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A Note From the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

Encouraging the Body of Christ is an important part of our purpose in the Lord (Eph. 4:12,16,29). We receive regular encouragement at BBS pertaining to our various ministries. We truly appreciate those who take the time and effort, by grace, to write us a note, send us an email, or give us a call to tell us how our ministry has positively impacted their spiritual walk. It means a lot to each of us who labor here in the cause of Christ, and it is very motivating.

In response to the teachings in the *Berean Searchlight*, we receive uplifting feedback from those who are being brought to a deeper understanding of the Scriptures by rightly dividing the Word of truth.

“Thank you so much for the many, many, fascinating Searchlight articles.... Each month I find several ‘Wow! I never knew, saw, or thought of that before!’ Believe me, you have me searching the Scriptures!”

In 2018, we received this encouragement from a subscriber in Ukraine:

“Thank you for the printed Berean magazine I have recently received by regular mail from you for 2017. It gives me sound teaching and light for Christian living.”

We also hear encouraging stories. Recently, we received a call from a woman who had picked up a *Searchlight* in a hospital waiting room, read it, was blessed by it, and called us to sign up to get her own copy.

Our *Transformed by Grace* television or video broadcasts have also resulted in many reaching out to us to thank us for these programs. An encouraging testimony we received lately was from a woman who has been sharing the grace message with her husband for years, but he has been resistant. Since she started watching *Transformed by Grace*, however, he has been sitting down and watching it with her. She is very excited and hopeful.

After a message entitled, “The Unsung,” based on the list of saints in Romans 16, we received the following encouragement:

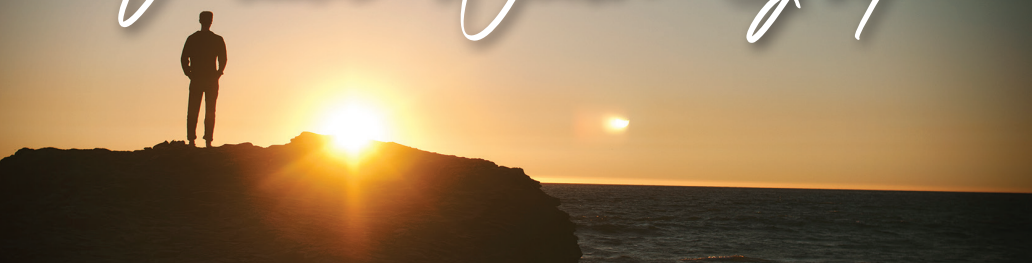
“It goes without saying, that the tireless effort of the Grace Warriors at the Berean Bible Society are notable mentions in the ranks of true unsung heroes.... May God bless this ministry!”

When this was shared with the staff after our morning devotions together, each of us was touched by this note. We hope all of you who support this ministry will be encouraged with us, receiving the encouragement we feel as your own. Thank you to those of you who reach out to encourage us. All we do at BBS is to the praise of His glory. Your encouragement inspires us to keep moving forward for Him.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President

Peace With God



“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1).

The Apostle Paul introduces us to our second phrase when he declares that believers have “peace with God.” While we may live in light of the fact that world peace continues to elude us, we can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. If we have this peace, everything can collapse around us, but we have the assurance that nothing will ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

I am sure most of us have heard it said at one time or another: “It’s high time they made their peace with God.” Those who try to make their peace with God are to be pitied. There are literally millions at this very hour who are striving for this peace, but they will not find it because they are searching in all the wrong places.

They are seeking it in their own strength and wisdom, and the end result will be disillusionment. How is this peace obtained? Allow me to begin by showing how it is not obtained.

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (Rom. 4:4,5).

First we learn that you cannot receive peace with God on your own merit. It is not possible to obtain this peace through good works, repetitious prayers, fasting, or confirmation. As a matter of fact, you can go to church services every day of your life and not experience this peace.

Secondly, you cannot acquire this peace by keeping ordinances such as circumcision or water baptism. You can have all the oceans of the water poured over you, but it will never grant you the forgiveness of your sins or peace with God. Lastly, you can try your very best to keep all 613 commandments and ordinances contained in the Law of Moses, and for all your efforts you will still not enjoy this peace.

How do we receive peace with God? By faith—if we simply believe that Christ died for our sins and rose again, not only are we justified freely by His grace, we also receive assurance that we are right with God. This means that God has nothing against us, having judged our sins at Calvary. The believer can never again be brought into danger of the hellfire judgment to come. God is at *rest* with us forever!

—Pastor Paul Sadler



The Paradox of the Gospel Ministry

PASTOR KEVIN **SADLER**
BBS President

“Peer into the prison and see him for yourself: bent and frail, shackled to the arm of a Roman guard. Behold the apostle of God. Who knows when his back last felt a bed or his mouth knew a good meal? Three decades of travel and trouble, and what’s he got to show for it?

“There’s squabbling in Philippi, competition in Corinth, the legalists are swarming in Galatia. Crete is plagued by money-grabbers....Even some of Paul’s own friends have turned against him.

“Dead broke. No family. No property. Nearsighted and worn out.

“...Got stoned in one city and stranded in another. Nearly drowned as many times as he nearly starved. If he spent more than one week in the same place, it was probably a prison.

“He never received a salary. Had to pay his own travel expenses. Kept a part-time job on the side to make ends meet.

“...One minute he’s in charge; the next he’s in doubt. One day he’s preaching; the next he’s in prison. And that’s where I’d like you to look at him. Look at him in the prison.

“Pretend you don’t know him. You’re a guard or a cook or a friend of the hatchet man, and you’ve come to get one last look at the guy while they sharpen the blade.

