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## A Note From the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past May I had the honor of speaking at the 50th anniversary of the Cloverley Hall Conference in Whitchurch, Shropshire, England. As our plane was on its approach to Birmingham and I was looking over the land, roads, quaint farms, and houses below me, the thought crossed my mind that I was visiting a place where God so greatly used the men of church history, men like John Wycliffe, John Newton, J. N. Darby, Sir Robert Anderson, Isaac Watts, and Hudson Taylor. This was the land of these men who zealously labored in the Word and for the Word.

Leaving the Birmingham airport, I found it a little disconcerting to be riding on the left side of the road. When I really felt the difference was when we took a right-hand turn across traffic. That was a new and alarming sensation! I enjoyed learning English terms and ways of saying things, such as “squash” for fruit juice, “biscuit” for a cookie, and “rubbish bin” for a garbage can. And I learned quickly that tea in England is a priority!

For 50 years, grace believers have been gathering for a conference at Cloverley Hall, a Christian conference center situated in the beautiful, tranquil countryside of England. The present-day hall used to be the servants’ quarters and stables for the great, main house that was demolished in 1926.



The gracious, faithful leaders of this conference are John and Ruth Weckler and *Things To Come* missionaries Barry and Kathy Pumphrey. A group of 30 attended the conference. I spoke five times during the course of the weekend under the theme, “God’s Best Kept Secret—Romans 16:25.” For five decades, this conference has remained dedicated to proclaiming the truth of the revelation of the mystery committed to the Apostle Paul. And the group of believers we met couldn’t have been more warm, sincere, and welcoming. We immediately felt like family after meeting them. That’s the way it is in Christ!

As we celebrated the milestone of their 50th anniversary, I remarked to the group how anniversaries are good to mark the time, to acknowledge what God has done through His people, and to give Him the glory for it. Only in eternity will we fully learn how God has used this conference and the faithfulness of those who have gathered there year after year.



Cheerio! And Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President



# Gospel Differences

There is a difference between the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 4:23) and the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24). The reason that the gospel is often presented in an unclear manner today is that elements and terms of the gospel of the kingdom are mixed with the gospel of grace. To demonstrate this, here is an activity to aid you in your understanding of these two separate and different gospels. Please list the letter(s) of the requirements with the heading of the gospel to which it corresponds.

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## GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD

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## GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

- A. Repent and be water baptized (Acts 2:38).
- B. Be circumcised (Acts 15:1,5).
- C. Confess your sins (1 John 1:9).
- D. Keep the commandments (Matt. 19:16-17).
- E. Believe Jesus is Israel's Messiah and the Son of God (John 20:31).
- F. Abide in Christ (John 15:1-6).
- G. Trust that Christ died for our sins and rose again (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- H. Perform miraculous signs and wonders (Mark 16:17-18).
- I. Overcome (Rev. 3:5).
- J. Endure to the end (Matt. 24:13).
- K. Forgive others (Matt. 6:14-15).
- L. Show fruits of repentance (Luke 3:7-11).
- M. Prove faith by performing good works (James 2:20-26).
- N. Sell all and give to the poor (Matt. 19:21).

The correct answer is that only the letter “G” belongs under the gospel of the grace of God. All other letters belong under the gospel of the kingdom. The gospel for today is a message of faith *alone* in Christ's finished work (Rom. 4:5; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5). The gospel of the kingdom has been temporarily suspended due to Israel's fall (Rom. 11:11). It will once again be required for salvation after the Rapture of the Church. Until then, only the gospel of grace saves souls, and it gives those who believe an eternal, heavenly hope (Col. 1:5).

—Pastor Kevin Sadler



# Preaching CHRIST in the Shadows

PASTOR RICKY KURTH  
Berean Searchlight Editor

Recently I asked my trainer at the gym if I could start shadow boxing. He said, “Sure! Knock yourself out.”

Speaking of *shadows*, in Acts 7, Stephen was on trial for his life before the Jewish Council for preaching Christ. Some false witnesses had charged him with blasphemy, so when they gave him a chance to address the council, you’d think Stephen would have taken the opportunity to defend himself. Instead, he took the opportunity *to preach Christ some more!*

But he sensed that the mere mention of the Lord’s name might keep them from allowing him to continue to speak, just as the mere mention of the word “Gentiles” would later keep them from allowing Paul to continue (Acts 22:21,22). So he decided to preach Christ *from the shadows*, from the *types* found in their Old Testament Scriptures. That would serve to provide the *additional* benefit of proving to

those unsaved Jews that their Scriptures *were all about Jesus Christ*. Besides, he knew they loved hearing the history of their nation, so he knew he would have their undivided attention if he rehearsed it.

Let’s begin our study by reading what the high priest asked Stephen about the charge of blasphemy that had been leveled against him.

**“Then said the high priest, Are these things so?”**

**“And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,**

**“And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee” (Acts 7:1-3).**

When Stephen begins by addressing the Jewish council as “brethren” and “fathers,” it shows that while they considered him

an enemy, he considered them to be family. Is that how you think about brethren who falsely accuse you of things? It's hard, I know, but it's what Stephen did, and it's what God would have us do as well (Rom. 12:14).

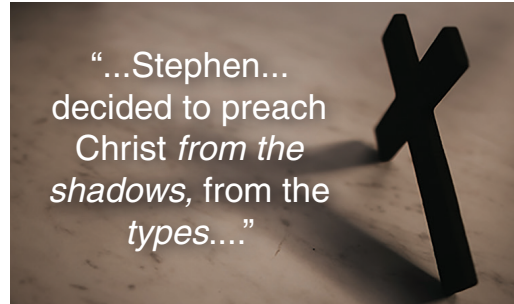
Next, when Stephen said that "the God of glory" had appeared to Abraham, that would have gotten those Jews to thinking, because God wasn't *called* "the God of glory" until long after Abraham was dead (Psa. 29:3). That means you'd have to read that title back *into* those early verses about Abraham. And that's what Stephen is about to do with Christ! He's going to read the Lord back into those verses about Abraham as well.

