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“The Coming of the Lord Draweth Nigh” — James 5:8

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Hauge’s Public Appearance

(Editor. Speaking in regards to Hans Nielsen Hauge)

After the spiritual peace and rest followed work and struggle. He became very distressed over some things which are deep and inscrutable for a poor human, but through inquiry and prayers, through the help of God, he conquered the temptations, as he in his simple way believed in God’s Word and there found rest.

He also experienced the struggle between the yearning of the spirit and the cravings of the flesh. He took up this struggle very seriously, and fought and prayed. “I lay a whole night,” he said, “and fought and prayed to God, that I might be freed from the wicked desires and said: ‘My dear Father and holy God! I cannot serve Thee or confess Thy name to men or instruct others, when I myself am beset with wicked desires!’” But he soon learned to understand that such temptations and struggles were necessary in order to keep him humble before God.

As he more and more learned to know about Adam’s shameful fall within himself, the plainer he saw the strength of God is made perfect through weakness.

Amid such inner struggles Hauge started to bear witness to his fellow men. He entered upon his duties first by speaking to individuals, leading them on the road to eternal life. When he met people on the road or they came to him in his home, he talked to them and showed them how important it is to work towards our salvation. His general conduct attracted attention and caused stir among the people; some changed, and he was gladdened in seeing the fruit of his work.

In the fall he started to hold prayer meetings, and then began the common revival. But then Hauge, with his testi-

mony became a real testing stone for others, as he himself also was tried. Some were awakened and became worried about their salvation; others scoffed at him and trumped up all kinds of stories about him; some praised him, other criticized him; and here he stood in the midst of the excitement, with danger on all sides. But the Lord helped him and kept him, on one side from despair, on the other from pride. His motto was: The good I might have done is not done by myself, but by the good God who has enlightened me with His Holy Spirit, for which I will praise and thank Him and His dear Son, Jesus Christ.

While he experienced great joy by seeing sinners converted, at the same time as he grieved over people’s apostasy, he was forced forward to bear testimony. He felt sometimes quite despondent when he thought of the greatness of the task. Had he earlier said to the Lord: Send me! In these dark moments he said; Send somebody else! “Once I was in the woods with my brother and cut trees,” he said. “Then my mind became very agitated at the thought of the infidel race of the time, and with all my eagerness I doubted that men in general could be brought to see the truth; for the great majority of them mocked and despised me and my talk; some were indifferent, and few were sincere. Then I called to God and wept so violently that the tears streamed from my eyes, and I admonished the Lord to take this heavy duty from me, namely, to confess His name, and rather send a bishop or another great man; the people would listen to him and respect his talk, me they did not respect.”

For his own part he wished he might die. His sister Anna was sickly, and it seemed that her days were soon numbered; it was his wish then to be permitted to follow her in death, in this way to be spared from all trouble and

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sorrow.

Then he heard a voice in his inner self which said: “Do you wish to die now? You have formerly served sin, will you not now, when you are saved, bring Me some fruit of My work in you? You have promised to serve Me. I have often used the lowly in this world to spread My Kingdom, for to this I have called those from the plow, shepherds, fishermen and publicans. I will give you strength and wisdom, which your enemies shall not be able to withstand Be firm in your purpose and continue in patience.” Then I said: “Yes, when Thou, my God, will strengthen me, then I shall be willing.” (Editor: Isaiah 6).

Another incident which was painful for Hauge, was that he was put at odds with “Sebergianerne,” followers of Pastor Seeberg. These people were taken in by Herrnhutism, but carried their separate opinions to such extremes that it led to lawlessness and plain sin. This estranged Hauge from that trend of mind. Through all these tribulations he was stripped of all his own, and learned to understand that it was through the virtue of the Lord he should fight and conquer, besides which he won quite a little experience, which later on in his particular calling helped him a great deal.

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By C. B., 1890

Editor’s Note: Most likely ‘many’ of you know that the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory is a ‘fruit’ of what GOD was permitted to do in and through the

'ministry' of this 'individual' AND, as a result, this 'ministry' was first officially organized at Osakis, MN in 1920 and the 'ministry' of the Morning Glory came later!
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW, NOT ONLY FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE; BUT CAN ALSO DO IN THIS VERY NEEDFUL HOUR!

As you know, the HLIF/MG is a free Lutheran Biblical Pietistic Movement that is dependent upon the prayer support and financial giving of God's people (Sheep and Lambs). THUS we make no apologies for the 'old time Christianity' and seek to practice the same, by HIS GRACE!

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ROOTED

Joash did what was right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest.
 2 Chronicles 24:2

(Read 2 Chronicles 24:15-22)

Joash must have been confused and frightened when he was told about the evil deeds of his grandmother Athaliah. She had murdered his brothers to usurp the power of the throne in Judah. But baby Joash had been safely hidden away by his aunt and uncle for 6 years (2 Chron. 22:10-12). As he grew, he enjoyed the love and instruction of his care-givers. When Joash was only 7 years old, he was secretly crowned king and his grandmother was overthrown (23:12-15).

Young King Joash had a wide counselor by his side – his very own Uncle Jehoiada (chs. 22-25). Joash was one of the rare “good kings” of Judah, and while his uncle was alive he obeyed the Lord by doing right (24:2). But once his uncle was no longer there to teach and lead by example, Joash fell away and his life ended badly (24:15-25). It seems that the roots of his faith did not run very deep. He even began to worship idols. Perhaps Joash’s “faith” had been more his [uncle’s] than his own.

Others can teach us the principles of their faith, but each of us must come individually to a lasting and personal faith in Christ. For faith to be real, it must become our own. God will help us walk with Him and become rooted and established in the faith (Col. 2:6-7).

– Cindy Hess Kasper

*I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
 And it told Thy love to me;
 But I long to rise in the arms of faith
 And be closer drawn to Thee. – Crosby*

The faith that continues to the end gives proof that it was genuine in the beginning.

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Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. Psalm 107:6

This Psalm presents a cyclical theme that many of us have experienced first hand: man's failure, sin's consequences, a cry for deliverance and God in His grace providing salvation time and time again. For each one of His people's distresses, God provides the corresponding relief. What an encouragement for us! Whatever our burden may be, whether due to our own failure or one of life's heavy blows, we too can cry out to God in our need and rest assured that "He will deliver us". – E. V.

