in his life. He was kind, gracious, and he showed that he cared about them. He shared Scripture, shared the gospel, asked them questions, joked around with them, got to know them. The ICU was deeply affected by his passing. They cared about him, because he cared about them.

When it wasn't looking good in the days before his passing, one of the nurses said he went home and cried with his wife for an hour. The nurse who was with us at the end was in tears. One of the cleaning ladies came in after my dad passed, sobbing in tears, and quoted a poem about heaven and my dad's place there. He had touched her heart. We've been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern for us, by cards, emails, texts, and phone calls. We're very thankful for this. This outpouring to me also shows the deep and broad impact my dad's ministry had on others, because he cared about others and taught others the Word of God.

My dad lived the grace he taught. He didn't preach grace and then come home and do something differently. He was genuine. What you saw in small portions in knowing him is what we saw in large portion at home. He showed us how to love. He loved his wife, my mother, with all his heart. He loved his children and his grandchildren with all his heart. He counseled us, taught us, was patient with us; he was always there for us. He built into us the character and faith to be able to endure through times such as this. I told him in his final hours that he was the greatest example of a father for a son to follow. As a family, we'll always be thankful that he taught us the truth and lived it by example. Dad was a gift to our family; he was a gift to the Church, the Body of Christ. We're thankful for the time the Lord gave him to us, and the memories we'll always hold close.


We received a sympathy card which really meant a lot to me when I read it. It spoke to me of my dad's legacy: *When a stone is dropped into a lake, it quickly disappears from sight—but its impact leaves behind a*

series of ripples that broaden and reach across the water. In the same way, the impact of one life lived for Christ leaves behind an influence for good that touches the lives of many others.—Roy Lessin

My dad's impact will ripple and go on and on, wider and wider, because of how he lived for the Lord and because of his faithfulness to the truth. That's an important thing in my dad's life that he loved. He loved the truth. He believed that since the gospel of the grace of God and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery was God's truth for today, it should be stood for, and we should not move. When people were weak with the truth, or compromised it, or were afraid of standing for it or speaking it, or if they turned away from it completely, it bothered him a lot. With faith, courage, and determination, he took a strong stand for the truth. He did so because he knew it honors the Lord to stand for His truth for today and to be faithful to it. That's where my dad's focus was with the truth: on pleasing the Lord and not man.

My dad lived the following verses. "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partakers of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God... Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 1:8,13). "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

We honor what the Lord did through my dad, that my dad made himself available to the Lord as a willing vessel to be used by Him. He was used greatly by his Lord. He worked hard. He taught us that Christ is worthy of that, of all we can give Him. Yet in all my dad did and accomplished for Christ, his burden would be for the focus not to be on him. Instead he would say: "To God be the glory, great things He has done."

As a family we are grieving, but we are grieving with hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13 says we grieve not as others who have no hope. It's not a matter of if we'll see Dad again, but when. We've found that sorrow and grief makes you really long for our hope of the Rapture, for the reunion with loved ones it brings. We know our separation from Dad is temporary, but our reunion with him will be for eternity. 



Pastor Paul M. Sadler

Early Life and Ministry



Paul Sadler age 2



High School graduation



Pastor Sadler
and his wife Vicki



Pastor Sadler Ordained to Ministry



Pastor Sadler's first church
in Independence, Kentucky

Pastor Sadler's last Sunday at *Falls Bible Church*, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin



Pastor Paul M. Sadler

Life and Ministry at BBS



Pastor Sadler at the new
Berean Bible Society Building



Pastor Sadler and Vicki on a
Grace cruise to Alaska



Teaching at *Berean Bible Institute*



Ministering in the Philippines



Question and answer time after a conference



Pastor Sadler and Pastor Stam



Pastor Sadler
preaching
and writing
as he did so
faithfully for so
many years.



Paul's Earnest Expectation and Hope



By Pastor Ken Lawson

Paul the apostle was in prison for the truth of the gospel. He was suffering deprivation, rejection, and possible death. Yet his heart was not on himself or his problems, but rather on fellow believers, the church of God. This kind of selflessness must not only continue to exist, it must grow and prosper and fill the earth with the flame of Christ's sacrificial love.

Perhaps no other description of Paul's forward-looking spirit in the ministry here compares to his encouragement to the believers at the church in Philippi.

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (Phil. 1:20).

Here was a man who was not beaten down to depression through multiplied trials, but

one who still was fresh and alive with eager anticipation of what God was going to do in his life. He wanted these dear saints to know that what, at first, seemed to be a victory for the enemies of truth was, instead, a great opportunity for all of them to step up and exercise their faith in the promises of God. History shows that Paul did gain the victory and the Philipians did as well.

When Paul speaks of "my hope," he is not telling us of his wishful thinking or desire, but a confident expectation of the fulfillment of God's promise in his life. This was a promise that affected his future life in glory, and gave him courage for today to allow the life of Christ to live in him and through him to the glory of God. At Christ's appearing for His church, Paul knew that he would stand before God at the judgment (bema) seat of Christ and give an account of his ministry. He

could be confident that he would not be ashamed, because he had believed the gospel of grace and lived the truth of *Christ in you, the hope of glory* (Col 1:27). This gave him boldness, knowing that the body is expendable if it serves to bring out the greatness of God and exalt the Lord who gave His all for him.