“What you see shuffling around in his cell isn’t too much. But what I lean over and tell you is: “That man will shape the course of history.”¹

A Good Concern to Have

“Giving no offense in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God...” (2 Cor. 6:3-4a).

Paul was concerned about doing something that would discredit his ministry of reconciliation. Paul was protective of the integrity of his mission, the gospel, and the

one true God he represented. He did not want the ministry to be blamed or discredited by his actions, the actions of his co-laborers, or the actions of the saints, and so he advised against doing anything that would cause someone to reject the gospel.

It's a good concern for all of us to have, because people often look for excuses to justify their sinful, worldly lifestyle and rejection of Christ. And a common excuse and a favorite one is that "Christians are just a bunch of *hypocrites*." Like Paul, we must be sensitive to our testimony so that it provides no excuse for unbelievers to "obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thes. 1:8).

When Paul wrote, "giving no offence *in any thing*," he wanted people to examine and scrutinize their lives as closely as possible and root out anything that would give "offence," or be a stumbling block. Paul kept the salvation of souls at the forefront of his thinking, and this caused him to avoid anything in his life that might be a stumbling block to someone who might otherwise believe the gospel of salvation.

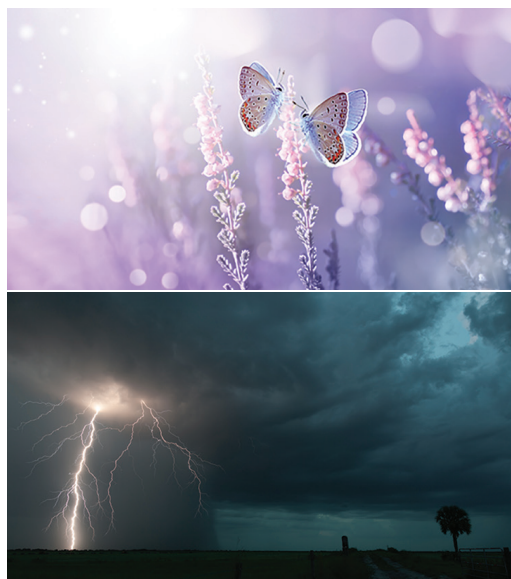
In verse 3, Paul wrote about what *not* to do, while in verse 4, Paul wrote about what *to* do: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God." Paul understood that one's character needs to be admirable and consistent with the truth being proclaimed. We therefore endeavor to carry out the gospel ministry in a manner that is above reproach and to live in a way that is appropriate as a minister of God "in all things." In Paul's case, his godly,

transformed life gave credibility to the gospel of grace that he so faithfully shared.

When the Going Gets Tough

"...in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings" (2 Cor. 6:4b-5).

Paul didn't paint the picture of the gospel ministry with only pastels, flowers, and butterflies.



Instead, from the palette of his personal experience, he included dark, foreboding colors and storm clouds, painting a realistic picture of what to expect when we give ourselves fully to the Lord's service. This is not the description of ministry that you would expect to read in a brochure from a theological seminary or hear from someone recruiting people for ministry, but it's the truth of things in the spiritual battle.

“In much patience,” or endurance, Paul lived as a minister of God. He was faithful in living for the Lord, and he did it over the long run. When a believer lives a faithful life for the Lord, it shows a selfless concern for the souls of the unbelieving around us. And Paul had also been a man of endurance by not quitting when the going got tough in the ministry. We see very clearly in this passage that the going did indeed get tough for Paul but, out of his concern for lost souls, he never gave up.

“In afflictions” Paul had exhibited much patience. “Afflictions” here means a pressing or a pressure, such as physical or emotional pressure, or crushing experiences. It speaks of circumstances that press in on you, that burden you, and weigh you down.

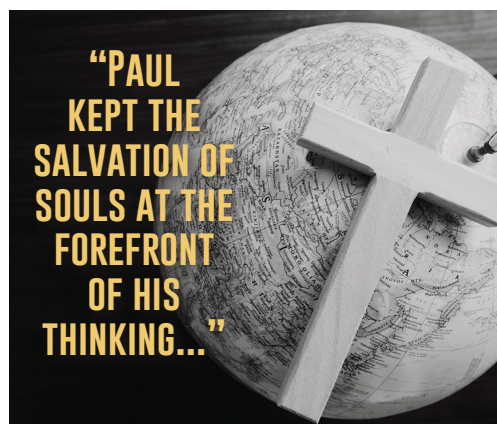
“In necessities” means that Paul did without things that make life comfortable and secure. Paul was often deprived of the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter. He experienced the stress which comes from being in need.

“In distresses” means that Paul was pushed into tight spots or narrow places, so he didn’t know what to do or where to turn as he felt the anguish of being cornered and trapped.

“In stripes” denotes Paul’s beatings and whippings. Later in this letter when he recalled his persecutions, Paul wrote, “in stripes above measure....Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one” (2 Cor. 11:23-24). According to the law of Moses, the Jews did not give more than forty stripes (Deut. 25:2-3), but the Romans had no such law. When

Paul was beaten by Gentiles, they whipped him as long as they wanted. In Philippi, where he and Silas were unjustly beaten, Acts 16:23 tells us, “And when they had laid MANY STRIPES upon them, they cast them into prison.”

“In imprisonments” teaches that Paul was imprisoned many times. Again, recounting his persecution in 2 Corinthians 11:23, Paul wrote, “in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent.” Paul was imprisoned more than we know from the record of Scripture.