### **Abraham Cast a Long Shadow**

For instance, when God sent Abraham to Canaan, telling him, "Get thee out of thy country," it was a picture, a type—an Old Testament *shadow*—of how "God sent forth His Son" (Gal. 4:4). God had His Son leave the country of heaven, and sent Him to earth to pay for our sins.

As Stephen noted, Abraham lived in Mesopotamia, the location of the Garden of Eden. So in the beginning of his life, Abraham lived in the place that was *the beginning of life on earth*. That's a picture of where God's Son lived "in the beginning" in Genesis 1:1, before He began to create life on earth and in heaven. We know from Scripture that it was "in the beginning" that God *planned our redemption*, before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). That's

when He told His Son that He would have to get out of His country in heaven to go to a new land on earth.



When God told Abraham to leave "his kindred" behind, it was a picture of how the Lord had to leave *His* kindred behind, His Father and the Holy Spirit. When we're told he left "his father's house" (Gen. 12:1), that would have included his servants (cf. 15:1-3), a type of how God the Son left *His* servants as well—all the angels who ministered to Him in heaven. In other words, the Lord would have to leave all the comforts of home behind—just as we see pictured in the type of Abraham. That's how Stephen began preaching Christ from the shadows.

Now it's possible that the Jews on that council would miss those types that we can easily spot with the benefit of hindsight, as we look back at them with completed Bibles in our hands. But Stephen is just getting started in preaching Christ from the shadows. If those Jews hadn't caught on to what he was doing yet, we know they soon did. There's a reason they stoned Stephen at the end of his lengthy oration, even though he never *once* mentioned the

name of Christ. They knew he was preaching Christ from the shadows of their Scriptures.

### A Tale of Two Fathers

We see another shadow as Stephen went on to say of Abraham, **“Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell” (Acts 7:4).**

When Abraham obeyed God and came to the place where God asked him to go, it foreshadowed how the Lord *came to the earth*, the place where God had asked *Him* to go. Of course, before Abraham got to the place where the Jewish council now dwelt *in Jerusalem*, he spent some years in Charran—just like the Lord spent some years in Bethlehem and Nazareth before coming to Jerusalem to initiate His ministry.

In other words, Abraham waited in Charran until his father died to *ultimately* go where God told him to go, just as the Lord waited until *His earthly father Joseph* died to ultimately go where God told *Him* to go *in Jerusalem*. We know Joseph was dead at the *end* of the Lord’s ministry, for He asked John to care for His mother with His dying breaths (John 19:27). That’s something He wouldn’t have had to do if Joseph had still been alive.

But we know Joseph was dead at the very *beginning* of the Lord’s ministry, for after He performed His first miracle, John wrote:

**“This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee....**

**After this He went down to Capernaum, He, and His mother, and His brethren, and...went up to Jerusalem” (John 2:11-13).**

You’ll notice that the Lord’s mother and brethren are mentioned in this trip to Jerusalem, but Joseph is conspicuous by his absence. So it is safe to extrapolate that the Lord waited until His father Joseph was dead to begin His ministry, for that’s when we read things like,

**“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him” (Matt. 3:13).**

That’s when the Lord first came to the area where the Jewish council now dwelt in Jerusalem, after His father was dead—just as we see pictured in Abraham.

### The Inheritance to Come

Next, Stephen continues with the story of Abraham in Acts 7:5 where, speaking of what God *gave* Abraham in the promised land, we read:

**“And He gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: yet He promised that He *would* give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him....”**

Abraham was promised the land of Israel for an inheritance—that’s why it’s called the promised land! But he didn’t *receive* his inheritance during his *first* trip to that land. He won’t receive it until his *next* trip there *in the resurrection*. That’s why it says of him in Hebrews 11:9,

**“By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles....”**

Abraham lived in *tents* because he couldn't put down roots in a



land that he didn't officially possess yet! Doesn't that remind you of what we read about the Lord during *His* first trip to the earth?

**“And Jesus saith...The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head” (Matt. 8:20).**

Does that sound like the Lord received *His* inheritance during *His* first trip to Planet Earth? We know He *won't* receive it until the arrival of the kingdom in the regeneration, just as we see typified with Abraham.

If you're wondering what *His* inheritance was, Hebrews 1:1,2 says,

**“God...hath...spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds”**

Someday the Lord will inherit “all things,” including the “worlds” He created—including *this* world. But He will only receive His inheritance in *His* resurrection—just as Abraham will receive *his* inheritance after his.

When the Lord returns, He and his *spiritual* seed (the Jews who believed on Him) will “inherit the earth” (Psa. 37:11,22) in the

kingdom of heaven—just as *Abraham's* seed won't receive *their* inheritance until the kingdom comes (Acts 7:5).

### Double Trouble

But before the Lord's spiritual seed can inherit the earth in the kingdom, they'll have to go through the Tribulation. Abraham's seed *also* had to go through some tribulation before they could get to the land God promised *them*, something we see as Stephen continues his narration of Abraham's life story:

**“And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years” (Acts 7:6).**

God told Abraham that his seed would have to suffer bondage to Pharaoh in Egypt before getting to their inheritance in the promised land, just as the Lord's spiritual seed will have to suffer bondage to the *Antichrist* in the *Tribulation* before getting their inheritance in the kingdom.

What happened to Pharaoh and his people in Egypt after the time of Israel's bondage was through? In case you forgot, Stephen reminds us as he went on to say of the Egyptians,

**“And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve Me in this place” (Acts 7:7).**

Did God “judge” the nation of Egypt before Abraham's seed got to go to their inheritance? Just ask Pharaoh and his Soggy Bottom Boys! Will the Lord judge



the Antichrist before His spiritual seed gets to go to their inheritance in the kingdom? Just ask the birds who will feast on the flesh of the beast's armies (Rev. 19:17-19)!