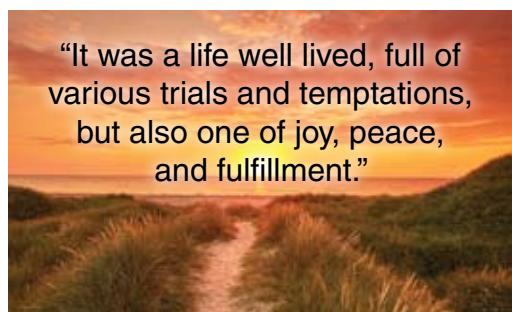
The hard work, the beatings, the scourging, the cruel mocking, the imprisonments, the shipwrecks, and perils, were all worth it if they served to shine the spotlight of God's love, mercy, and grace on the Christ of the cross and show Him as He really is, the Almighty Creator and loving Redeemer of mankind.

The word "magnified" in our verse simply means to make larger and to bring into prominence. When I was a boy, my parents bought me a microscope, and I discovered a whole new world of the miniature. I spent hours changing lenses to see even more of this new world that God had created. When they saw how much I enjoyed the microscope, they bought me a telescope, and again I was amazed at a whole other universe that had been invisible to my sight. Did my lenses change the size of the amebas or of the heavenly bodies? No, but they sure did bring them clearly into view and showed me what they really looked like.

Similarly, all Christians, like Paul, have been given a mortal body, a lens, if you will, that we can use as a magnifier to show people what Christ is really like. The Bible, God's Word, is the true

lens, but since few people who need Christ read it, it is up to us as God's ambassadors to act as the lens through which the people may view the living Christ. When they see Christ in us, they may not like what they see, but Christ is still glorified, either as a savor of life unto life or a savor of death unto death (2 Cor. 2:16).

Ultimately, Paul gave his life on the altar of consecration for Christ. It was a life well lived, full of various trials and temptations, but also one of joy, peace, and fulfillment. All of this was a living demonstration of how one man who is yielded to the Spirit of God can make a world of difference in the lives of so many.



Recently, we have experienced the loss of another Paul, our beloved friend and Pastor Paul Sadler. How his life has impacted my life and the lives of so many others! Yet I know that he would be the first to downplay his own person and object to the mention of his ministry in comparison with the apostle of the Gentiles. How different is this from those in the inspired apostle's lifetime who compared themselves favorably *above* Paul's work in the ministry.


When Paul's converts became enamored with these false apostles, he devised a clever way of bringing them to their senses and making them see that any self-promotion or boasting in ministry accomplishments is only foolish and vain. It is only what is done in Christ that will remain. He began bragging on his sufferings, trials, perils, and responsibilities, keeping in mind that he was speaking foolishly (2 Cor. 11:13-33). After employing this rhetorical device, he wrote of how foolish it is to boast, except in his weakness and infirmities, for in these the power of God was released as he walked in total dependence in Him. Paul spoke of himself as simply "a man in Christ," not even using his own name. Of this man he could rightfully boast because it was Christ living in him, not Paul himself (2 Cor. 12:1-10).

Paul Sadler was also "a man in Christ," and when we consider his life and testimony, we might review, for the encouragement of others, some of the accomplishments that the Lord worked through him. As a young man fresh out of Bible school, he led a struggling ministry in a remote part of Kentucky for two years, moved to Wisconsin to take the pastorate of *Falls Bible Church*, and began a building project. After a number of years, a crisis point came for the *Berean Bible Society* of Chicago, Illinois, and its founder, Pastor C.R. Stam, asked for Paul's help. After a heart-wrenching decision to leave his church and assume the presidency

of BBS, he found himself in the midst of a spiritual and financial crisis in his new ministry. During those early years, Brother Paul exercised due diligence in performing the work of at least three men—writing and editing the *Berean Searchlight*, authoring many books and booklets, speaking at numerous Bible conferences, spending hours on the telephone, handling mountains of correspondence, attending to endless administrative duties, all while being a husband and father to three children. He did all of this while keeping a kind and gentle spirit. He was always considered to be the consummate Christian gentleman.

This was indelibly impressed on my mind one year at the *Midwest Grace Fellowship* Bible conference in Iola, Kansas. We had a certain visitor to our meeting who showed early on that he had "a chip on his shoulder," and wanted to discredit the message of grace. During the first message by Pastor Paul that morning, the man stood up and in an angry voice began to denounce Paul as a false teacher, and that anyone who was a true sheep of God should not listen to him. His diatribe was full of misrepresentation and misunderstanding. After allowing him to have his say, Paul graciously addressed him as a brother in Christ, and patiently answered some of his objections to the grace message. It was apparent that the man wanted a fight, and when he didn't get it, he stormed out of the meeting hall never to return again.

I was amazed at how well Paul handled such a difficult case, and wondered how I might have handled the same situation. Too often there is a temptation to answer in kind or get offended and defensive. There was none of that, nor any judging of motives toward our ungracious critic. Later I mentioned to Paul how impressed I was with his defense and kind manner. He shared with me that this kind of thing had happened before while he ministered the Word. Because of his compassion for them, some of these had even studied it out, seen the error of their ways, apologized, and became good friends of the teaching of grace.