“In tumults” is refers to tumultuous situations which put Paul in the middle of riots, mob violence, and public outcries. When Paul wrote this letter, we know he had already faced mobs in Damascus, Jerusalem, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and Ephesus. These tumults and uproars often followed Paul’s preaching of the gospel of grace and resulted from the rejection of that message by both Jews and Gentiles.

“In labors” means Paul toiled to the point of exhaustion and

weariness. Paul worked hard in the ministry as he evangelized and established local churches. In addition, he also worked hard in his tentmaking, working with his hands to provide a living for himself so he wasn't a financial burden on the fledgling churches he planted. He did this to prove the sincerity of his motives and love.

"In watchings" means Paul had many sleepless nights. It's been said that insomnia should be called "resisting a rest." Paul



was kept awake by the stresses and responsibilities of ministry.

"In fastings" tells of Paul going without food. He fasted because of want and poverty, and Paul also fasted because he was busy. He was working hard. Sometimes his fasting was voluntary abstinence from food because he had a lot to do and had to get things done for the Lord.

Spiritual Enablement

"By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left" (2 Cor. 6:6-7).

In these verses, Paul referred to the spiritual graces which enabled him to carry out his ministry and endure its many hardships. Paul labored for the Lord using these spiritual tools found in his ministry toolbox.

"By pureness" denotes cleanliness and blamelessness. This is at the top of this list of spiritual virtues because pureness of life and motives in ministry are critical in making the message of reconciliation known to a world that needs Christ.

"By knowledge" records that Paul's ministry was conducted by a proper understanding of divine knowledge (2 Cor. 11:6). Having been taught directly by the Lord (Gal. 1:11-12), Paul knew sound doctrine and was committed to God's message of grace. He fully grasped God's redeeming love and the preaching of the Cross and made it known to others. He understood God's instruction for the Body of Christ and God's eternal purpose for us to reign in the heavenlies.

"By longsuffering" refers to patience with difficult people. The Corinthians should not have needed any proof of this! They were a difficult people, but the patient way in which he dealt with them was a prime example of Paul's longsuffering. People can test your patience, but people never exasperated Paul to the degree where he set the truth aside, threw up his hands, and walked away from the ministry. He was longsuffering for the gospel's sake and for the sake of the lost.

"By kindness" refers to goodness of heart in action. A lot of

people did a lot of bad things to Paul, but it didn't change him from being good or kind. And Paul's kindness was shown by how faithfully and energetically he spread the gospel, which is the ultimate kindness.

“By the Holy Ghost” is really at the heart of it all. All the rest of these spiritual virtues were possible in Paul's life as the result of the working of the Holy Spirit. Because Paul walked in the Spirit, he manifested these fruits of the Spirit: pureness, knowledge, longsuffering, and kindness. Paul wrote that “in the day of salvation have I succoured [helped] thee” (2 Cor. 6:2). It is by the Holy Spirit that Paul was helped to carry out the ministry of reconciliation in the day of salvation.

“By love unfeigned” was also the working of the Holy Spirit in Paul's life (Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22). The love which was so obvious in the life of the Apostle Paul was genuine. His love was not fake, and it was no sham. His love for the unbelieving was unfeigned, and he truly desired what was best for them: that they would be reconciled to God by faith in Christ (2 Cor. 5:20).

“By the word of truth” in this context is the word of reconciliation. Ephesians 1:13 reads, “In Whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation” (cf. Col. 1:5). The word of truth is the good news that God is reconciling sinners to Himself through faith alone in the substitutionary death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

“By the power of God” points to the power of the gospel and the

Cross. In Romans 1:16, Paul tells us that “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is *the power of God* unto salvation to every one that believeth” (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18). As Paul proclaimed the gospel, the power of God manifested as souls saved and lives transformed.

“By the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left.” The word translated “armour” is not the same Greek word used for “armour” when referring to the whole armor of God in Ephesians 6. It is, however, the same Greek word translated “weapons” later in this epistle, when Paul wrote of “the *weapons* of our warfare are... mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds” (2 Cor. 10:4). Paul is referring to the weapons of righteousness that bring what is *right* to lost sinners and expose what is *wrong* so that what unbelievers believe crumbles before the power of the gospel. The weapons of righteousness are the Word of God and prayer (Eph. 6:17-18).



With these weapons Paul fought and battled for souls on the right hand and on the left to deliver captive sinners from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13).

Opposite Responses

“By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:8-10).

In these verses, Paul described the sharp contrasts and opposite responses that are found in the ministry of reconciliation.

“By honor and dishonor”

means that, as Paul was a witness for Christ, he was praised by some and despised by others. Paul was treated as a man of honor and was loved and respected by those who believed the gospel, and he was dishonored and treated with contempt and disrespect by those who rejected it.

“By evil report and good report” means that some people gave a good report of the Apostle Paul and some gave an evil report. Many happily celebrated the impact of his life on them as he brought the truth of God to them, while others assaulted his character and slandered him. Paul was a force for the truth and the gospel, and it led to these polarized, opposite responses.

“As deceivers, and yet true” was said of our Lord as well. John 7:12 reads, “And there was much murmuring among the people concerning Him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but He deceiveth the people.” Satan desires to destroy the reputation of those who speak the truth of God’s Word. Paul

was called a liar and deceiver by those who hated the truth of the gospel, and yet he was “true,” a true servant who spoke the truth of God.

“As unknown, and yet well known” reminds me of a faithful grace pastor from years ago, Harland Shriver, who once described himself as “unknown from coast to coast.” Paul was ignored, unappreciated, and unknown by many in the world, yet for others he was well known and meant so much because he brought them the truth of the gospel. At the same time that Paul was an obscure nobody to the world, he was a well-known minister of God to the Church.