*He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee;
 Though by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest,
 Our God is able to deliver thee. – William A. Ogden*

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**This cup is the New Testament in my blood,
 which is shed for you.** Luke 22:20

As we consider the value of the blood that the Lord Jesus freely shed at the cross for our redemption, we are drawn to heartfelt worship. No one can put a price on what the Lord Jesus willingly paid at Golgotha. We are both humbled and at peace as we meditate, not upon ourselves, but upon our blessed Redeemer.

Mark Fenn

*The storm that bowed Thy blessed head,
 Is hushed for ever now,
 And rest divine is ours instead,
 Whilst glory crowns Thy brow. – H. L. Rossier*

The Foundation

*“Each state, in ratifying the Constitution, is considered as a sovereign body, independent of all others, and only to be bound by its own voluntary act. In this relation, then, the new Constitution will, if established, be a **FEDERAL, and not a NATIONAL constitution.**”*

James Madison, Federalist No. 39-1788

Ashamed?

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16.

*Ashamed of Jesus! Yes, I may,
When I've no guilt to wash away,
No tears to wipe, no good to crave,
No fears to quell no soul to save.*

*Till then – nor is my boasting vain –
Till then, I boast a Saviour slain;
And oh, may this my glory be,
That Christ is not ashamed of me.*

Whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels. Luke 9:26.

*Daily Food For Christians, American Tract Society,
1897 or before.*

Editor's Note: Dear Heavenly Father, may your love so flow in and through us that 'we' will not be ashamed of Thee; and may You place within 'us' a 'spiritual iron backbone'!

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THOU, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Ps. 5:12

*O may thy Spirit guide my feet
In ways of righteousness; Make every path of duty
straight,
And plain before my face.*

He that walketh uprightly walketh surely; but he that perverteth his ways shall be known. Prov. 10:9.

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1897 or before.*

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Blessings We Have in Christ

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5:1

The blessings we have in Christ are far too many to

number; but it is a blessing even to note just a few of those indicated by the words we have or ye have. First of all, in Christ "*we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace*" (Ephesians 1:7). As a result, "*being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Romans 5:1).

Thus, through such promises, His Word assures us of salvation. "*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God' that ye may know that ye have eternal life*" (1 John 5:13). Further assurance is given by witness of the Spirit who indwells our bodies when we believe in Christ.

Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father" (Romans 8:15).

There are many other blessings that are ours in Christ. In Him, for example, "*we have obtained an inheritance*" (Ephesians 1:11), for we are joint-heirs with Him. God has even confirmed His promises, the writer of Hebrews says, by taking an oath in His own name that "*we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast*" (Hebrews 6:18-19). In deed, *we have a great high priest*" (Hebrews 4:14) ever living to intercede for us at the throne of God.

Finally, in the words of our text, when God calls us home, "*we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens,*" and then we will "*be present with the Lord*" throughout the ages to come (2 Corinthians 5:8). These are a few of the blessings we have in Christ.

Henry M. Morris, Ph.D.

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"I am no longer anxious about anything, as I realize the Lord is able to carry out His will, and His will is mine. It makes no matter where He places me, or how. That is rather for Him to consider than for me: for in the easiest positions He must give me His grace, and in the most difficult, His grace is sufficient."

J. Hudson Taylor

The Queen of Sheba

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. 1 Kings 10:1

The queen of Sheba came to view Solomon's kingdom. She saw firsthand the glory of his person and his work; how he conducted his affairs and how well he treated his subjects. There was nothing he would not do for them and nothing that they would not do for him. Nothing missed her watchful gaze as she exclaimed with enthusiasm that the half had not been told her. Israel's citizens were the happiest of any nation on earth. Still today, people are judging God's kingdom by our behavior. May we show them how much greater than Solomon our Saviour is.
Mark Kolchin

*I love the Christ who all my burdens in His body bore,
Each day He grows still sweeter than He was the day before.* –W. Martin

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The fool has said in his heart, There is no God. Psalm 53:1

To be a fool is to be without common sense, without wisdom. The wise man will contemplate creation and marvel. He sees the way planet earth orbits the sun at just the right distance to sustain life. He delights in the great seas and lakes without which no life would survive. He is amazed at the countless species of plant and animal life. He studies his own body and marvelous brain and stands in awe. All of this proclaims a Creator, infinitely wise and powerful. Only a fool will say that there is no God. Do not be a fool. Come to know God through the Lord Jesus Christ.
Donald L. Norbie

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies,
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day,
The moon shines forth at His command and all the stars obey.* – I. Watts

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**O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid:
O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.** Habakkuk 3:2

After learning of God's plan to restore Israel,

Habakkuk prayed for revival. The condition of God's people was appalling and he longed for what could be. Martyn Lloyd Jones writes: "we are living in a godless age and the main reason we should be praying about revival is that we are anxious to see God's name vindicated and His glory manifested. We should be anxious to see something happening that will arrest the nations, all the peoples, and cause them to stop and to think again." May the Lord revive the church and may it begin with me. – W. A. H.

*Revive Thy work O Lord, disturb this sleep of death.
Quicken the smoldering embers now, by Thine almighty breath.* Albert Midland

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A Lantern Without Light

Wilbur E. Nelson

Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have herd from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the holy Spirit who dwells in us.

II Timothy 1:13-14

In the years before automatic train signals were installed at railroad crossings, there were many tragic accidents. One involved a family out for a pleasure drive late at night; they were all killed.

Following the tragic deaths, the railroad company appointed a board of inquiry which called on the watchman who was assigned to that crossing. "Didn't you wave your lantern?" they asked. "**Yes!**" responded the man. Later, under continuing examination, he admitted that although he had waved his lantern, there had been no light in it. The oil ran out and he hadn't taken the time to refill it.

The danger exists in the spiritual realm. Paul wrote to his young preacher protégé, Timothy, and told him to never lose his sense of urgency. Paul said, "*Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season.*" Paul told Timothy to wave the light of warning at all times. That wasn't all. Paul also indicated there must be something more than urgency – there must be the full anointing of God. He wrote Timothy: "*Make full proof of the ministry.*" This means not only to preach, but to preach with anointing, through obedience to, and dependence upon, God's Spirit.