How important it is for us all to see in God's servants an imperfect yet shining image of Christ. As they minister in the power of the Spirit, God is able to take horribly-flawed individuals who have made their hearts and bodies available to Him, and transform them into living testimonies of His love and grace. Such was our beloved brother Paul Sadler. He was one of those rare servants who was able to magnify the Lord Jesus Christ in life and in death. His life and ministry will continue to impact many more people for years to come. That according as it is written, "He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 1:31). 

In Appreciation and Acknowledgement

Today we lost a titan of the faith. Pastor Paul M. Sadler went home to be with the Lord. We can rest assured he is rejoicing with his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

I learned much from him, for he was gifted by God as a pastor, preacher, and writer. His messages and books will be a continued source of encouragement and edification for believers for years to come. He was a personal encouragement to me in entering into ministry. Years ago, he encouraged me to attend *Berean Bible Institute*, even telling me I might very well find a godly wife there. He was right!

I will indeed miss him. He offered an unsurpassed example of what it means to stand for the grace of God and to live it out in your life. His home-going serves to remind us that life on earth is brief, and our time is to be spent living for the Savior. Pastor Sadler served as an example of God's love and grace through the very end of his life, bringing glory to God.

We have lost a titan of the faith who cannot be replaced, but we can remain faithful to God so that He may use us in His service as He did Pastor Sadler. God will raise up other faithful men to fill the ranks left open by men such as Pastor Sadler, because God is faithful. We feel and grieve the loss, but it is loss overcome with joy in knowing our dear brother awaits us in heaven with the Lord. We who have trusted in Christ as our Savior will see Pastor Paul with the rest of our brethren and the Lord in the air, which gives us great comfort (1 Thes. 4:13-18). We will continue to pray for the Sadler family in their time of loss, asking God's comfort and grace for them. —Pastor Andy Kern

A photograph of the ruins of Pompeii, showing ancient stone walls and columns. In the background, the snow-capped peak of Mount Vesuvius rises against a clear sky. The title "A Full Measure of Devotion" is written in a large, elegant, red cursive font across the top of the image.

A Full Measure of Devotion

By Pastor John Fredericksen

When the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius destroyed the city of Pompeii in A.D. 79, many people were buried in the ruins. Some took cover underground, in places that became their burial chamber. Those who chose a high hiding place were also unable to escape destruction. But a Roman sentinel was found at the city gate, his hands still grasping his weapon. That was where the flood of ashes and cinders overwhelmed him as he stood at his post, and it was there he was found a thousand years later.

The Lord tells us in Proverbs 20:6, "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?" From these words we can conclude that it has always been difficult to find those who are truly faithful to the Lord. Nonetheless, the Lord has always had a few faithful servants in every dispensation.

The Lord described the brother of Miriam and Aaron as, "My servant Moses...who is faithful in all mine house" (Num. 12:7). When King Saul had murderous intent, Ahimelech said, "And who is so faithful among

all thy servants as David...?" (1 Sam. 22:14). Nehemiah wrote that he gave his brother Hanani "charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many" (Neh. 7:2). As we read the pages of the Old Testament record, we find that the Lord had other faithful servants such as Samuel, Nathan, Elijah, Esther, Daniel, Jeremiah, and many more. Each of these is a real encouragement to us because they prove that men or women from any circumstance or background can serve the Lord faithfully.

God's Word also cites a number of saints in the dispensation of Grace who were faithful. The testimony of the Apostle Paul was that he was thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ "for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry" (1 Tim. 1:12). Our apostle of grace was not just faithful for a while, he was faithful in ministry until the very end of his life, and was confident of great reward that awaited him in eternity because of his faithfulness (2 Tim. 4:7-8). The Apostle Paul was also publicly thankful for faithful men who served the

Savior with him. He described Timothy as “my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ” (1 Cor. 4:17). He praised Tychicus as “a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord” (Col. 4:7).

This emphasis in the Scriptures about being faithful is of great importance. It is obviously a character trait of great value to the Lord, and for which there will be great eternal reward for those who choose to walk with the Lord in this way. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul understood this clearly. Therefore, he wrote, “Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample” (Phil. 3:17).

When Pastor Paul Sadler went home to be with the Lord, he had faithfully served fulltime at the *Berean Bible Society* for nearly 29 years, from September 1, 1987 to March 31, 2016. Prior to coming to the BBS, Pastor Sadler served as chairman of the BBS board, and he served as the pastor of two grace churches, both of which flourished under his leadership. When the need arose at the *Berean Bible Society*, Pastor Stam asked Pastor Sadler to leave a thriving church in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Although it was a difficult decision, he and his family answered that call. For several years, he served as Pastor Stam’s right hand man, shouldering most of the daily work. When Pastor Stam retired, Pastor Sadler took the reins of the *Berean Bible Society*, and provided the

steady hand of leadership until handing over the presidency to Pastor Kevin Sadler only months ago. Even then, he was highly involved in working with the board and assisting Pastor Kevin until his health prevented him from continuing.