**“THERE IS A COST
TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY,
BUT IT’S WORTH IT.”**



“As dying, and, behold we live” reminds us how Paul was always living on the brink of death as he took the gospel to the world. In 2 Corinthians 1:9, Paul wrote, “We had the sentence of death in ourselves.” The enemies of the gospel were always dogging Paul, trying to destroy him. Though death was a constant

stalker in his ministry, Paul was alive to Christ and really living, living a passionate, meaningful life for the Savior.


“As chastened, and not killed” means that while Paul was beaten and imprisoned, persecuted and punished relentlessly for sharing the gospel, he was not killed and not put to death. Thus, he was going to continue sharing the gospel as long as he lived.

“As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing” shows Paul’s heart and how sorrowful he was over the rejection of the gospel (Rom. 9:2-3). He longed for people to respond to the gospel and be saved. This phrase shows us that Paul sometimes got down and discouraged. Yet he was always rejoicing, and he never lost his joy. He had an abiding, unfailing joy because of all he had in Christ by God’s grace (Phil. 4:4).

“As poor, yet making many rich” reminds us that Paul had very little of this world’s possessions and wealth. Paul was poor, and yet he made people eternally rich. Through his ministry, lives were enriched by faith in Christ. By Paul’s sharing of the gospel and God’s Word, people were

made rich by knowing Christ, by finding the true riches of our hope and the eternal, spiritual blessings we have in Him.

“As having nothing, and yet possessing all things” means that, although Paul possessed nothing in this world, he had what really mattered. By God’s Word, we learn that, in Christ, we possess true blessing and lasting treasure. In Him, we have what is of true and everlasting worth.

These paradoxes of ministry are expected. It happened to Paul and it will happen to all those who faithfully preach the ministry of reconciliation. There is a cost to the gospel ministry, but it’s worth it. It’s worth it to save just one soul from an eternity of conscious suffering in hell. On the front lines of the spiritual warfare and in spite of the hardship of his ministry, Paul can be seen as weary but undaunted, beaten but not broken, bruised but never giving up. May the same be true of us as we go forth as faithful ambassadors for Christ. 

1. Max Lucado, *Book of 2 Corinthians: Remembering What Matters* (Thomas Nelson: Nashville, Tennessee, 2007), p. 66.



**“If you read Church history,
you’ll find that the
Christians who did
the most for the present
world were just those
who thought most
of the next....”** –C.S. Lewis



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Session 4: 3:00—Pastor Kevin Sadler, BBS President

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Does it Matter What You Believe?



PASTOR ELVIN "WHITEY" MYERS
Guest Writer

After Pastor Myers moved into a predominantly Roman Catholic community, he wrote a book explaining the errors of Catholicism out of the Catholic Bible to share with his neighbors. If you like his approach, you may wish to order this book, "Does it Matter What You Believe?" by Elvin Myers, from Amazon for your Catholic friends.

PREFACE

The purpose of this book is to answer the many questions about what the Bible teaches and how it differs from other belief systems. Does it really matter what we believe? People have said we are all climbing up the same mountain and will arrive at the same place at the top; we are just taking different routes to get there.

After reading the Bible for seventy-five years, no such mountain has ever been found in the Scriptures. That mountain is a myth and a dangerous one. "Sometimes a way seems right, but the end of it leads to death" (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

The sole authority for what I believe is based wholly on the Bible, never on tradition. "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). God is the sole Instructor. He teaches us in the Bible everything we need to know in order to be saved from everlasting judgment and to live in eternity with Him. Not a word of this book has been written to offend, but to explain, and cause one to think and ask, "Do I believe the truth that will save my soul from a fearful never-ending judgment? Do I even know the truth?" There is no time like the present to learn. The Bible God inspired to be written tells us what to believe. It should be the sole authority of every believer.

INTRODUCTION

The truth has never been popular. The first chapter of Paul's epistle to the Roman church records this as a fact of history.

"The wrath God is indeed being revealed from heaven against every impiety and wickedness of those who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

"For what can be known about God is evident to them because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made.

"As a result, they have no excuse. For although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened.

"While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or four-legged animals or of snakes.

"Therefore, God handed them over to impurity through the lusts of their hearts for the mutual degradation of their bodies.

"They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and revered and worshiped the creature rather than the creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Rom. 1:18-25).

Reading carefully, we note that the people referred to "knew God," Romans 1:21. They knew the truth. They deliberately exchanged the truth for a lie. The verses in Romans chapter one say they did this because they did not like to retain God in their minds; they declared their independence from God. Who were these people? They were the early civilizations who populated the earth. The belief systems they created persist to this day. There is nothing new under the sun. Nothing has changed. God's truth is still rejected today and the ancient lies persist. So, just asking, where do you stand? Do you know the truth? Do you believe the truth? If you believe the truths that God has made known to us, welcome to the minority of believers in the world today. By divine inspiration Matthew wrote in his gospel the following:

"Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many.

"How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life, and those who find it are few" (Matt. 7:13-14).

It's a fact. The road, the way, the belief system that leads a human soul home and into the presence of God is not crowded. Few there be who find it, and it has always been that way from the start. Are you on the right road? Are you one of the few?

This book is written to steer people away from errors that might damn their soul. It is the author's hope that what is written will lead

people away from the never-ending judgment of hell and the lake of fire spoken of in the Bible in Revelation 20:14-15, where the soul never dies.

Many people who know the truth never speak up. They are afraid to point the way out of wrong thinking to those who are in error. There is fear of rejection, fear of offending, fear of losing friendships, and fear of ridicule. It hurts to be rejected. Sometimes we are afraid we won't be persuasive enough, and we fear not having sufficient knowledge to convince people.