Our neighborhoods need the light of the Gospel and we need to be Christ's "lanterns." We, like Timothy, need to keep a sense of divine urgency. Let's begin each day by seeking the filling and fellowship of God's Spirit, for without Him, we'll be without the oil of God's power. Then let's shine for Christ. Selected.

Editorial

RES *THAT LAST DAY!*

*(As always please read prayerfully **Luke 16:19-31**)*

There comes a 'last day' in absolutely every individual's life, when time will be no more! No wonder the Psalmist prayed: "*So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*" (90:12). If you live seventy years; you have 'invested' app. 25,568 days!

As you know, the BIBLE is relevant for all ages, all people, all times AND don't add too nor subtract from what GOD says; for HE means what HE says and says what HE means!

In this portion of God's Word which you have just prayerfully read; some folk will say such is a 'parable'; but I definitely disagree with that interpretation for seven reasons. It is as **reality**. Keep in 'mind' a 'parable' is an earthly story (illustration) with a 'heavenly meaning'.

Do you believe in a literal Hell? GOD in HIS Incarinate LOVE does! Now don't say JESUS is not Agape Love, for if you don't believe JESUS is God's Agape (Divine Love) Love manifested, it would be totally contrary to God's Holy Word, the BIBLE. It has been stated that JESUS said 7 times more about Hell in the Scriptures than Heaven; but He in this Love wants 'us' to know there is a Hell to shun and a Heaven to gain. Heaven is a literal place of Eternal/Everlasting Bliss, while Hell is a literal place of Eternal/Everlasting torment. Heaven is a place of JOY and Hell is a place of WEEPING as 'time' will be no more. Whether you believe in Hell or not doesn't change the fact that there is one no one in Hades/Hell who will ever deny the entire Bible is truthful and accurate. (Trust you also notice that JESUS Himself spoke of this reality, as it is in red letters, and in a sense He has removed the veil that separates us, who are yet on this side of eternity and has given 'us' a glimpse into ETERNITY!

NOW let me clearly state the 7 reasons why this portion of God's Word is not a parable, but literal: 1). Names: 'A certain rich man' and the other person is' Lazarus', 2). See, 3). Feel, 4). Reason, 5). Remember, 6). Pray, and 7). The rich man *had Five brothers*.

Likely YOU have heard the statement: 'I have more time than money!' Actually this 'statement' may not be TRUE as likely you have an 'idea' how much 'money' you have; but how much TIME do you have? Each and every one of 'us' are only a 'heart beat' from Eternity! Some folk have one foot on a 'banana peel and the other in the grave'.

SCRIPTURE is very clear that each one of 'us' are on one

of two roads, which do not run parallel but in **opposite** directions to an Eternal Destiny.

NOW why 'we' don't hear more about Hell from behind the 'sacred desk/pulpit and otherwise; I do not understand; except for disobedience to the Word of God (Holy Spirit) and peer-pressure!

REMEMBER EACH ONE OF 'US' are born as an individual, eat, sin, die and go to Judgment and Salvation as individuals. (By the way there will be NO hypocrites in HEAVEN)! (**John 1:12-13, 3:7, 16, 18, 36, 14:6, 20:30-31**). (Please think of your neighbors, friends, relatives, etc. who are outside of Christ at the present time according to John 3:18 & 36).

On that "**Last Day**," we will all be level as we find in Hebrews 9:27: "*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment*". EVEN 'we' who alive (both physically & spiritually) who are clothed in the Righteousness of JESUS, in an instant, in the 'Twinkling of an Eye'; as we will be instantaneously changed – according to 1 Corinthians 15:51-58! (A 'twinkling of an eye' is a very small part of a second).

Let '**us**' look at this text a little deeper: The Pharisees considered 'wealth' as proof of 'their righteousness' and I don't find 'anything' in this text that would make 'us' believe the Rich Man got his 'riches' by cheating, stealing, immorality, or that he was a drunk or caused others to be immoral (Luke 16:14-15). *Seemingly* he was an HONEST, upright man who was industrious, just like the Capitalistic system which goes back to at least Cain and Abel. As a matter of fact, likely he was a good man, likely a Pharisee who let an unpleasant sight at the entrance of his abode – Lazarus; who survived by '*eating the crumbs from the Rich Man's Table*.' (It is not a 'sin' to be 'wealthy'; and on a world scale 'we' are 'wealthy'. BUT be careful as we are admonished in Luke 21:34-36: "*But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.*" (1 Timothy 6:10).

At a 'funeral' in the average church today, the Pastor would usher this person into Heaven as he asks God to

'receive his spirit'. By the way: this teaching/preaching is heresy, FOR where was this person's 'spirit' in between death and the funeral? Oh, no doubt the eulogy would be great and IF others took part 'many' nice words of the departed would be spoken; but it wouldn't change the 'destiny' of that person one iota!

Martin Luther stated that 'the bottom of Hell would be covered with the skulls of unconverted preachers'!

Notice in verse twenty-two that these two individuals lived side-by-side; yet arrived at two different destinies on their last day.

BUT in verse nineteen the 'certain rich man' fared sumptuous every DAY. Clothed in purple which implies being made out of 'wool', which was dyed 'purple'; which was costly and could be worn only by the wealthy. 'Linen' was used for under-garments was equally expensive. Life for him was one continual party; free from hardship and drudgery and living gaily. A person can 'laugh' their way into Hell, but not out!

BUT notice nothing is said about his funeral. It came sooner than he *likely* expected; probably thinking he had more time than money!

The Williams Translation states in verse 23 'constant tortures'; while the NKJV states 'torment(s), tormented four times inside of 6 verses. AND he *saw!* (It must be like watching TV where you can see but are not able to reach the destination! He saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom).

For the 'rich man', it was SEEING the bliss of the 'redeemed' (blood bought individuals), but unable to reach the 'forgiven sinners' location!

Hades is a waiting location until further development for the unconverted/lost – an eternal HELL.

V. 24: What an 'eternal' plight as in the following verse he cries out in his 'helplessness' and pleads not for 'justice' but mercy. Can we not now say he is attending a 'prayer meeting' and 'praying' but it is too late as the open door of mercy, grace, forgiveness, etc. is now forever closed!