It has been my privilege to work on the board of directors with Pastor Sadler since the early days of his tenure at the *Berean Bible Society*, so I knew this dear friend very well. Like Moses and David, he was faithful in every task given to him. Like Hanani, he proved to fear the Lord reverently and to be so faithful that he was worthy of great responsibilities. Like the Apostle Paul, he was faithful over many years. Like Timothy and Tychicus, he proved faithful to the sound doctrines of the Word, rightly divided. He also proved to be a gracious man who unassumingly worked well with others as a fellow servant.

Many of you may not know that, due to tight finances, Pastor Sadler worked tirelessly without complaint, under an unbelievably heavy workload. For more than ten years, he worked without an assistant, attending to correspondence, answering phone calls, writing articles, directing the staff, guiding board meetings, serving as editor of the *Berean Searchlight*, traveling extensively to preach in churches and conferences, and performing in dozens of other duties. I have often wondered how he managed such an incredible workload, but of course, the Lord enabled him as he faithfully labored so “abundantly” year after year.

In discussing this with him recently, he told me, “John, I wouldn’t have had it any other way, and I would do it all over again the exact same way.” Truly this wonderful warrior of the Lord had the same mindset as the Apostle Paul who wrote, “I will very gladly spend and be spent for you...” (2 Cor. 12:15). He simply saw his ministry as his “reasonable service” for all the Lord Jesus Christ had done for him. Many of us who were impacted by his life and ministry are thankful for his steady, consistent, humble, unselfish, and faithful leadership.


On Thursday, March 31, Pastor Paul Sadler went home to heaven to be with His Savior. This soldier for the Lord Jesus Christ had a tremendous impact on the lives of many. His dedication to the Word of God rightly divided, consistent soundness in doctrine, valued writings, teaching, preaching, and wise counsel greatly honored His Savior. His example in godliness and faithful service to the Lord Jesus Christ is one we all appreciated and can seek to follow in our own lives.

First Thessalonians 5:12-13 instructs us to “know them which labour among you...and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake.” We share all this information with you for several reasons. We believe you will want to rejoice with us as we acknowledge the service of a very faithful servant of the Lord. We believe the Scriptures teach us to give honor to whom honor is due. The Savior taught this principle and the Apostle Paul practiced it. We believe it is always an encouragement to see godly examples

that challenge us to likewise be faithful.



In the fall of 2012 the board of the *Berean Bible Society* presented a plaque commemorating Pastor Sadler’s years of ministry. We can readily picture the coming day when he stands before the Judgment Seat of Christ. Surely Pastor Sadler will be highly praised and rewarded for such dedicated service to His matchless Savior. Perhaps he will even hear from His Lord, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” As we think of Pastor Sadler’s example, may each of us be encouraged to follow in the same footsteps of godliness and dedication to our Lord, so that we too might receive reward in eternity.

We invite you to join us in thanking the Lord for the impact of Pastor Sadler’s life and ministry, to pray for his family and for the ministry he so strongly believed in, the *Berean Bible Society*. We trust it will also be a comfort to know that when you give to the BBS, it is still in very capable hands with Pastor and President Kevin Sadler, who will continue to carry on the same legacy faithfully handed down to him. 

Some Personal Thoughts on the Passing of My Friend

By Pastor Joel McGarvey

At times such as this I am reminded of several passages of Scripture. The Psalmist wrote, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints" (Ps. 116:15). The Apostle Paul penned the words, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21). Truly these words give cause for comfort, as they show that death is not defeat, death is not the end, but it is rather victory, precious, *gain*.

In his second letter to the Corinthian church, Paul would speak directly concerning life beyond our earthly existence. In chapter five he begins with the words, "For we know..." and from that we can be assured that everything that follows is *guaranteed*. He writes of this earthly dwelling place as being dissolved (death), but it is replaced with an eternal house not made with hands (not susceptible to destruction). He then pens those words of comfort, hope, and peace, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord (v. 8)."

I first met Brother Sadler in the mid-80s when I was asked to speak at a *Berean Bible Fellowship* Pastor's Conference in Warren, Michigan. Pastor Sadler had just recently joined the BBS, and was laboring alongside Pastor Stam. I was a young preacher fresh out of college, but Brother Sadler took the time to speak with me. He complimented me on my message and shared some thoughts concerning ministry ideas that I had shared with him. I was a "nobody" and he was a leader in the "grace movement," but he willingly took the time to speak with me. I found him then, and in every meeting since, to be a gentle, kind man who was willing to take time for others.

Then in 2005 I joined the staff of *Bible Doctrines To Live By*, and as such was invited to speak at a Bible Conference along with several other pastors. This was my first "outing" as the new guy on the block, and I was nervous as I was speaking to some of the more prominent speakers in the Grace Movement. They politely listened, but it was Paul Sadler who made the effort to speak with Lee Homoki, then the executive director of BDTLB, and tell him that BDTLB had made a "wise choice" in my selection. I don't say that to brag, I say that because I felt honored to be recognized in such a manner as that by Paul Sadler, then the President of the BBS.