But dear reader and friend, way too much is at stake to remain silent. Whether people will admit it or not, those who do not know the truth are dependent on those who do. And those who know the truth are responsible for making the truth known. We must speak up. This book is the speaking up of the author.

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It is the plan of this book to show how people in the Bible, who would today be considered deeply religious, were rejected by God and never entered into His presence when they died. They await judgment. It is necessary to show the extreme danger in trusting tradition. The material here sets

forth doctrinal issues, showing what the Bible teaches and what it does not teach. The Bible is our sole guide because it is God's Word and not man's. Every word of the Bible in the original writings was dictated to those who wrote it. They never once added to it nor subtracted from it. This inspired Word of God was protected by the power of God down through the centuries, guarding it from sabotage. It is as much God's Word today in our English language as it was in the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek in which it was written. Paul reminds his coworker and pastor friend, Timothy,

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

"So that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

What a blessing it is to have in our possession our very own copy of God's inspired and preserved word in our own language. What a wonderful provision God has made for us.


On January 5, 1975 at 9:27 p.m., a ship carrying ore struck the Tasman Bridge in Australia, causing the bridge to collapse. The falling bridge sank the ship. Four cars went over the edge of the broken bridge and five people fell to their deaths before traffic was stopped.



Reader's Digest carried the account of a man who nearly became a victim himself. (*Reader's Digest*, article, "Over the Edge," by S. Johnson, November 1977). He was heading home that evening following a bus a short distance ahead. The tail lights of the bus disappeared, so the man pulled over to the side of the road and walked up to the bridge and discovered what had happened. The bridge had collapsed.

Looking back he saw another car approaching and frantically waved his arms to stop the driver. The driver barely stopped in time, his front wheels dangling over the edge of the broken bridge. Between them, these two drivers stopped oncoming traffic, thus averting further tragedy.

Reader, do you think the first man was right to warn oncoming motorists of the bridge, thus saving them from the peril of those who did not know about the collapse? Was it the right thing to do?

This book is the waving of the arms to those who are in eternal peril for lack of knowledge or for believing the wrong things. Consider them carefully. 

Question Box

"I was taught that 'thou shalt not kill' should be translated 'thou shalt not commit murder.' Any help on that issue?"

This is often taught to make Exodus 20:13 compatible with the capital punishment taught in Genesis 9:6. But the Hebrew word for "kill" in Exodus 20:13 is sometimes used in reference to committing manslaughter (Num. 35:6,12), which is not the same as murder.

The compatibility of Genesis 9:6 and Exodus 20:13 is always found in the context of verses that seem to suggest they are incompatible. God sees a difference between murder and manslaughter (Num. 35:15-23). He also sees a difference between the cold-blooded murder of an innocent victim and the orderly execution of a guilty murderer by the government.

—Pastor Kurth



How God Used The Lockdown

(This email was too long to fit on our Letter Excerpts page, but too encouraging not to share with you! –Ed.).

I had been going to a Methodist Church my entire life (I'm 33). Throughout that time, my Biblical knowledge was based on what the pastor said on Sunday mornings, or what an author would say about the Bible in a book we'd use for study. I'm embarrassed to admit that, but it's the truth.

When Covid shut us down in 2020, I got out of denominational church and into the Bible. This started a journey that would ultimately lead me to the rightly divided Pauline message of grace. I started off trying to put everything I thought I knew aside and letting the Scripture be the final authority. There are several teachings in the Methodist Church that at the time didn't seem Biblical, but I didn't know enough to say one way or the other, so I just started reading.

Throughout that reading, things I would read (and had read for years) didn't make any sense. I distinctly remember having no idea how to reconcile the justification-by-faith-only passages in Paul's epistles vs. the justification by works in James. It made no sense, as these were 100 percent contradictory passages. The commentaries didn't help matters, as they twisted James to make his justification by works mean something other than what it clearly said. That left me with a big question I just didn't have the answer to.

I believed in being saved by grace through faith only, but those James passages were hard to fit in with that belief. I was under the impression, at that time, that all books in the New Testament were to me and the Church, so I had to follow it all, but how?

I also struggled with various passages in the four gospels such as:

How could we be saved by faith if, when Jesus was asked how to inherit eternal life, the answer was following commandments?

Why are sign gifts not happening today, when it says clearly in Mark those that believe will be able to speak in tongues, drink poison, heal people, etc?

How could the disciples *not* believe that Jesus was resurrected from the dead? Why was this “hid” from them? After all, they were preaching the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for the payment for sins (since there’s only one gospel) right?

Why would Satan enter Judas to betray Jesus? Why would Satan want the Cross to happen? Didn’t he know what would be accomplished by it? Conversely, why would Peter *not* want the Cross to happen? Didn’t he know what would be accomplished by it?

I started looking into what other traditions and denominations believed, hoping to find some clarity. I found none. Throughout this search, I found people referencing “covenant theology” and “dispensationalism.” I looked at


Search... **“Covenant Theology”** 

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it briefly, but really couldn’t determine the point. They both seemed to say that the Body of Christ started in Acts 2, which is what I had been taught my whole life—that it was the “birthday” of the Church—so it didn’t really seem to make that much of a difference whether it was covenant or dispensational.

Then, as fate would have it, my brother let me borrow a book written by a guy that said basically there is no Rapture, there’s only going to be the Second Coming and that’s it. He taught that Paul spoke of the same event in his epistles that Christ did in the gospels. He attacked dispensationalism. The man, however, was a conspiratorial, anti-Semitic nut job. He said things in that book that I could prove false. So, since this guy said dispensationalism was wrong, I decided that maybe I should take a second look at it.