Now the *reason* Abraham's seed had to go through that time of bondage in Egypt was due to something we read about in Genesis 15:13,16, where God told Abraham,

**“...thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years... for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.”**

Compare that to what we read about the Antichrist in Daniel 8:23,24:

**“...when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance...shall...destroy... the holy people.”**

Abraham's seed couldn't go to their inheritance in the land until the iniquity of the Amorites was full, and Christ's spiritual seed won't get *their* inheritance in the kingdom until the transgressions of *Antichrist and his cronies* are full.

If you're not convinced that those 400 years that Abraham's seed suffered in Egypt were a

type of the Tribulation, do a study of the 10 plagues that *ended* those 400 years. You'll see that those plagues will match the judgments that will fall in the Tribulation. The waters turning to blood, the frogs, the locust, the darkness—it's all coming again when that fateful day befalls the earth.

### Your Typical Savior

Of course, Abraham and his seed needed a Savior to save them from their sins if they wanted to rise from the dead to inherit the promised land, for without salvation there can be no resurrection to eternal life. We see this pictured in Acts 7:8, where Stephen tells us about something *else* God gave Abraham:

**“And He gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.”**

Abraham's son Isaac was *also* a type of Christ our Savior, when He was obedient unto death when His father went to sacrifice him in Genesis 22.

Did you ever wonder *why* God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision before Isaac's birth? It was because God had promised him a son, but when He took so very long to *give* him a son, Abraham got tired of waiting and had a son with his wife's maid. That happened in *Genesis 16*, and God gave him the covenant of circumcision in *Genesis 17*. That was God's way of looking at Abraham's illegitimate son and saying, “What's this? I didn't ask

for this. I don't accept this! *And I'll show you what I think of this.* Cut the head off the member that *produced* this son."

"...they stoned Stephen... even though he never *once* mentioned the name of Christ."



And *that* part of the shadow of Abraham's life was a type of how God promised the Jews a Messiah, but since they rejected *Christ* as their messiah, they are going to be plenty tired of waiting for their Christ by the time the Tribulation arrives. So the seed of Abraham will someday produce *their own* messiah in the Antichrist, just as we see foreshadowed when Abraham fathered Ishmael.

### The Shadow of Joseph

But *Isaac* was the seed of Abraham that counted with God. And as it says in Acts 7:8, Isaac begat Jacob, who begat the twelve patriarchs. That brings us to *another* beloved figure in Israel's history who was *also* a type of Christ:

**"And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him" (Acts 7:9).**

Joseph was a type of Christ in countless ways. He once said,

**"...I seek my brethren....And Joseph went after his brethren... And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him" (Gen. 37:16-18).**

Doesn't that remind you of how Christ said, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" among *His* brethren *in Israel* (Luke 19:10)? Joseph's brethren coveted his part of their inheritance, just as the Lord's brethren coveted *His*. Matthew 21:38 says:

**"...when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill Him, and let us seize on his inheritance."**

The religious leaders in Israel wanted to rule God's people, so they conspired to seize *the Lord's* right to rule Israel from His hands while *He* was conducting most of *His* ministry "afar off" from Jerusalem. Not long after He began His ministry, we read:

**"...the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against Him, how they might destroy Him" (Mark 3:6).**

You probably remember *why* Joseph's brethren wanted to kill him. "His brethren *envied* him" (Gen. 37:11 cf. Acts 7:9). Hey, isn't that why the Lord's brethren wanted to kill Him too (Matt. 27:7,18)?

### No Blood On Their Hands

Next we read of Joseph,  
**"...when Joseph was come unto his brethren...they stripped Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours..." (Gen. 37:23).**


What a picture of how we read of the Lord Jesus that "they stripped Him" (Matt. 27:28). Of course, it was *the Roman soldiers* who did that. The Jews didn't want His blood on *their* hands, so

they got the Romans to do their dirty work—just like we read about Joseph when his brother Reuben said to his brethren,

**“...Shed no blood...lay no hand upon him...and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites...and they brought Joseph into Egypt” (Gen. 37:22 cf. v. 28).**

Joseph’s brethren sold him to the Ishmeelites, the enemies of Abraham’s seed in Isaac, and let *them* do their dirty work—just

as the Lord’s brethren sold *Him* to the Romans, the enemies of Abraham’s seed in Christ’s day, to let *them* slay the Lord.

Aren’t God’s types *amazing*? You may want to share this article with a Jewish friend, to explain to him how our faiths are joined. Then you may want to dig into the rest of Acts 7, for we’ve just touched on the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the typology of Stephen’s message that day. A study like that might be a blessing to you both. 

## Question Box

*“Does Revelation 3:16 teach you can lose your salvation?”*

The letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2,3 are not written to us today, they are written to Tribulation churches. John prefaces *Revelation* by explaining that he was their “companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom” (1:9), and then went on to describe the Tribulation and the kingdom of heaven on earth in the ensuing chapters. That is, he saw a vision of the future and was their companion in those things in the virtual reality sort of way that such prophetic visions afforded the prophets.

In describing the Tribulation, the Lord said,

**“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matt. 24:12,13).**

Iniquity will begin to abound when the beast issues his mark, and believers won’t be able to buy food or raiment without it (Rev. 13:16,17). Believers in that day must help other believers with these things to be saved (Matt. 25:31-46; James 2:14-17), and they must *continue* to help them “unto the end” (Heb. 6:10-12) *of the Tribulation* (cf. Matt. 24:3) to be saved (24:13,14). If they let their love for their brethren wax cold, they won’t continue to help them, and this will show they never “believed to the saving of the soul” (Heb. 10:39), forcing God to spue them out of His mouth (Rev. 3:16).