Later, Paul became a regular participant of the BDTLB "Grace Revival for Evangelism" conferences. Yes, he loved to preach and teach the Word rightly divided, but he had a heart for the lost as well, and therefore was more than happy to lend his support to our conferences, conferences

which were designed to encourage individuals to get involved in evangelism.

In 2008, Paul and I were privileged to go to the Philippines and take part in the 50th Anniversary of the ministry of *Things To Come Mission* in that country. That will be a time I will forever remember, as we were able to share together on numerous occasions during the trip. I still recall the times in airports when we'd be waiting for connecting flights and had opportunities to discuss the Word of God. We didn't always agree (I often teased him how I was able to correct his errors) but we never argued. Instead, he gently would lean over and in that low soft voice say, "Dear Brother, we will have to agree to disagree until you see it correctly."

I have to share this note of levity. About four years ago, as I was sitting in the car while my wife Susan ran into a store to pick up something, my phone rang. When I answered it with the customary "Hello," I heard a deep voice on the other end ask, "Is this the archbishop of the grace movement?" It was Paul, and since that day he has often called and referred to me as "Archy."

A couple of years ago, Paul was just getting back to speaking following one of his illnesses, and we were going to have a conference in Cumberland, Maryland. I called Paul to inquire as to his availability, and without hesitation he said, "I'll be there." Sadly, Paul was scheduled to be our speaker at the Mid-Atlantic Grace Bible Conference scheduled for this September. I called, asked, and he said yes. But then he began to have difficulties and was forced to cancel his meetings.

He will be missed. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren and was proud of all of them. But he loved the Lord even more, and he loved the Word of God, and he loved to teach, preach, and write concerning the greatest message ever given to man, the special, unique message revealed to the Apostle Paul, the Mystery. His insight on God's Word will be missed. Paul was a giant of a man in so many ways, but in particular his ability to convey the Word with simplicity and clarity. I loved that man and will miss those times of ministering the Word together.

Others have referred to Brother Sadler as a giant man of the faith, and he most certainly was all of that. He was a kind, compassionate man, but also a man with strong beliefs and the willingness to defend them. All of this is certainly true, and I knew him in that manner as well. But I knew him as a friend, a brother in Christ, and I grew to love and admire him in a very special way. I will miss him.

So take your leave dear friend and find perfect peace and rest in the very presence of the One you loved and faithfully served for so many years. We take this opportunity to celebrate you Home, knowing that we do not say goodbye, but rather we'll see you in the morning on that great meeting in the air. What a day that will be!

LIVES TOUCHED BY THE

Pastor Paul

From Facebook:

"Pastor Sadler's ministry helped bring me into the knowledge of the Word, rightly divided."

From Washington:

"Pastor Sadler has changed my life. I truly search the Word of God to show myself approved to learn the truth by examining what my pastor teaches."

From the Philippines:

"An uncompromising student of the Word has gone home to be with the Lord. Home sweet home for Pastor Paul. See him in heaven!...He is my mentor though I have never even met him."

From Illinois:

"Pastor Sadler was a great man. When we went to the conference in Kentucky last October, Pastor Sadler took the time to talk to my husband and me. We will greatly miss him."

From Wisconsin:

"Pastor Paul was an awesome man of God. I can't wait to get to heaven and see him again. I know that Jesus is really enjoying him. I will always be his Luke." (From Pastor Sadler's hospital nurse Denise Gordon—Ed).

From Minnesota:

"Pastor Sadler opened the Word in a way that made it so easy to understand. He would talk about the deep things, admit what he didn't know, and what he was waiting for more light on, but also would openly share that which he did understand. I so appreciated getting an education in areas where few other pastors dared go." (From our friend Carol Houliston—Ed).

From Colorado:

"I first met Pastor Sadler at Pastor David Caslander's school in Harmony, PA, where he honed his understanding of the message of grace and the Word rightly divided. His grasp of the Word and his willingness to write and teach others has been an inspiration to countless thousands. Pastor never lost his focus on Paul's distinctive message for today. He took on the presidency of BBS, writing, teaching, and speaking all over the world, and never faltered. As busy as he always was, he was always available for a quick phone call that always wound up in a short message of God's grace for us." (From Pastor Sadler's friends John and Kathleen Baker—Ed).

From Spain:

"We will always remember Pastor Sadler's commitment and faithfulness to proclaim the gospel of the grace of God. Also unforgettable was his joy to live the Christian life. Personally, I will never forget his kindness when I first met him...I praise God for all the years that he has been leading BBS." (From Pastor Sadler's friend Rob Van Der Zee—Ed).

From Colorado:

"A few simple lines will never tell what kind of servant Paul Sadler was: leader, teacher, speaker, and friend. We are all going to miss him, but he left us with so many great study guides to *know* the grace message and how to explain it to others. We loved him so." (From Pastor Sadler's friends Ed and Leann Beauchamp—Ed).