So, I did. It was while looking in depth at dispensationalism that I would hear Acts 2 people say that they weren’t “hyper” dispensationalists. They weren’t mid-Acts. I had no idea what that was either, but since I was challenging everything I thought I knew and not taking other people’s words for what the Bible taught, I wanted to see what the proponents of the mid-Acts position said so I could decide for myself. I looked up some mid-Acts churches and teachings on their websites and YouTube channels. And when I read what they taught and compared it to what the Bible actually said, it was like a floodlight came on.

Everything started to make more sense. Contradictions cleared up. I became 100 percent confident in salvation and who I am in Christ. It was a life-changing experience. *Understanding the Bible* was finally within my grasp! This occurred in January/February of 2021. I never will forget it. 



MOSES

MOSES IS DEAD

(An article based on studies that will be reflected in our upcoming mid-Acts Grace Reference Bible)

PASTOR RICKY KURTH
Searchlight Editor

After a man's mother passed away, he called the phone company to have her line disconnected. The phone company representative told him that his father would have to be the one to request the disconnection, for the account was in his father's name. The man explained that his father had passed away ten years earlier, but that didn't seem to make any difference to the representative. After the man thought for a moment, he said, "I bet if I stop paying the bill you'll disconnect mom's phone." The representative replied, "Well, yes. But that would ruin your dad's credit."

I guess we've all had to deal with customer service representatives like that at some time or other in our lives. But speaking of people who die and leave behind things that need to be done, as the Book of Joshua opens we see that *Moses* has died, and left something behind for *Joshua* to do:

"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto

Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel" (Josh. 1:1,2).

Now to begin with, we have to ask who this guy Joshua was, and why God was talking to *him* now that Moses was dead, instead of some other man. All we know from verse 1 is that his father's name was Nun, and that he was Moses' "minister." The story of how he got to *be* his minister begins in the Bible's first reference to him in Exodus 17:9,10,13:

"And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek...So Joshua did as Moses had said to him...And Joshua discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword" (Exod. 17:9,10,13).

As you can see, the first thing Moses asked Joshua to do was to be a *warrior* for the Lord, and Joshua did as he was asked. And

that's significant, because Israel's next leader after Moses was going to have to *be* a warrior. Moses had brought them out of Egyptian bondage into the wilderness, but he had sinned a sin that disqualified him from being allowed to enter the Promised Land (Num. 20:1-12). That meant *someone else* was going to have to bring the people of Israel into the land.

And that land was filled with Canaanites, seven different pagan nations (Deut. 7:1) who had no regard for Israel's claim to that land, and no intention of letting Israel push them out of it. But after Joshua did such a good job of whooping up on Amalek, God chose him to be the man to conquer the Canaanites. That teaches us that before God can use us to do something really *big* for Him, we have to prove ourselves faithful in smaller areas first. That's a timeless principle that is true in any dispensation.

The Association

After Joshua proved himself by defeating Amalek, Moses began to *associate* Joshua with himself, as we see in Exodus 24:12,13:

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to Me into the mount... and I will give thee...commandments which I have written....And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.”

Moses began to get people used to the idea that Joshua would be their leader someday by associating himself with Joshua, even when it came to something as important as his trip to receive the law. That's actually the first time

Joshua is *called* Moses' minister. That means Moses *made him* his minister based on his earlier willingness to help Amalek assume room temperature, so to speak.

But the biggest thing Joshua was known for is found in Numbers 13 and 14:

“...the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan...of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a Man.... And Moses...sent them...and they returned....And they told him... the people be strong that dwell in the land....We be not able to go up against the people....And Joshua....and Caleb....spake....If the LORD delight in us, then He will bring us into this land....” (Num. 13:1,2,25,27,28,31; 14:6,7,8).

When Moses sent those twelve men to spy out the land, Joshua and Caleb were the only two of the



twelve who remembered that “if” the Lord delighted in them, then (as God promised them),

“...five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword” (Lev. 26:8).

But as you may remember, the people of Israel believed the ten

spies who said that Israel *couldn't* conquer the Canaanites instead of believing Joshua and Caleb. Because of that, God said that *that whole generation in Israel* had to die in the wilderness—except Joshua and Caleb, as we see when the Lord said,

“Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt...shall see the land...because they have not wholly followed Me: *Save Caleb...and Joshua...for they have wholly followed the LORD*” (Num. 32:11,12).

And of those two, God picked Joshua to be Israel's next leader:

“The LORD said unto Moses, *Take thee Joshua...and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before...the congregation....And...put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient*” (Num. 27:18-20).

God told Moses to lay his hand on Joshua in what we today call an ordination ceremony, so all Israel would *know* that he was their next leader. This is something we do even today for new pastors who are entering the ministry.

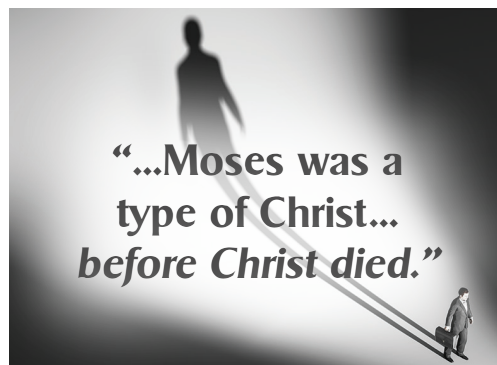
Joshua Got a Charge Out of This

After you pick a man to be a leader of God's people, and associate him with some established spiritual leaders in an ordination ceremony, the next step is to *charge him with what you want him to do*, as we see Moses doing in Deuteronomy 31:7:

“Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, *Be strong and of a good courage; for thou must go with this people unto the land which*

the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.”