In our day, believers *should* help others with these things (Gal. 6:10), but our salvation doesn’t depend on it! —Pastor Kurth

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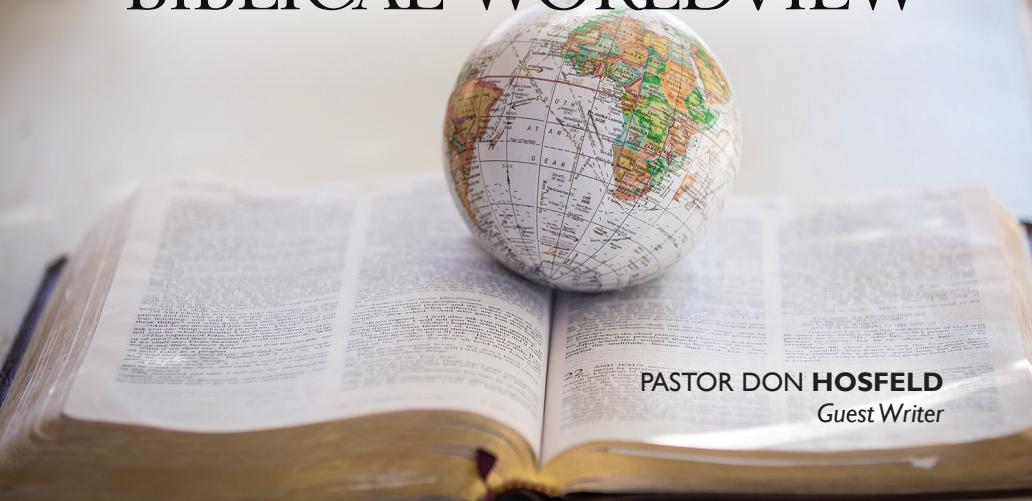
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# Christians Need to Have a BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



PASTOR DON **HOSFELD**  
Guest Writer

**I**n his epistle to the saints in Colosse, we see that Paul wants believers to align their will to that of Christ's.

**“For this cause, we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Col. 1:9-10).**

We live in a world that is full of distractions. Our passage in Colossians is a good reminder that Christians were not saved so we might pursue our interests or determine for ourselves what is of importance; instead, we can see from the Scriptures that we need to be filled with the knowledge of His (Christ's) will so that we can advance His cause. This is for a good reason, for the next chapter says that in Christ are *“all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge”* (Col. 2:3).

One of the first ways believers need to align themselves with Christ is with a Biblical worldview.

I can remember when I didn't know what a worldview was or why it was important. I didn't even know I had a worldview before being saved. Yet, everyone has one.

There were two moments in my life when I realized I had not been seeing the world for what it truly was. The first was when I was 19 years old and joined the Navy. It was during my physical that I learned I was color-blind. It hit me that how I saw the world was not how things actually were. Recently, my wife got me some color corrective glasses

as a gift; it turns out that what I thought were purple flowers in the front of our house were actually pink. I was completely unaware of that fact.

I again realized I had not seen the world for what it truly was when I became a believer. Until that moment, I believed the world to be much different from what I know today. At one time, I thought most people were “good”; but then I was confronted with the truth of God’s Word, that mankind has rebelled against his Creator.



### WHAT IS A WORLDVIEW, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

A worldview is a person’s philosophical view of the world and all of reality. It represents a person’s most fundamental beliefs and assumptions about the universe. Our ultimate values and commitments are seated in our worldview. It is our all-encompassing perspective on everything that exists. Our worldview is the basis for how we view and answer all the big questions of human existence.

Our origins—is there a God and how did we get here?

Our meaning—why are we here?

Our morality and ethics—what is right and what is wrong?

Our destiny—where are we going?

What we believe about these things affects our view of *all* things.

### HAVE YOU DELIBERATELY CONSIDERED WHAT YOUR WORLDVIEW IS?

I am convinced that we need to be intentional in our lives. Success seldom comes by accident. Truth is rarely found in ignorance or without searching. Even when we become believers, our beliefs and thinking will not automatically align with God’s. We must search the Scriptures to learn God’s view of the world, understand His will, and align ourselves to it. Let’s read Romans 12:1-2 with that thought in mind:

**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”**

And Colossians 3:10 says our new man *“is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him.”* Much like a newborn baby that is complete, yet still needs to mature and grow, so does the new or immature Christian need to grow up in Christ. Christians need to

know things. God’s goal is for us to be more like Christ, and that’s a little hard to do when we don’t put on the mind of Christ.

A fighter that came to the U.S. famously said, *“I’m not here to take part, but to take over.”* Jesus doesn’t want our Sunday and Wednesday; He doesn’t want part of you; He wants to take over. He wants us to view the world as He does.

**THERE ARE COMPETING WORLDVIEWS,  
COMPETING FOR YOUR ALLEGIANCE**

You can break down worldviews in different ways. Some suggest theistic vs. humanistic. However, I believe **biblical vs. humanistic** to be better because you can have a theistic view and still be far from the truth of the Bible.

Let’s define a biblical worldview. It is an overarching view of the world based on God’s revealed truth, the Bible, which directs our life in this world. It brings every issue, question, and cultural concern into submission to the Bible.

**WHAT SETS A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW APART  
FROM A HUMANISTIC ONE?**

**“Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isa. 45:22).**

This is directly opposed to the world’s wisdom. Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me”* (John 14:6). This is in no way aligns to the religions of the world.

**Humanistic**

**Biblical**

	Humanistic	Biblical
Focus:	Self—What I love/want	God—His will
Standard:	Culture	The Bible
Goal:	To be happy	Christ-like/Sanctified
Home:	Where you hang your hat/ What you see is what you get	Heaven
Problem:	Systems/Governments/ Racism	Sin
Attitude:	Arrogance/Me first	God first with humility
Live By:	Feelings	Faith

**“A worldview is  
a person’s  
philosophical view  
of the world...”**




The problem is that most people (even Christians) try to combine these opposing worldviews. Have you ever heard an atheist say they are sending “thoughts and prayers”?

This reference to prayer is wholly inconsistent with their humanistic worldview. Likewise, it is a mistake when believers, whether knowingly or not, think that Christianity and the Bible should conform to the culture. It is certainly not limited to, but it is often seen in areas like abortion, sex, and sexuality these days. Is it any wonder that Satan would vigorously attack the first institution God created, the home? If Satan has a strategy against us, we had better know God’s strategy to defeat him, and that strategy is for believers to put on the mind of Christ. God has made known unto us “*the mystery of His will*” (Eph. 1:9), and He is working in the believer to shape our will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

### **HOW DO WE ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF CHRIST THROUGH A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?**

The work may be difficult, but the formula is simple. The Holy Spirit moved only one writer in Scripture to say, “*be ye a follower of me,*” the Apostle Paul. He said it not once but three times. Our preaching must be that Christ was crucified, is risen, and is coming again, just as Paul preached in Athens (Acts 17:16-32), and that there is a day coming when God will judge mankind by the gospel Christ gave Paul. In Athens, Paul completely shook the foundations of the people he spoke to, totally challenging the worldview of the elite, the educated, and the religious.