Medically I have been informed that of all natural physical deaths – dying of thirst is the most *horrible*. The rich man pleads for just 'a drop of water' to be placed on his tongue! WHY? He is 'tormented' and will not be consumed (burned up)!

OH how terrible and tragic when in God's Grace he could have been spared this abode for eternity!

Now on bended knees (symbolically), he 'recalls. (He Remembers) – **Revelation 20:11-15**.

He has taken the 'broad and easy' road; which is a dead-end with NO passage of relief and escape whatsoever for all eternity!

FRIEND, THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HELL!

Matthew 18:8-9, 13:41-42, Isaiah 33:14 Revelation 20:10 – *A lake/furnace of fire (brimstone – sulfur- flame almost invisible, yet greater heat & yet eternal).*

Matthew 8:12, 13:42 – *A place of weeping and wailing (gnashing of teeth) and outer darkness*

II Thessalonians 1:8-9 – *A place of SEPARATION from GOD (also from the Glory of His Power).*

Mark 3:29 – *A place of eternal damnation.*

Jude 13 – *A place of blackness and darkness forever.*

Mark 9:48 – *A place where the worm never dieth, fire is not quenched.*

Revelation 14:10, 14:11, 21:21:8 – *A place of God's wrath, a place of no rest day or night.*

YOU might want to read this portion of Scripture again and SEE IF it is present tense? (Luke 16:19-31).

DO YOU BELIEVE IN A LITERAL HELL AND HEAVEN? JESUS DOES, GOD DOES AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES!

You and I are marvelously made in the image of God which includes a 'brain'! The 'Medical world' now believes that in each one of our 'brains'; there is being recorded EVERYTHING that transpires in our lives. This would likely even include when we were in our Mother's Womb – **Revelation 20:12-13**.

Scripture is very 'clear' that we need to preach the LAW and GOSPEL in love; unto the ends of the earth; because JESUS CARES!

There is even a form of "Repentance" in this literal account. Notice verse twenty-seven as the 'rich man' was able to REASON.

Every child of God is called and responsible to share the 'word of TRUTH' as the Holy Spirit prompts you as a cleansed 'vessel'. This 'rich man' is now concerned about EVANGELISM as he is burdened/concerned about his FIVE brothers who are yet in this earthy journey.

It is CRYSTAL CLEAR that even *If* a 'miracle' took place, and GOD resurrected someone from the 'grave' to prove there is a 'literal' Hell; the unbelievers would not believe, **IF** they NOW are not listening to GOD's **Law and Gospel**.

Wether you believe this biblically based 'Editorial' or not; the Sovereign Triune God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), believes in a 'literal Hell'; otherwise why did JESUS make Heaven poor that you and I might become rich?

The kindest, sweetest person you know – if they do not have JESUS (by faith) as their personal Savior, they will end up in Hell, eternally LOST with NO hope; even though loved by JESUS/GOD! Our Sovereign GOD is also **Righteous, Just, Pure and HOLY!**

The great majority of 'humanity' loves 'darkness' rather

than 'light' and are on the 'broad and easy' road.

I believe with absolute certainty (IF you care) that IF in the middle of the night you noticed a house of fire and knowing that there were residents inside sleeping, which would mean certain physical death; YOU wouldn't just a very gently rap at the house door; BUT would as clearly/loudly as YOU could – would call out FIRE/**ESCAPE!**

Hebrews 2:1-2.

It is still a *mystery to me*, why 'we' don't hear more about a 'literal Hell' from Pastors, Teachers, individual believers, Christian periodicals, etc.? **There is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun!**

In closing (Lord willing) part two of this 'Editorial' will appear in the next issue of *Morning Glory* (Lazarus).

His Kingdom's Work

NEVER apologize for the smallness (numerical figure) of your local Congregation, IF it is truly a Bible/Christ centered Congregation, for such is a **Great Work** (Example: Nehemiah 4:6a) for it is **HIS Work** for time and eternity!

THUS 'never' apologize for the same, as it is of great significance and important in lifting up the Name JESUS individually and also congregational ways!

The 'local' Bible practicing Congregation is to be like an "Oasis" in a barren land/desert, for especially both the 'lambs' and the 'sheep'. Biblically, it is to be a place of nourishing, strengthening, admonishing and encouraging – especially those of the 'household of faith.' After being "fed," each individual believer will be 'thrust out into the 'highways and by-ways' who will seek to reach the 'lost' and encourage fellow-believers.

For any organization there needs to be 'leadership' in word and deed!

IN these 'perilous times' we often criticize 'our leadership' of 'our' beloved Country for not adhering to the 'Constitution' of our great USA – and rightly so with 'concern.'

LET'S be 'realistic' here though. Does your 'congregation' follow your local congregation's Constitution?

For example: According to chapter six of the Book of ACTS, (not resolutions; but ACTS) after specific prayer intercession; the people were led by the Holy Spirit, to choose/select individuals for a certain 'service' in the local congregation.

I know of a 'congregation' where the leadership (likely Deacons/Elders along with the Pastor) used to actually send out 'letters of call' for people to be Sunday School Teachers, which I believe is a great idea.

I also knew of a rural congregation, because of its size numerically, would *somewhat lightly* rotate leadership!

NOW Scripture is very clear that GOD calls some to be pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc. **Every** 'believer' has a 'unique/very important' place in the 'body of Christ'. (***1 Corinthians 11***).