Moses charged Joshua to take the people of Israel into Canaan and inherit the land that God had promised their fathers.



And now that Moses had associated Joshua with himself, ordained him, and charged him, you'd think the people of Israel would be ready to follow Joshua as they followed Moses. But there was still one more thing the people looked for before deciding to hear-ken unto Joshua. Deuteronomy 34:9 tells us,

“Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him...” (Deut. 34:9).

The people of Israel waited until they saw Joshua's ordination had produced the fruit of *wisdom* in him before showing a readiness to follow him, and that reflects a timeless principle as well. Just because a man is ordained and is associated with established spiritual leaders doesn't automatically mean that God's people should be willing to follow him. They need to see some *wisdom* in him.

Of course, Moses imparted the wisdom of the law to Joshua (cf. Psa. 19:7). To earn the allegiance of a congregation of *grace believers*, such a man must be able to “speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the *hidden wisdom*” (1 Cor. 2:7). *That’s* the wisdom that God’s people need today, in the dispensation of grace!

And that’s not wisdom that can be imparted today in any miraculous way by the laying on of hands, as Moses was able to do for Joshua. That’s a wisdom that can only come from a diligent *study* of the mystery revealed to Paul found in his epistles.

The Bigger Picture

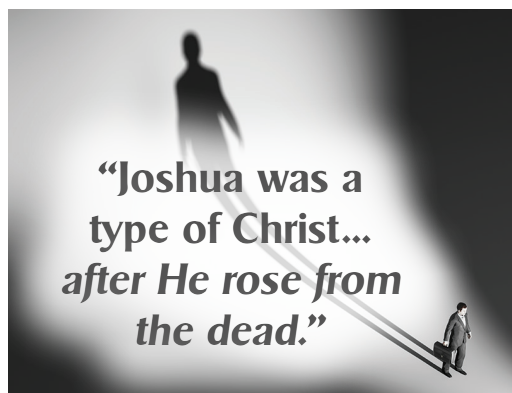
At this point in our study, I should mention something that is key to understanding the symbolic significance of the Book of Joshua. Joshua was a *type*, an Old Testament *picture*, of the Lord Jesus Christ, just as Moses was a type of Christ before him. In verse 1 of our text, Moses is called “the servant of the LORD,” and in verse 2 the Lord refers to him as “My servant.” Doesn’t that remind you of what God called *Christ* in Isaiah 42:1, where the prophet quotes God as saying,

“Behold My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth.”

We know that’s talking about the Lord Jesus because it is quoted in the New Testament and ascribed to Him (Matt. 12:18). So Moses was called the servant of the Lord, and Christ was as well.

We see another example of how Moses was a type of Christ when Moses was born. Just prior to

Moses’ birth, Pharaoh was busy killing innocent Hebrew boys, but God saved Moses from his murderous rampage (Exod. 1:1–2:10). Doesn’t that make you think of how, when the Lord was born, Herod was *also* busy killing innocent Hebrew boys, but God saved Him from that homicidal crusade (Matt. 1:18–2:12). Both Moses and Christ were said to be meek as well (Num. 12:3; Matt. 11:29).



Most importantly, as the son of Pharaoh, Moses was *rich*. But he *left* his riches to make *his people* rich, by freeing them from slavery in Egypt and giving them an inheritance in a land of their own. What a picture of how the Lord Jesus Christ was rich *in heaven*, but for our sakes He became poor by being born to a poor family here on earth, that we through His poverty might be freed from the bondage of sin and made *eternally* rich when He died for our sins (2 Cor. 8:9).

The Strong, Risen Type

So Moses was a type of Christ, but as you can see from the examples I cited, he was a type of Christ *before Christ died*. Joshua was a

type of Christ *after He rose from the dead*. When Joshua eventually conquered the Canaanites, the Hittites, and all the other “ites” in Canaan, and brought Israel into the Promised Land, that typified how the *risen* Christ will conquer the antichrist, and all the nations who align themselves with him, and bring Israel into their land *in the kingdom of heaven on earth*. Revelation 17 says that the Lord will actually defeat a beast with seven heads that represent seven kingdoms—just as Joshua defeated the seven nations in Canaan to bring Israel into the land in this type (Deut. 7:1).

Shucks, Joshua’s name even *means* Jesus. He’s actually called “Jesus” in Hebrews 4:8, because both names mean “Jehovah Saves.” But the Lord Jesus Christ couldn’t *be* Israel’s Savior until He died for their sins. That is, He couldn’t bring Israel into the kingdom until He had *paid* for their sins. And we see that pictured here in Joshua 1 with that word “therefore” in Joshua 1:2. God was telling Joshua, as it were, “Moses is dead, *therefore* it’s time to take Israel into the land.” In other words, once the man typifying the *earthly* life of Christ was dead, then the man typifying the *resurrection* life of Christ could take over.

If you’re not sure you followed that, let me put it another way. The nation of Israel couldn’t go into the Promised Land until Moses died for *his* sin, just as the people of Israel couldn’t go into the *kingdom* until Christ died for *their* sins. And we see that typified with that word “therefore.”

Moses represented *the law*, since he was *given* the law, and the law couldn’t bring Israel into the Promised Land. That’s a type of how the law couldn’t bring Jews into the kingdom. But Joshua could do what Moses couldn’t, because He was a type of the risen Christ. After the Lord rose from the dead, the blood of Christ could do what the law of Moses couldn’t, and bring Jews into the kingdom. Of course, it can *also* do *for us* what the law couldn’t do, and save our souls, and give us an eternal hope in heaven.