We should remember Paul’s words in his second letter to the Corinthians “*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ*” (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Have you set aside your view of things and taken on God’s view? Do you “*look on things after the outward appearance*” (2 Cor. 10:7), or do you look at things through a Biblical worldview? Have you aligned all your thoughts to Christ and His Word, or are you trying to mix Christ with your views, thus conforming Christ to you instead of you being conformed to Christ? 



# PREACH THE WORD



PASTOR KEVIN **SADLER**  
BBS President

“Gladys attended church services one particular Sunday. The sermon seemed to go on forever, and many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, to be social, she walked up to a very sleepy looking gentleman, in an attempt to revive him from his stupor, extended her hand in greeting, and said, ‘Hello, I’m Gladys Dunn.’ To this the gentleman replied, ‘You’re not the only one!’”<sup>1</sup>

The preaching of the Word is essential to the ministry of the local church. As we faithfully and consistently preach the Word, we allow Christ to lead, guide, teach, strengthen, and grow His Church spiritually. And the Holy Spirit works together with the proclamation of the Word that He authored to produce His spiritual fruit in our lives and transform us by His grace.

## **A Solemn Charge**

**“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; Preach the Word...” (2 Tim. 4:1-2a).**

As Paul was facing his imminent execution and death (v. 6), and as he came to the last part of his final letter, Paul gave Timothy a solemn charge and some important directives. He charged Timothy to do them “before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom” (4:1).

“Who shall judge” is referring to “the Lord Jesus Christ” and the Judgment Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10), when each member of the Body of Christ will give account before the Savior of his or her Christian life and service to Him.

“The quick and the dead” refers to all the members of the Body of Christ *at the time of the Rapture*. The “quick” are those who are alive and remain when Christ returns. The “dead” are those who

01

“...WHO SHALL JUDGE...”

The Judgment Seat of Christ

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“...THE QUICK AND THE DEAD...”

All members of the Body of Christ  
at the time of the Rapture

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“...AT HIS APPEARING...”

The Rapture of the Church

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“...AND HIS KINGDOM.”

Christ’s Heavenly Kingdom

have died in Christ (see 1 Thes. 4:16-17).

“His appearing” is in reference to Christ’s appearing in the air at the Rapture (Col. 3:4; 2 Tim. 4:8).

“His kingdom” is Christ’s “heavenly kingdom,” as Paul explained later in 2 Timothy 4: “And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto His HEAVENLY KINGDOM: to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (2 Tim. 4:18).

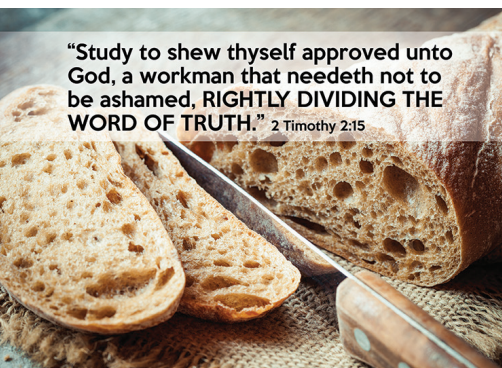
The full weight of the solemn charge of verse 1 bears on the first command of verse 2: “Preach the Word.” In light of that day when we will all give account of our service before the Lord, Paul charged Timothy, and us, members of the Church, that the preaching of the Word must be the principal and primary focus of ministry and the work of the local church.

We are to keep the main thing the main thing. And the preaching of the Word is to be the main thing for the local church. God lists things by order of importance in His Word. And listed first here, as well as it being a charge before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is driving home to us that the preaching of His Word is the top priority in the Church.

The Greek word translated as “preach” means to proclaim as a herald. In Paul’s time, rulers had heralds who made public announcements to the people. The herald was a messenger with a proclamation to be heard and heeded. The king’s message was paramount. The herald did not choose his message; it was given to him by his sovereign, and he only conveyed exactly what his sovereign gave him to say.

So it was for Timothy and for all who preach and teach: we are to herald the Word of God. We are not charged just to preach, but to preach *the Word*. Our Sovereign, the Lord God Almighty, has given us what we are to proclaim. And we are to herald His Word clearly and plainly because God's message is paramount for all to hear and to heed.

The command to preach the Word encompasses the entirety of the Word. Paul told the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you *all* the counsel of God." As we follow Paul as he followed Christ (1 Cor. 11:1), we see that preaching should include the whole counsel of the Word of God, Genesis through Revelation.



"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.**" 2 Timothy 2:15

We do so in light of what Paul taught Timothy a couple chapters earlier in this letter: "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). The whole Word is to be preached, but in doing so, we must rightly divide it. This means that we are to interpret

it and declare it in light of the message revealed to Paul for this current dispensation of grace, making clear distinctions between God's instruction for Israel and His instruction for the Body of Christ so that we make proper application to our lives.

It's important to note that not everyone who opens a Bible, stands behind a pulpit, and starts talking is preaching the Word. Many preachers are actually preaching *themselves* instead of the Word. As Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." This verse shows that it is possible to preach oneself rather than Christ. Now, I'm not talking about the occasional personal anecdote used to illustrate a point from Scripture, but if you find that the focus is continually on the touching, manifold life experiences of the preacher, he may be preaching himself.

Timothy, however, was charged not to preach himself, but to

## Priorities

1. Preach the Word
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preach the Word. And Timothy was also not to preach ethics, politics, philosophy, sociology, or economics. He was not to use the Word as a launching pad for his own ideas and hobby horses. He

was not to preach theory; he was to preach truth, the truth as it has been revealed in the Word of God.