Let's get spiritually practical in the 'service' of the King of kings and Lord of lords. For example: A Deacon/Elder is definitely in a position of Leadership which includes a protective 'shield/surrounding' for the 'Under-Shepherd'/Pastor

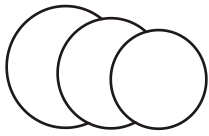
and to make certain that he stays on '**biblical track**'. He ALSO needs to encourage, support, strengthened him. Besides assisting him – he is to see to it that a 'biblical fill-in' is behind the sacred desk (pulpit) in the Pastor's absence. He is also to be along and ASSISTING in visitation, according to most Lutheran Constitutions! This means Visiting the widows, shut-ins, sick, delinquent – both of the saved and unsaved. (***1 Timothy 5:17-22, Titus 1:4-9, James 1:21***). IN other words, he is a Co-laborer and Supervisor of the Pastor. (This is also true of the Board Members of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory and other Biblical Organizations, such as Bible Schools, Seminaries, Missions, Radio/TV Ministries, etc. — the Pastor, Editor, Teacher, Evangelist, etc.). NOW this is also the 'challenge' of every born again person – to be laboring in the **great Work in the VINEYARD of GOD** as the Holy Spirit leads and fits you into your 'role' in the Body of Christ. This requires obedience. Remember 'whatever' God prompts YOU to do, **GOD will provide!!** PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW AND THE GIVER OF EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT – James 16-18.

Keep in mind/heart/practice that the Book of Acts is not resolutions. It is God's Plan for the Christian Congregation (what we call New Testament 'church' today). God's Word is always relevant starting with especially Evangelism, ***which will result in Acts 1:8***. They preached/witnessed with the Law and Gospel, the **WORD of GOD!** IF we don't keep the 'camp fires burning' (Congregationally), then missions period will gradually fade out!

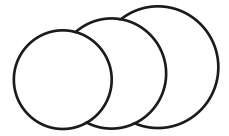
'WE' are in Desperate NEED of a a Heaven Sent REVIVAL throughout the beloved USA and our neighbor to the 'north' – Canada. Pray specifically for and in expectation of! We ALSO desperately NEED a 'renewed hunger' for the WORD of GOD among the 'Lambs' and 'Sheep'! Psalm 19:7-14, 42:1, 51:12-13, 1 Peter 2:2:1-12, II Timothy 4:1-5 and Amos 8:11-12. The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory *is here to assist you with/in the same, BY THE GRACE OF GOD!*

Let 'us' hold everything up in the Light of God's WORD and walk on the path of 'holiness' – Isaiah 35:8. By the Grace of God and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit may we be found 'faithful' unto HIM and Occupying until He comes!

— Editor



From Our Fellowship Circle



H. M **Viroqua, WI**
I tried reaching you by telephone (Ed. Wrong number), number not in order – so am writing and hoping you still have ‘Altar Steps’, as I wish to give one to a young man for I chose to be his spiritual mentor this year.

I am inclosing a check for \$...

Enjoying *Morning Glory* and I pass it on to others! What a wealth of good reading! I’m so blessed with good eyes – PTL.

God’s blessing as you continue to share the WORD...

S. S. **Erskine, MN**
Please send the *Morning Glory* to ...

Thank you for your magazine as it is so true to the Word of God.

M. S. **Beulah, ND**
Our Pastor is leaving and it is breaking our hearts as he has been with us for twenty-four years and he is moving so far away ...

Now ... wants the *Morning Glory* also and we discuss different items in the same over our Coffee time on Sunday’s after a sermon.

A 2nd party which I’m listing below also is to receive the *Morning Glory*.

Thank you for the *Morning Glory* as you are doing an ... job, and hopefully/prayerfully we can get our Country to return unto God, and there is a definite possibility if we step up and speak up!

F. E. H. **Story City, IA**
I am so blessed as I read the M. G. each time it arrives. I pass it on to a neighbor lady to enjoy too. ...

I am enclosing a gift of money to help pay for my subscription.

G. H. **Waverly, IA**
Please use this gift as needed.

May God bless this ministry in a very special way.

M. & E. L. **Bismarck, ND**
Praise the Lord for servants such as you folk are bringing in truth of current events, happenings, that are contrary to God’s Holy Word. Thank you for always using Scripture

to bring us into the Righteous Path and not afraid to reveal the wickedness and evil going on among us daily.

Our prayers surround your boldness and God’s Holiness to open the eyes of His (born again) believers to speak up and stand up as America is in real trouble! Our hearts have hardened and our knees won’t bend as our minds aren’t kept stayed in God’s Word, the Bible. Tragically many of the Pulpits are dead and the listeners are so comfortable; but our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will once again awaken our souls and drive us down on our knees to arise and become soul winners for Jesus. This would make such a great difference in our world, so keep on with your great work for God.

Our men’s singing Group has dispersed because of lack of voices – due to ill health. After 54 years we feel blessed that God has used these talents to His Glory. Thank you Lord! Therefore we will donate \$... for His Work – *the Morning Glory*, which enlightens many with God’s Truthfulness! God bless you as you serve Him so faithfully...

We are trusting the Lord for our future as the unknown lies in the hand of JESUS. ...

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But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:4

Paul rightly described the Gospel in terms of a treasure – something that only important, responsible emissaries may carry. The word for “allowed” carries the thought of passing a test (it is the same word at the end of the verse for “trieth”). Before sending them, God evaluated them and after they were sent, He continued to test their hearts. Accordingly, Paul carefully preached the gospel free of ulterior motives. May we likewise witness, with an eye on the coming evaluation and reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ. –K. R. Keyser

*I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me; must prevail.*

Frances Ridley Havergal

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

North Carolina Magistrate Resigns Rather Than Marry Homosexuals

WRAL.com (October 17, 2014) reports that a North Carolina magistrate has decided that it is better to resign his position than to marry homosexual couples. “Rockingham County Magistrate John Kallam, Jr., sent a letter to Chief District Court Judge Fred Wilkins...saying when he took his oath of office, he didn’t take it with the understanding that he would be required to marry same-sex couples.”

The courts have forced homosexual marriage upon the people of North Carolina even though the majority of North Carolinians oppose same-sex marriage. This places many citizens in the uncomfortable position of having to choose between their employment positions and status in society and the acceptance of the courts’ redefinition of marriage.

This particular magistrate decided to stand for his conviction. “Kallam wrote that marrying gay couples ‘would desecrate a holy institution established by God Himself.’”

Dr. Ron Baity, RETURN AMERICA

Editor’s Note: To the best of my knowledge, according to the Constitution: the Government of the USA is to be the servant of the people; not the dictators to the people!

Atheist Group Says Hobby Lobby Family is “Threat” to U. S.; Sees Bible Museum as Attempt to “Influence Congress”

The controversial Museum of the Bible, a project spearheaded by Hobby Lobby president Steve Green, is scheduled (to) open in Washington, D.C., in 2017 and is seen as a threat by an atheist group that claims the intent of the museum is not to educate tourists but to “influence Congress.”