But as we also see in verse 2 of our text, to bring Israel into the land, Joshua was going to have to lead the nation across the Jordan River. The problem with that was:



he didn’t have any *boats*. And that probably troubled the people quite a bit, for all the Jews who saw God part the Red Sea were dead. But it didn’t bother Joshua or Caleb, for they *had* seen that stupendous display of God’s power, and knew that God could easily work a miracle like that again.

The Ultimate Double Cross

Indeed, as we see later in the Book of Joshua, Joshua is going to part the Jordan River so the Jews


can cross it and enter the Promised Land. And when you put the two types of Moses and Joshua together, they typify what Christ will do when He leads His people in Israel into the kingdom. Isaiah described the Lord's Second Coming by saying,

"...the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with His mighty wind shall He shake His hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

"And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt (Isa. 11:15,16).

Isn't that amazing? When the Lord returns to lead His people back into the land for the king-

dom,¹ He will lead them across *both* the Red Sea *and* the Jordan River after parting both bodies of water. As I like to say, Israel's past is a dress rehearsal for her future.

And what an example of how the God we serve knows "the end from the beginning" (Isa. 46:10). Do you think maybe you can trust a God like that to have worked out all the details of your salvation and your eternal security? Do you think it's possible that a God like that could *also* have provided a Book that can help you navigate the most treacherous times in your life with guidelines that will never steer you wrong? If you're not there yet, we'll be presenting more types in Joshua in future issues that will help solidify your faith and calm your heart with the assurance of the all-sufficient grace of God. 

1. The Jews *presently* in the land are almost exclusively *unsaved* Hebrews. Their return to the land in 1948 has nothing to do with God's plans. For more information about this, see the *Berean Searchlight*, September, 2011, and January, 2012.



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HUSBAND *to* HUSBAND

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, That He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:25-27).

In giving the instruction for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church, verse 25 speaks of the **past**, our justification, that Christ died for us and gave Himself for us. Verse 26 speaks of the Church’s **present**, our sanctification, how Christ continually cleanses and sets us apart to Himself “by the Word.” Then verse 27 speaks of our **future**, our glorification, when the Church will be presented to Christ, “glorious... holy and without blemish.” These verses show us that Christ loved us in the past, He loves us in the present, and He will love us forever. And a husband’s love is to be the same for his wife: a past, present, and future abiding love.

German theologian Helmut Thielicke (1908-1986) wrote this: “I once knew a very old married couple who radiated a tremendous happiness. The wife especially, who was almost unable to move because of old age and illness and in whose kind old face the joys and sufferings of many years had etched a hundred runes, was filled with such gratitude for life that I was touched to the quick. Involuntarily I asked myself what could possibly be the source of this kindly old person’s radiance. Otherwise they were very common people and their room indicated only the most modest comfort. But suddenly I knew where it all came from, for I saw these two speaking to each other and their eyes hanging upon each other. All at once it became clear to me that this woman was dearly loved. And it was as if she were like a stone that has been lying in the sun for years and years, absorbing all its radiant warmth, and now was reflecting back cheerfulness and warmth and serenity.

“Let me express it this way. It was not because she was this kind of a cheerful and pleasant person that she was loved by her husband all those years. It was probably the other way around. Because she was so loved, she became the person I now saw before me.”¹

—Pastor Kevin Sadler

1. Thielicke, Helmut, *How the World Began: Sermons on the Creation Story*, p. 74.

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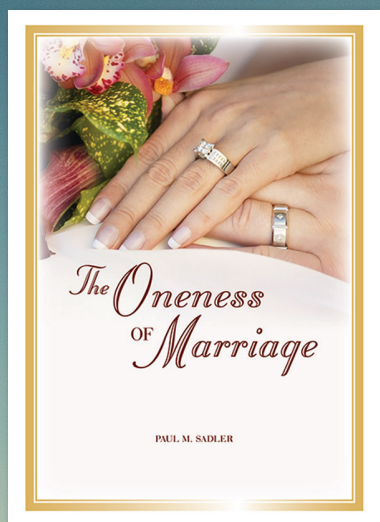
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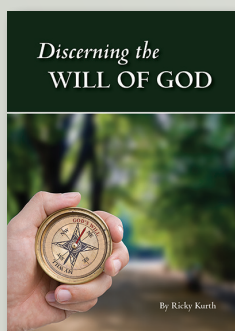
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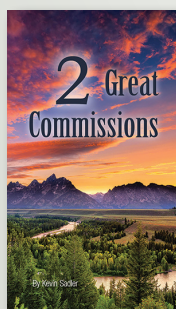


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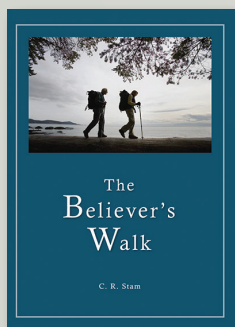
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Georgia Special Meeting: The warm-hearted saints of *Grace Bible Church* of Appling will be observing their 14th anniversary on June 12, and have invited *Berean Searchlight* editor Pastor Ricky Kurth to come and help them mark the occasion. They have a new church building in which to observe their homecoming, so they said I could invite you as well! Just direct any and all questions you may have to Pastor Tim Lewis at (706) 799-6819, or at loydt.lewis@yahoo.com.

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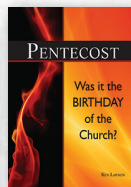
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