LIFE AND MINISTRY OF

M. Sadler

From Illinois:

"Pastor Sadler lived to serve Christ. His humbleness could only have come from his incredible understanding of God's amazing grace. I remember Pastor's *Searchlight* article where he talked about the father who came out of the stands at the Olympic games to help his son across the finish line. It was an important reminder to me that God is ready to help me cross the finish line each and every day. It's great to be on the BBS team." (From Tim Kenny, whose firm serves as BBS' accountants—Ed).

From Facebook:

"He was a faithful, dedicated ambassador for the Lord, whose workmanship in Him will be remembered through the years as one who stood firmly for the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery...Thank you Brother Sadler for your labor of love in the Lord."

From California:

"Though I had few encounters with him, Pastor Sadler left a *monumental* impression on my life and in my memory! I'll never forget his and your family's kindness to mine, and so appreciate the help you all have been to us in further understanding 'the gospel of the grace of God.'"

From Facebook:

"Paul Sadler is an encouragement to me to be faithful in the ministry, loving my Savior, preaching the gospel of salvation by grace through faith."

From Wisconsin:

"You have influenced my life by helping me to grow in grace, and showing me the importance of right division through the literature you have written, your sermons that reached my very core, and your kindness always. I will miss you dearly my dear friend and brother in Christ. We all have lost a great man of God... Your memory and life in the ministry will live on in all of our hearts, and your legacy will carry on in our lives." (From Pastor Sadler's friends Russ and Sarah Schultz—Ed).

From Australia:

"I was saddened by the news of Pastor Paul Sadler's passing. Whilst it may be comforting to know he is now with the Lord, even I, who had never had the pleasure of meeting him, will miss him and his articles."

From Pennsylvania:

"Pastor Sadler was always an encouragement to me and many others, always standing for Pauline truth. He is missed and we are diminished. Use this check in his memory in a way he would approve of, to continue the work of making all men see the plan and desire of God."

From Facebook:

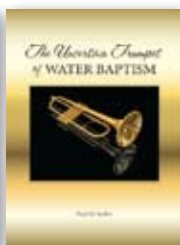
"Pastor Sadler was a truly genuine and compassionate man of God. His strong stand for the grace message was, and will always be, an example to us all...The Lord has gained a great champion in Paul's victorious home going, but we are left to continue the work with one less warrior. The grace movement is a better entity because of Paul's faithful example. Let his mark remain and let us follow Paul even as he followed Christ. Goodnight Paul, we'll see you in the morning."



The Complete Works of Pastor Paul M. Sadler



1989



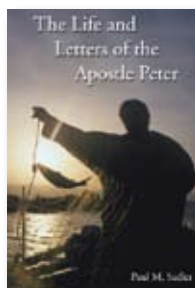
1991



1993



1994



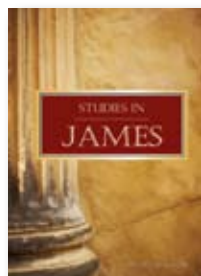
2004



2005



2006



2007

Words of Appreciation for Pastor Sadler's Writings

From New Zealand:

"We living so far away have held on to Pastor Sadler's writings with great care, loving his books and editorials, his clear concise way with words."

From the Philippines:

"Your writings have been a great source of teaching and preaching materials for our pastors in the churches! Your uncompromising commitment to the teachings of grace and the study of the Word, rightly divided, is a great investment and a legacy that will continue to influence many of us!" (From Pastor Sadler's friend Eufracia Jr. Pielago —Ed).

From Facebook:

"Because of Pastor Sadler's writings I have benefitted greatly as a believer. I have learned so many things that have blessed me spiritually. I especially have enjoyed his writings concerning Revelation...So many wonderful things I have learned from one who was chosen to open God's Word to His people! I am so very thankful I was led to BBS, and to Pastor Sadler's writings and teachings."

From Ohio:

"Pastor Sadler was such a blessing. I have grown spiritually as a result of his ministry through the books and articles he wrote."

Special Set Price: \$120.00 plus s&h*

OFFER ENDS JULY 31, 2016

This special set includes one copy of each title shown.



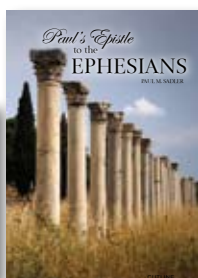
1995



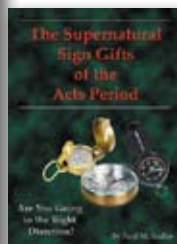
1996



1997



1999



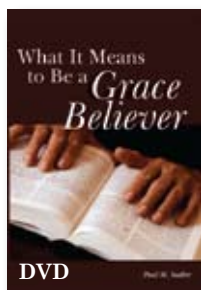
2001



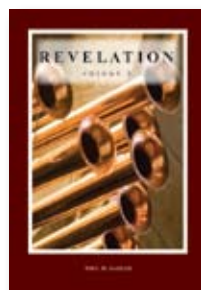
2010



2012



2012



2014

From Facebook:

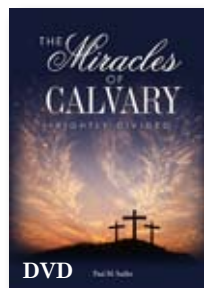
"Pastor Sadler's ministry opened my eyes to see the Bible as it is. I identify with his writings and shall always be indebted to his work."