News of the museum’s pending construction came not long after Hobby Lobby won a religious freedom case before the United State Supreme Court...

“I think they (the Green family) are a great threat,” Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of FFRF (Freedom From Religion Foundation, based - Madison, WI), told the New York Times when she was asked to comment on the Green family’s plans for a 430,000-square-foot Bible museum. ...

Michael Gryboski for ChristianPost.com

Vermont Governor: We’re “Blessed” to Have Planned Parenthood Abortion Business Here

Vermont governor Pete Shumlin participated in an event promoting the Planned Parenthood abortion business. There, the governor of one of the most liberal states in the nation said his state is “blessed” to have the nation’s largest abortion business there.

Shumlin, along with several other candidates, gathered at the Planned Parenthood of Vermont’s administrative offices where the governor stated, “Vermont is unusual. We should be blessed to live here with a Planned Parenthood that does extraordinary work and a legislature that will stand behind you.”

Shumlin was receiving an endorsement by Planned Parenthood when he made the statement.

LifeNews.com

Apple CEO

Tim Cook confirmed what many people suspected: “While I have never denied my sexuality,” Cook wrote, “I haven’t publicly acknowledged it either, until now,” writes Tim Cook (Apple’s CEO). “So let me be clear: I’m proud to be gay, and I consider being gay among the greatest gifts God has given me.”

Tony Perkins’, Washington Update, Oct. 31, 2014

Editor’s Note: Now this is Mr. Cook’s personal choice to go absolutely contrary to the teachings of God’s Eternal Word, the BIBLE.

Islam’s War on Freedom: Gun Control Jihad

Under historic Sharia Laws and modern Dhimmi (which means a second class citizen), non-Muslims cannot possess firearms, swords or weapons of any kind.

ALSO Allah created us infidels to “fuel the fires of hell” (Quran 72:15).

Five States

Oregon, New Mexico, Montana, Washington, and Vermont – allow assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. (Since) Oregon’s Death With Dignity Act passed in 1997 ... 1,173 prescriptions (have been issued) with 752 deaths resulting from access to the medication.

LifeNews.com

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

MANY children of God think that this promise is not being fulfilled in their lives. They pray for light and desire earnestly to know the will of God. But they do not think that they receive a definite answer.

The reason is in many instances that they misunderstand the light that God does give them. They forget that it is a lamp unto our feet.

On a dark autumn evening, a little lantern in our hand, we stand ready to start out upon the mile-long road through the wood. One without any experience would no doubt ask: “You do not expect to get along with that little light, do you?”

But everything goes all right. The lantern does not light up a great deal more than one step at a time. But since I am carrying it in my hand, it lights up every step I take until I have reached my destination.

Thus God lights up our pathway. *Step by step.*

We are not always satisfied with this light, and would rather that God would employ His heavenly search-light in order that we might be able to see all the way to the end of life all at once. Especially would we have Him project His light through the dark veil of death and into the invisible realm beyond.

But it is grace from God that He does not open the book of the future to us, that He gives us His light only step by step.

True, this oftentimes becomes an earnest trial of our faith. We become restless when it seems that God delays too long before shedding His light upon the situations in which we find ourselves.

However, as we look back upon our life with God, I think that we must all thank and praise Him because He has so graciously led us upon the right pathway, notwithstanding all our restlessness and impatience. Wherefore we say:

“Hitherto the Lord hath helped us!”

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LOOK ...*Here is your God*

Pastor Shane McLoughlin, Minot, ND

“O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain, O Jerusalem. You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’ Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand. And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work be-

fore Him. He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm. And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.” Isaiah 40:9-11

...It is amazing how often people walk around in their own little world oblivious to reality and what is going on around them. This is a danger to all people and Christians are often as much of a victim of this attitude as everybody else. Our lives are so full of stuff, activities and do lists that we are unaware of our surroundings, or even the spiritual world and the Hand of God working all around us. We may not take notice of the homeless person seeking shelter, or pay attention to a question coming from our child. We fail to realize the hurting hearts of friends and family, and the list goes on, doesn’t it?

We could get so set in our routines that even going to Church becomes a check on the to do list and we miss being with Jesus altogether.

Even when a person is actively seeking after God, frequently they end up not finding Him, but instead find themselves worshiping idols (false gods of their own imagination and liking). Often times when a person seeks after God, they only see the characteristics of God that they seek and like about him, but what a difference there is when God finds the person, for then the person is confronted with all of who God is. What a difference there is when we are brought before God in all of His holiness and our wickedness is made plain. When we see God’s pure Love, we are forced to recognize our selfishness. What a change takes place when we are seeking the faithfulness of God and then see His Divine Justice. Or when we’re eagerly searching out a God of forgiveness and are exposed to the Consuming Fire as well, it changes us. It brings about a new birth, a renewal and regeneration of our soul. It brings about the revival that is desperately needed at this hour in our country, city, and in our homes.

Revival student, preacher and teacher Richard Owen Roberts summarizes it this way, “The problem with the Church in America isn’t the world. The problem with the Church is its view of God.”

That is the same problem the people of God have always struggled with. From the Garden when Satan deceived Eve; Cain’s heart in worship; the wicked people of Noah’s day, Esau selling his birthright for a bowl of stew; the rebellious Israelites in the wilderness; King Saul and the nation of Judah: A poor view of God brought about the exile in Babylon. That was the problem Jesus had with the religious leaders of His day, the Disciples were confronted with, and what the Apostles continually wrote about in the New Testament.

Would you agree that again the Church needs to take another Look at God, to see Him as He really is, rather than just as we would like Him to be?

How Did We Get Into This Mess?

This is the second of a three-part message about current trends in Christianity. If you missed the first of these messages, contact the Editor for a copy of the December issue. In pointing out these problems, the solution is to reverse these trends back to the Biblical Standard.