The most effective way to oppose and expose error is to preach the truth, and the best way to dispel darkness is to turn on the light. There is much error and much darkness in this world, and the Word is the truth and the light that needs to be proclaimed to drive the darkness out and rescue lost sinners from the power of darkness (Psa. 119:130; Col. 1:12-13).

The Word of God is what *both* sinners and saints need. The Spirit works through His Word. By it, He convicts sinners of their need of the Savior. And by the power of the Word, the Church grows toward maturity in Christ. As Paul wrote to the Colossians, “Whom [Christ] we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect [mature] in Christ Jesus” (Col. 1:28).

Opening the Word and preaching it carries a great weight of responsibility and much goes on behind the scenes in the spiritual

realm that we cannot see. As clergyman Matthew Simpson (1811-1884) said, “He stands in Christ’s stead. His message is the Word of God. Around him are immortal souls. The Savior, unseen, is beside him. The Holy Spirit broods over the congregation. Angels gaze upon the scene, and heaven and hell await the issue. What associations and what vast responsibility!”<sup>2</sup>

### When and Why

**“Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Tim. 4:2).**

Next, Paul instructed Timothy as to *when* he should be ready to preach the Word. He was to be ready always. The preacher is to hold himself in a constant state of readiness to proclaim the Word; he is to “be instant in season, out of season.”

There is no closed season for preaching. The message and truth of God’s Word is always needed. People continually need the Word.

“In season, out of season” also means we are to preach the Scriptures even when society and the culture, or even the Church, push back against it, and it is not considered acceptable, and when, by doing so, we are labeled as extreme, narrow-minded, old-fashioned, and maybe even out of touch with reality.

As Timothy faithfully preached the Word, he was to “reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” Second Timothy 3:16 states that “All Scripture

is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for *reproof*....” Timothy was to preach the Word in order that the Holy Spirit might “reprove” or convince those in error by the sound teaching of the Scriptures.

Timothy was to preach the Word so that the Holy Spirit would “rebuke” those living sinfully. Second Timothy 3:16 states that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable... for *correction*, for instruction in righteousness.” The Word rebukes and corrects our behavior and conduct so that we do what is good and right in God’s sight.

Timothy was to preach the Word in order that the Holy Spirit would “exhort” or encourage people to live in harmony with God’s will and to trust the Lord in every way (Prov. 3:5-6). By the proclamation of the Word, courage and strength is imparted to those who listen and the Spirit appeals to the heart and challenges us to live for Christ (Phil. 1:19-20).

As Timothy reprovved, rebuked, and exhorted by the Word, he was to do so with “all longsuffering.” Timothy was to be extraordinarily patient as he preached the Word because he would not always see immediate results. There is no fast track to spiritual maturity and Christ-likeness. Spiritual growth most often occurs over time, through consistent learning and application of God’s Word.


Finally, as Timothy reprovved, rebuked, and exhorted, he was to do so with “doctrine,” or with careful study and teaching. He was not to reprove, rebuke, and exhort

with his own personal thoughts or feelings, but on the ground of truth and sound doctrine from God’s Word.



In 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Paul showed the reason for his solemn charge and *why* it is so vital to preach the Word:

**“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”**

These two verses sound very much like the times in which we are currently living. But this is to serve as a reminder to the Church that, when among those who will not endure sound doctrine, preach the Word! In a world of people with itching ears, preach the Word! During a time when people turn away their ears from the truth, preach the Word! When so many are turned unto fables, preach the Word! 

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# AMBASSADOR *to* AMBASSADOR

As ambassadors (representatives) for the Lord Jesus Christ, we have a wonderful message of reconciliation to proclaim to a lost and dying world (2 Cor. 5:20). We also have a responsibility to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God (1 Cor. 4:1,2). Whatever ministry we are involved in, we should always stand for “the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery” (Rom. 16:25). I am thankful that the Lord has allowed me to be part of His work in spreading this gospel, both in the USA and around the world.

In 2019 I was diagnosed with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (PPMS). Shortly after I was asked, “*What impact might this diagnosis have on the ministries I’m involved with, and do I think this is some sort of punishment from God?*”

When I first received the news, these same two questions crossed my mind. Addressing the latter question, **I know this is NOT a punishment from God.** In the dispensation of Grace, God is not dealing with the Body of Christ as He did with the nation of Israel (Deut. 28). God is not angry with believers (Rom. 5:1), and it’s God’s Word that teaches us how to live (Titus 2:12,13). Also, unlike the prophetic program, there is no prophet to warn me about sins I’ve committed to warrant punishment (2 Sam. 12:1-14). Because of this, I have the assurance that God is not angry and punishing me with PPMS. Praise the Lord!

Regarding the former question, *what impact will PPMS have on my ministry going forward?* Only the Lord knows the answer to this question, but He has reminded me of many things through His Word, things **all ambassadors** need to be reminded of everyday no matter the circumstances in our lives. Number 6 may be the toughest, LOL!

1. God’s grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9).
2. Life is short, redeem the time because the days are evil (James 4:14; Eph. 5:16).
3. Proclaim the Word and don’t get distracted by other issues (2 Tim. 4:2).
4. Keep looking up for the “blessed hope” and the redemption of these sin-cursed bodies (Titus 2:13; Col. 3:1-4; Rom. 8:23).
5. In everything give thanks to God, this is His will (1 Thes. 5:18).
6. Do ALL things without complaining (Phil. 2:14).

—Pastor Jim Tollar

# Your Only Qualification

## *A Word to the Unsaved*

QUALIFICATION

PASTOR C. R. STAM  
BBS Founder

**“Fools make a mock at sin.”—Proverbs 14:9**

Increasing thousands all about us are throwing moral restraint to the wind “to enjoy the pleasures of sin.” Loose living is one of the characteristics of the age. Those who dare to go farthest are considered the most daring. They “make a mock at sin.”

As we look about us today we must bow our heads in shame and acknowledge that God’s indictment against humanity is true.