From Michigan:

"We were so blessed by Pastor Sadler's preaching at our church in Bitely...The way he would expound the Bible was so easy to follow and understand. He helped make the Bible come alive."



2014



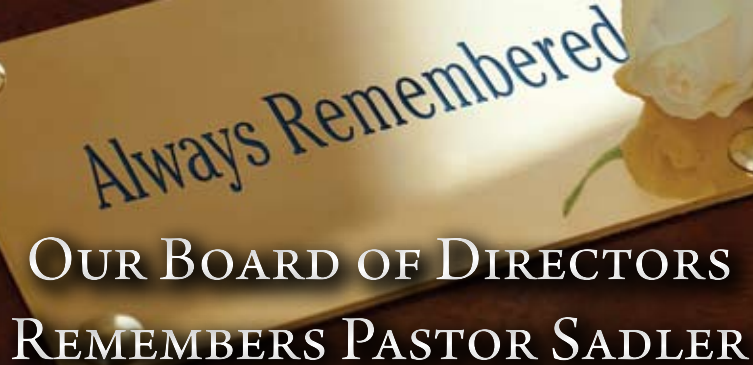
2015

Tracts: 25 for \$1.50* / 100 for \$5.00*

DVD Albums: \$15 each*

See the price list in the back for more individual prices.

*Orders up to \$30, add \$4 for shipping and handling;
orders over \$30, add 15%. Wisconsin residents, add 5.6% sales tax
(262) 255-4750 or www.bereanbiblesociety.org



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMEMBERS PASTOR SADLER

Mr. David Brown:

Pastor Paul Sadler has been a paragon of spiritual leadership and wisdom to many in the Grace Movement. Pastor Paul spearheaded *Berean Bible Society's* (BBS) role in bringing about the *Berean Bible Institute* (BBI), and he also faithfully taught God's Word to numerous BBI students. Pastor Paul's gifts for insightful teaching, distinctive preaching, and eloquent writing have blessed hundreds of saints each year at the *Berean Bible Fellowship* (BBF) Conferences. At the *Berean Bible Society*, God used Pastor Paul as a role model through his passion for reaching the lost with the Gospel and his sincere desire to help the saved understand the Bible. I have been blessed to have known Brother Paul Sadler as a strong leader and humble servant in each of these organizations.

Pastor Jeff Seekins:

One of my keenest memories of Paul Sadler was his encouragement to me after I shared a message on a difficult passage at a *Berean Bible Fellowship* Conference many years ago. His few words were dignified, as always, and edifying to me. His compassionate care for the body was a constant. Yet he had the balance of standing for the truth – of speaking the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

In my more than twenty years on the *Berean Bible Society* board with Paul, I grew to love and respect him and his example in ministry. Like his namesake, our apostle Paul, he was willing to spend and be spent (2 Cor. 12:15) for the brethren, the truth, and His Lord.

I thank God for his impact on my life. To God be the Glory!

Pastor Jim Tollar:

I am thankful for the life and ministry of Pastor Paul Sadler. My first opportunity to hear him teach came when I was a student at *Berean Bible Institute* and I signed up for his Dispensational Survey class. He clearly expounded the Word of God and made it easy to understand.

Throughout the years, I had the privilege of working with him at the *Berean Bible Society* as the BBS Business Manager, and then later by serving with him on the BBS Board of Directors. He always had time for my many doctrine and ministry questions.

Thank you Lord for his faithful service for so many years!




News and Announcements

Memorial Service Photos: If you were unable to attend Pastor Sadler's memorial service, the Sadler family asked Terri Fredericksen to take the photos that we have now posted on our BBS website. We trust that these still frames in time will allow you to feel some of the comforting fellowship we experienced that evening as we sought to acknowledge Pastor Sadler by exalting the greatness of his Savior.

New Video Series: Your editor just finished teaching through 2 Thesalonians, and BBS Webmaster Richard Church is already busy posting these videos on our BBS website, where they'll join video studies by Kevin Sadler, Paul M. Sadler, John Fredericksen and others. Just click on the "Bible Study" link and the "Videos" link that will appear will lead you right to these messages that are custom-made for Bible study groups as well as for your individual edification.

Berean Bible Fellowship Conference Announcement: To promote fellowship around meals at this summer's BBF conference in Tipp City, Ohio, *Community Bible Church* has graciously arranged to provide lunch each day at family-friendly prices (\$5 per person, no charge for children 3 and under). All they ask is that you let them know in advance which days you plan to take advantage of their kind offer, and the number in your party. Just email them: cbctipp@gmail.com, call them: 937-667-2710, or print out the form on the BBF website and mail it to the church. Prepayment would be appreciated!

The Mid-Summer Classic is not Major League Baseball's All-star Game as many think, it's the annual conference at the *Bitely Community Church* in Bitely, Michigan! This year's lineup will include Pastor Don Webb, Dr. Robert Nix, Pastor Matt Ritchey, and (as they say in baseball) some players to be named later. Just call Pastor Ken Lyon at 231-689-1941 and he'll go over the ground rules with you for this August 5-7 weekend series. Your editor can testify that this conference's pig roast and hot dog roast beat ballpark franks any day!