The Problem: Preaching the Gospel with no Law

The church today says that the message is still the same, just presented in a different way. This isn't true. The message used to be this:

You are a sinner and have offended a holy God through your sins against God's perfect standard – His Law. You need to repent of your sins and forsake them. You must come to Jesus and accept Him as your personal Savior and follow Him as Lord of your life. This is what it means to be converted – To turn away from your sins and turn to Jesus with your whole life. If you won't do this, you will go to hell under the wrath of God forever.

Today the message is this:

God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life. Will you let Jesus love you and come into your heart and forgive you? Will you receive Him and experience the love that God has for you? This is how you begin a personal relationship with God.

Notice in the second presentation there is no mention of sin or repentance. There is no mention of the Law or God's wrath. In the first presentation, the sinner becomes the servant of God with Jesus in control. In the second, the sinner and Jesus are on equal footing as they share a personal relationship. The second presentation is not a complete presentation of Law and Gospel and can leave people in their sins.

The emphasis in many circles by preachers today is: "We don't tell people they're sinners. They all know that and they have enough to bring them down. We need to lift people up by bringing the Good News to them." One reason they preach this way is that they feel that the Law is removed from the Christian in the Atonement. "We're not under the Law, but under Grace! Grace covers it all. We all make mistakes and sins every day, but God will forgive us. After all, we're not saved by our personal holiness, but by the sheer mercy of God in Jesus our Lord. As long as you have faith in Christ, you are free to live as you choose and will still have God's blessings upon you in this life and glory awaiting for you when you die."

As a result, many preachers today talk about coming to Christ with no mention of repentance. Even some popular preachers today have little or no mention of it. It seems to have dropped from their vocabulary. "Just come to Christ just as you are and He'll clean you up."

There is No Fear of God presented – Only Love. I have repeatedly heard the statement: "There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more or any less. He loves because He is love." The impression is given that regardless of what you do – God will still love you.

Scriptures are carefully selected to avoid anything that would confront, convict or turn anyone away. Anything that would portray God as someone less than a caring, loving Heavenly Father is avoided. Even though Jesus commands the unbelievers at the end: "*Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.*" (Matt. 25:41) Where is the Love of God here?

When this is the emphasis, people will practice all manner of sin and justify it by saying: "You're into Legalism! I am free from the dictates of the Law and I live by the Spirit and He hasn't laid anything on my heart about it." Another popular cover is to say: "Don't Judge! God is my Judge, not you. I will let God determine if something is right or wrong."

The Solution: Preaching the Whole Counsel of God

To only preach the love and acceptance of God is to ignore many Scriptures and part of the very character and nature of God. It is a half-truth. It is true that for justification, the dictates of the Law are fulfilled by Jesus. But keep in mind what Jesus Himself said, "*Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. ...Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*" (Matt. 5:17, 19)

This means that the Law still stands for the Christian as a pattern of good works that are pleasing to God. The Spirit-led life will be one that is in agreement with the Commandments. We are not free to murder, lie, steal, commit adultery or have other gods besides the Lord. Even when God's redeemed people enter into this kind of life – It is sin before the Lord and He will effectively judge those who practice these things. "*For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because*

of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.” (Eph. 5:5-6)

When people ignore the dictates of the Law as a guide for life, then even gentle, loving Jesus is One who will personally deal with people who practice and promote sin with no repentance. The church at Pergamum had people “...who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality.” (Rev. 2:14) To these people Jesus said, “Repent therefore; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.” (Rev. 2:16)

These churches in Revelation reflect our current time frame and God’s dealing with us. To have the Lord Jesus say that He will make war with people ignoring the Law and promoting sins is pretty strong language. This reflects the full nature of God and shows the proper balance that Christians need to have toward the Lord. We should both Fear and Love Him. Many of the loving things that preachers are presenting today are true, but they are ignoring the other side of the coin that presents that God is holy and just and will enact His wrath against all who practice sin.

Preaching the Whole Counsel of God means that you take the entire Scriptures as a whole – not just pick and choose certain parts that suit your fancy. It means that you look at what God will do **TO** you as well as what He will do **FOR** you.

To remove the necessity of repentance for salvation is to ignore the clear teaching of Scripture. “For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” (2 Cor. 7:10) Repentance is also to be part of our daily life as a Christian. Jesus said, “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you shall all likewise perish?” (Lk. 13:5) The Greek word for *repent* here means a command to do continually. Thus the Lord commands us to live in daily repentance. To ignore this is to make people perish. Jesus said so!

Pastor Jim Haga
Shoreview, MN

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**Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s
good pleasure to give you the kingdom**

Luke 12:32

HERE Jesus seeks to give us courage to believe in God. As a matter of fact, He does this often. We could no doubt say that the aim of all that Jesus did was to persuade us to believe in our Father in heaven.

This seems easy enough to a conscience which is asleep,

which is not aware of its guilt nor of God’s burning wrath against sin. But to the soul that is spiritually awake, that has become aware of the seriousness of sin, nothing is as hard, in fact, as impossible, as to believe that God forgives.

Indeed, such souls do not get courage to believe until they see Christ in the Word, the only one on earth who can give a sinner courage to believe in the forgiveness of sins.

“**Fear not,**” says Jesus today to all the fearful souls who condemn themselves. It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. He does not simply endure you; He rejoices to give you the kingdom. He who spared not His only Son, how could He do anything else but give you all things together with Him?

“**Little flock,**” He says.

He knows that we often feel discouraged and fearful just because we are so few and so weak. The contempt and opposition of the world would deprive us of our courage. It seems as though both we and God’s whole cause seem destined to be defeated by the mighty powers which are at the disposal of our opponents at all times.

Then He comforts us. He tells us that it is not dangerous to be the little flock. It is not dangerous to be in the minority. It is not dangerous to face adverse winds. It is not dangerous to encounter super-mighty opposition. It is not dangerous to be despised! For it is thus that it has pleased God to further His cause in this world.

“Fear not, little flock.”

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OF LEARNED MEN

LUTHER advised all who proposed to study, in what art so ever, to read some sure and certain books over and over again; for to read many sorts of books produces rather confusion than any distinct result; just as those that dwell everywhere, and remain in no place, dwell nowhere, and have no home. As we use not daily the community of all our friends, but of a select few, even so we ought to accustom ourselves to the best books, and to make them familiar unto us, so as to have them, as we say, at our fingers’ end. A fine talented student fell into a frenzy; the cause of his disease was, that he laid himself out too much upon books, and was in love with a girl. Luther dealt very mildly and friendly with him, expecting amendment, and said: “Love is the cause of his sickness; study brought upon him too much upon his own opinions, yet he keeps to the true and just meaning, and does not set himself up against the plain simplicity of God’s Word.”