**“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not becoming convenient;**

**“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,**

**“Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**

**“Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**

**“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Rom. 1:28-32).**

What reckless folly! They know the judgment of God awaits them, yet they will not face it. They try to “laugh it off.”

And what about you, unsaved friend? How do you stand before God? You say you are not nearly so bad as those whose sins are listed above? We too once argued that we were as good as many and far better than some, but while it is true that there are differences in the character and the degree of men’s sins, there is surely no difference in this, that **“ALL HAVE SINNED** and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23).

This means that all of us—you too—must either trust in Christ as Savior, or stand some day to bear the judgment for sin ourselves.

There you have the simple truth as God's Word gives it to us, and our consciences bear witness that the proposition is more than just—it is infinitely gracious and kind.

In the Bible we have preserved for us letters which were written almost 2,000 years ago by the Apostle Paul to Timothy and Titus, two young pastors whom he had stationed at Ephesus and Crete.

In these letters he passes on to his two sons in the faith a number of "*faithful sayings*"; truths important enough to justify frequent repetition. The very first of these is perhaps the principal one of all, at least it is of *primary* importance. Unless we heed it, there is no point in even troubling ourselves about the others. It is found in the first chapter of his first letter to Timothy:

**"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15).**

It is strange that such a simple and blessed truth should have needed such constant emphasis, but it did and it still does today.

There are some who try to make themselves and others believe that they are not sinners. What they need to know is that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save *sinners*," *not* the righteous, but SINNERS. What need have "good" people of a Savior? How can He help those who do not feel they need His help?

On the other hand, however, there are many people who hesitate to come to Christ for salvation because they feel they are not worthy. They feel that they must first learn to live better lives. They turn over new leaves; they make frequent resolutions to do better; they promise themselves they will take their religion more seriously—all because they feel they are unworthy to come to Him *as they are*.

To such this "faithful saying" comes with equal force. Whom did Christ Jesus come into the world to save? Sinners! *Sinners!* SINNERS! Do you feel you are a sinner? Then Christ Jesus came into the world specially to save you. Do not try to better yourself first, for you will never succeed. Sinners need a *Savior*. And how can He save you from your sins if you do not come to Him *with your sins, as you are?*

It is remarkable that this passage was penned by the *chief of sinners*. When, according to prophecy, Jew had joined Gentile in rebellion against God and His Christ, it was Saul of Tarsus (or called *Paul*) who led the world rebellion.

**"But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).**





In the greatest demonstration of love and grace this world has ever seen, outside the Cross itself, God reached down and saved Saul, the blasphemer and persecutor, appointing him to go forth with *the gospel of the grace of God*, the glorious message that anyone anywhere may find salvation full and free by grace through faith in Christ alone.

God saved the chief of sinners so that you, sinner friend, might know that He is willing and ready to save you, for Paul, by the Spirit, explains in this same passage of 1 Timothy:

**“Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on Him to life everlasting” (1 Tim. 1:16).**

Will you learn the great lesson God is trying to teach this sin-cursed world?

Not everyone is qualified to take a place in a college football team. Not everyone can join the Army or the Navy. There are certain qualifications which must be met. Even in seeking employment, education and experience make a great deal of difference. But our only *qualification* for salvation is *our need—our sin*. It is the only qualification that must be met. It is the only one we *can* meet.

## CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS


Sin was no joke to Him. He knew its horrible results. He knew too the dreadful penalty which justice must visit upon it. Yes, and He also knew that *“all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”* (Rom. 3:23). Yet He left the glories of heaven and stooped to bear the guilt of a sin-cursed world *Himself!* Yes, *“Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God”* (1 Pet. 3:18).

As the cruel, wicked wretches drove nails through His blessed hands and feet, they emphasized two of the greatest facts men can ever learn—the unspeakable wickedness of which the human heart is capable and the infinite love of God, for *“He bare our sins in His own body on the tree.”*

This infinite grace has touched the hearts of millions. It accomplished what the law could never do, for these millions now seek to please Him, not from fear, but from sheer gratitude and love. As the Apostle John puts it, *“We love Him because He first loved us”* (1 John 4:19).

Friend, do you feel you are a sinner? Good! That is the first step toward heaven, for—listen once more—*“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”*

*God loves you. Christ died for you. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”*

**“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3,4).** 

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## Letter Excerpts



### **From Myanmar:**

“Thanks, Pastor Kevin, for all the teaching of God’s Word. It helps me a lot in my spiritual needs as a missionary here.”

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“I appreciate all you’ve done for me spiritually. It has so much to do with the new man that I am today.”

### **From New Zealand:**

“Thank you, Pastor. Your answer makes sense. It is much appreciated....I am learning a lot, and I’m more excited about the faith than I have been in a long time!” (An understanding of God’s Word always brings excitement! –Ed.).

### **From Virginia:**

“Thank you for your timely response. I thank God daily for your efforts...the articles in your monthly magazine have been a great encouragement to me. Mostly confirmational, but ‘The Overcomers’ by Pastor Sadler set us on a whole new search of the Scriptures!”

### **From our Inbox:**

“I have been watching DVR recordings Pastor Kevin Sadler’s teachings on...*Transformed By Grace*, and I really think his teaching is thorough and well-presented and supported scripturally. This caused me to seek an answer from the *Berean Bible Society* as to whether I celebrate the LORD’S Supper... incorrectly.”

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“Pastor Kevin is the only Bible teacher I ever heard tell a joke from Gilligan’s Island.” (People say listening to my jokes feels like Gilligan’s three hour tour! –Ed.).

### **From Facebook:**

“That was a VERY helpful two minutes of teaching! [“Walk, Don’t Run!” by Ricky Kurth].”

### **From our Inbox:**

“Thank you for this informative and clarifying message [*Two Minutes: “The Commandments of the Lord”* by Kevin Sadler]. I especially appreciated the food reference!”

### **From Michigan:**

“Every day when I receive the *Two Minutes*, I wind up spending a lot more than two minutes going over the lessons and then finding more questions!”

### **From our Inbox:**

“Thank you for this *Two Minutes* [“Solomon’s Wisdom”]. Made my day better!”