"These [Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."
—Acts 17:11

From the Editor to You



Dear Friends in Christ,

You're probably wondering if I couldn't have found a more flattering picture of Pastor Sadler to feature as I share my heart with you in his memory, and you're right, I certainly could have. A cardboard box, a shopping bag, and car keys don't seem to be an appropriate way to remember the man who led the ministry of *Berean Bible Society* for nearly thirty years. And a pose in front of the side door that leads to the parking lot of our facilities here at BBS doesn't seem to be any way to remember the man who was my boss and fellow laborer in the Lord's work for the past fourteen years of my life. But after he left us to go and serve his Savior in person last month, I wasn't able to cry until I came across this picture.

You see, when I got the call about his homegoing, Pastor Kevin Sadler could hardly get the words out to tell me that his father had passed, so he asked if I would call the office and break the news to the rest of our staff here at BBS. There was certainly no time to grieve then; I'd been given a responsibility. That call was followed by a flurry of other calls and emails to and from those who knew and loved my boss, as well as communications with the chairman of our board of directors, as we made plans about how to proceed without troubling Pastor Kevin as he mourned his father's loss. No time to grieve then either.

It wasn't until the next day that I came across this picture. After I sent BBS Webmaster Richard Church the homegoing announcement to post on our website, he suggested that along with the announcement we post some photos of Pastor Sadler that were taken at our 75th Anniversary Conference last year. The last picture in the set was this car key clutching shot, and seeing it, I was finally able to weep.

I guess I should explain that at the end of every day at BBS, Pastor Sadler would step inside my office to say goodnight, and I would always walk him to the door, chatting as we went. After a long day in which our only conversations revolved around the Word of God and its ministry, these were moments when we could exchange a few words as friends. So yes, this is the way I want to remember him. Waving goodbye in that same hallway in which we always stood at the end of each day. Clutching items that showed he wasn't afraid to roll up his sleeves and be involved in serving the Lord in the humblest of ways.

This is the picture of him that now rests on my desk here at BBS, and this is the memory of him that I want to share with all of you.



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Ricky Kurth

PRICE LIST

BIBLE STUDY BOOKS BY C. R. STAM—FOUNDER

(Hardcover—Gold Stamped)

Acts, Dispensationally Considered, Volume 1	\$21.50
Acts, Dispensationally Considered, Volume 2	21.50
Colossians (Commentary) <i>Out of print</i>	14.50
I Corinthians (Commentary)	12.50
II Corinthians (Commentary)	12.50
Divine Election and Human Responsibility	10.50
Galatians (Commentary)	14.50
Hebrews, Who Wrote It and Why?	10.50
Holding Fast the Faithful Word <i>Out of print</i>	14.50
Man, His Nature and Destiny	12.50
Memoirs of Pastor Cornelius R. Stam, The	13.50
Pastoral Epistles (Commentary)	12.50
Paul, His Apostleship and Message	11.50
Romans (Commentary)	16.50
Sermon on the Mount, The	10.50
Suggestions for Young Pastors	10.50
Thessalonians (Commentary)	12.50
Things That Differ	13.50
True Spirituality	11.50

Paperbacks

Baptism and the Bible	\$9.00
Lord's Supper and the Bible, The	7.00
Moses and Paul	7.00
No Other Doctrine	9.00
Our Great Commission	9.00
Things That Differ, English or Spanish	10.00
Two Minutes with the Bible	11.00
Twofold Purpose of God, The	7.00

WRITINGS BY PAUL M. SADLER—PRESIDENT

Exploring the Unsearchable Riches of Christ (Hardcover)	\$12.50
Life and Letters of the Apostle Peter, The (Hardcover)	13.50
Oneness of Marriage, The (Paperback)	8.00
Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (Hardcover) <i>Out of print</i>	16.50
Paul's Epistle to the Philippians (Hardcover)	12.00
Revelation, Volume 1 (Hardcover)	12.50
Revelation, Volume 2 (Hardcover)	14.00
Studies in James (Paperback)	10.00
Triumph of His Grace, The (Hardcover)	13.50
According to the Scriptures (Booklet)	2.00
Are You Secure? (Booklet)	2.00
Historical Beginning of the Church, The (Booklet)	3.00
Key to Understanding the Scriptures, The (Chart)	0.50
Supernatural Sign Gifts of the Acts Period, The (Booklet)	4.00
Trials and Temptations (Booklet)	2.00
Uncertain Trumpet of Water Baptism, The (Booklet)	2.00

Orders up to \$30.00, please add **\$4.00** for Postage and Handling

Orders over \$30.00, please add **15%** for Postage and Handling

Foreign orders must be remitted in U. S. currency

THE BEREAN SEARCHLIGHT
N112 W17761 MEQUON ROAD
PO Box 756
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-0756

PERIODICALS
PAID AT GERMANTOWN, WI
AND ADDITIONAL MAILING OFFICES

“When problems arise in the church today many are of the opinion that those who have defended the truth over the years should cave-in for the sake of peace. Mark these words and mark them well, compromise never creates unity; rather, it produces a union which neutralizes the Word of God.” —PAUL M. SADLER