### **From Illinois:**

“Wow, I didn’t expect to hear from you until Monday! Thank you. And, yes, of course, with your explanation, it makes sense. One more question mark that I can erase from my Bible. I have been so blessed by you and BBS in the last couple years since finding you, and have shared this blessing with many.”

### **From our Inbox:**

“I’ve started reading the article you attached on rightly dividing the Word; it’s really helping me understand some things!”

### **From Georgia:**

“Folks here are still talking about your message....Thank you so much for coming...it was a blessing to get to hang out with you a couple hours” (From Pastor Tim Lewis, of *Grace Bible Church*, Appling, Georgia).

### **From our Inbox:**

“I did a search for baptism today. Couldn’t find anything to really support what I thought it was for in this age. Glad you could set me straight!”

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“Thank you for your ministry. I have been receiving the *Searchlight* for many years. I have cut out and filed a number of excellent articles and also bought some books. Brother Stam’s book on baptism is the best I have ever read on the subject.”

### **From Louisiana:**

“That’s the best answer ever on this subject! [the prosperity gospel] There is a megachurch down the road that teaches this...and charges their members 10 percent of their income to join.”

### **From Georgia:**

“I am excited about the new reference Bible you’re working on, and can’t wait till it is done. I know I have to wait, but you know what I mean!” (We know what you mean! –Ed.).

### **From Illinois:**

“...a dear friend introduced me... to the *Berean Bible Society*. I have been amazed by how neatly everything falls into place when God’s Word is rightly divided. Several months ago I visited the *Berean Bible Society* Bookstore and purchased numerous books to supplement my study of the Bible.”

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“I am enthralled with the Acts commentary by C. R. Stam. To see more clearly just what the mystery really is has given me a much better understanding of the church in this dispensation.”

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“I just finished reading ‘You’ve Got To Stand For Something’...and wow, was I blessed by it! I now understand why Jeremiah was told to purchase the land that would be overtaken by the Babylonians (Chaldeans). Having to take a stand will cost. I really was blessed by studying and reading this particular article....I am so thankful for your ‘taking a stand’ with the Grace Message.”

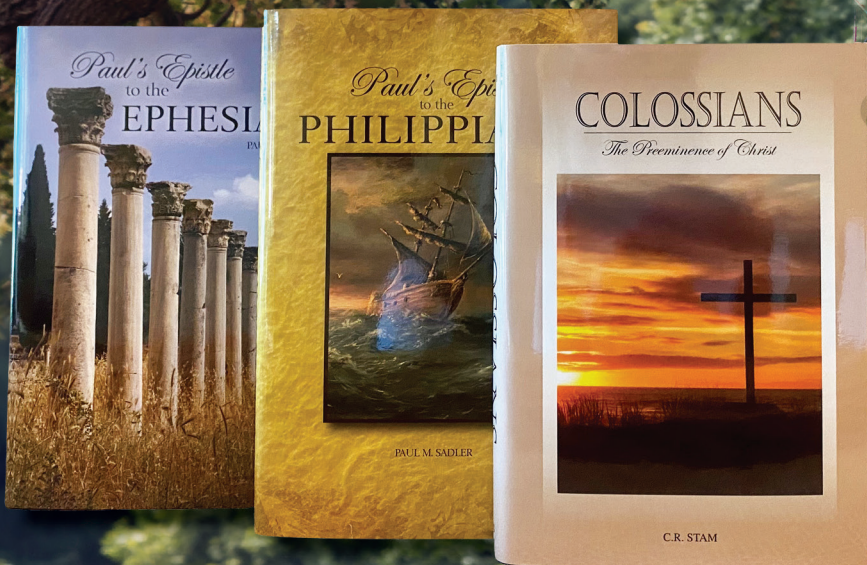
### **From Alabama:**

“I am enjoying watching your [*Transformed By Grace* television] ministry each day weekly....Thank you for teaching and bringing the Word of God rightly divided to our homes to those that do not have a Grace Church to attend.”



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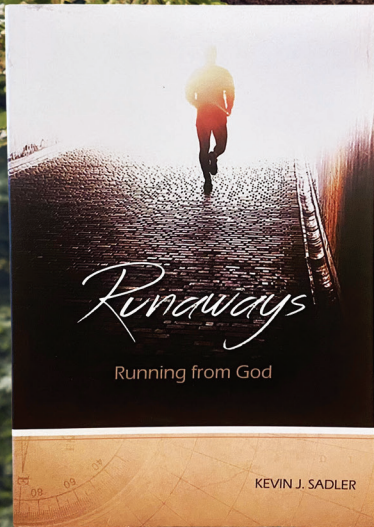
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**If you can't make it:** If you live too far from Chicago to attend our *Transformed By Grace* conference on Saturday, August 20, you don't have to miss out on all of the blessing that this gathering of grace believers is sure to be. The services will be livestreamed on Roku, AppleTV, Facebook and YouTube, so you don't have to miss a word of the messages that *Transformed By Grace* teacher Pastor Kevin Sadler will bring. *Searchlight* editor Pastor Ricky Kurth is also scheduled to speak, so if you can't set your GPS for *Grace Bible Church* of Streamwood, Illinois, that day, be sure to tune in! If you *are* planning on attending in person, however, please register online using the simple form in the conference section of our BBS website [bereanbiblesociety.org](http://bereanbiblesociety.org) or call us to register at 262-255-4750.

**MP3 Bonanza!** In many ways, our office here at *Berean Bible Society* is a virtual treasure trove of grace history, history that we are eager to preserve. With that in mind, we recently converted 160 hallmark grace messages from cassette tape to MP3 format. If you miss the days when J. C. O'Hair, Clarence Ferwerda, William Thurmond, Win Johnson, Harland Shriver, David Caslander, and Paul Sadler championed Pauline truth, we are posting their timeless messages on our website. Be sure to catch Pastor Stam's five-part symposium/debate on baptism, and share these messages with your grace friends who are too young to remember the classics!

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**Transformed by Grace Conference**, August 20, Streamwood, IL

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