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ON Being Known

I acknowledged my sin to You ... I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

(Please read also James 5:16-20)

One of the most difficult inner conflicts we have is our desire to be known versus our fear of being known. As being created in the image of God we are made to be known – known by God and also by others. Yet due to our fallen nature, all of us have sins and weaknesses that we don't want others to know about. We use the phrase "dark side" to refer to aspects of our lives that we keep hidden. And we use slogans like "put your best foot forward" to encourage others to show their best side.

One reason we are unwilling to risk being known is that we fear rejection and ridicule. But when we discover that God knows us, loves us, and is willing to forgive even the worst thing we have done, our fear of being known by God begins to fade away. And when we find a community of believers who understands the dynamic relationship between forgiveness and confession, we feel safe confessing our sins to one another (James 5:16).

The life of faith is not about showing only our good side. It's about exposing our dark side to the light of Christ through confession to God and also to others. In this way we can receive healing and live in the freedom of forgiveness.

Julie Ackerman Link

*Lord, help me to expose my sin,
Those secret wrongs that lurk within;
I would confess them all to Thee;
Transparent I would always be.* D. DeHaan

**The voice of sin may be loud,
but the voice of forgiveness is louder.**

D. L. Moody

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Generosity

Norm C. Nelson

"Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful." Luke 6:36

Here's a true story which shows us what it means to possess the Spirit of Christ ...

During the Great Depression in the United States, a man, woman and their five children moved wearily along a country road in the springtime. They had walked across Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana; they had no food, no money and only the clothes they were wearing.

In Mississippi, the family stopped at a farmer's house and said to him, "We know how to work the land, but we have no land, no tools, no seeds. We have nothing. We lost all that we owned." The farmer said to them, "I'll let you share some of my land. Follow that creek and you'll find a house with furniture. Use it as if it were your own. I'll provide food, clothes, tools, seed – everything you need to get through the season."

When the harvest was in, they came to the farmer's house and said, "We're moving on, but before we do, we want to ask if we owe you anything." "You owe me everything," said the farmer, "Everything you have now you owe to me, but, I want you to know something. All that you have is yours to keep. I forgive the debt. You can leave or you can stay. You were strangers, but now I love you – all of you."

Let us do likewise with the opportunities and resources God gives us. Selected.

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He hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Ephesians 1:6

Christ's vicarious work on the cross so completely satisfied the righteous demands of a holy God that He is willing to bring us into the very body and identity of His Son. And what is God's opinion of the Beloved? In simple but eloquent terms – God is well pleased with His Beloved Son. In Him, God extends His well pleased love to us because of Christ's work. – J. D. Fraser

*No longer far from Him,
But now by precious blood made nigh.
Accepted in the well-beloved,
Near to God's heart we lie.*

R. Boswell

Editor's Note: This 'marvelous miracle' takes place before 'our' Sovereign GOD in 'Heaven'. Total Justification before 'our' HOLY GOD! According to Martin Luther's Small Catechism Explained (Q. 218):

'What is Justification?' Justification is the gracious act of God whereby He for Christ's sake acquits a repentant and believing sinner of his sin and guilt, and looks upon him, in Christ, as though he had never sinned.' 2 Cor. 5:21. *Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.* Rom. 3:24. (They are) *justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*

What Is the Gospel According to You?

Robert T. Ketcham

It is a stunning and shocking truth that the only Christ the world will ever see this side of the Great White Throne Judgment is the Christ they see in Christians.

In His actual body, He is busy at the Father's right hand as our Intercessor, Advocate and Priest. But it is still true that in His omnipresence He lives in the bodies of believers as recorded in Galatians 2:20: "*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.*"

This reference rocks us back on our spiritual heels. It is startling beyond words to realize that the world has a right to judge the character of Jesus Christ by what they see in the lives of believers who claim to be living for Him.

Let every individual believer ask himself, "What kind of a Christ did I present to those whom I met today?" Remember you are the lamp through which He shines. What image of Christ did your friends and family see in you today? Was the glass clean and polished, or was it all smudged over with pettishness, ill temper, worldliness, and self-interest?

*You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do
And words that you say;
Men read what you write—
Whether faithless or true.
What is the Gospel
According to you?*

Selected

Are You Thankful?

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson
(Medical Doctor-Preacher)

One of the complaints expressed with deep sorrow by the God of Heaven is found in Romans 1:21 in three mournful words: "*...neither were thankful.*"

The blessed Lord upon His throne pours out His blessings of sunshine, rain, harvest of grain, fruits and flowers, friends and fellowship; then He waits for the expression of gratitude that should come from our hearts. Does He hear it? Does He receive it? Evidently, from the statement we have quoted, He does not.

"Be Ye Thankful"

In Colossians 3:15 is the definite command, "*Be ye thankful.*" Strange that God would have to command us to give thanks.

Children need to be told, Say thank you." We begin it as soon as they are able to understand, and usually we must

continue it for many years. We want our children to be grateful and to say thank you, but so few do. Children of God need to be reminded too to say, "thank You, Lord." Surely there is plenty for which to be thankful, yet God found it necessary to command us to be thankful.

Thankful for All Things

From Ephesians 5:20, we are to be thankful "*for all things.*" If He withholds good things from us, we are to say thank You. If He grants our requests, we are to say thank You. Thank Him for His gifts and for His withholdings. Be thankful for everything.

Thankful in All Things

But 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says we are to be thankful "*in every thing.*" In every kind of situation, be filled with thanksgiving to God.

Whether in wealth or in poverty, whether in health or in sickness, whether in sunshine or in shadow, be thankful to the God of Heaven for His precious presence, His wonderful promises and His constant care.

Psalm 106:47 says we are saved and separated in order that we may give thanks to God.

The ungodly never bow the head in gratitude to the God of their lives. It is those who are saved from going down to the pit and have been set apart as God's people who are filled with thanksgiving. Surely we will not rob Him of the thanks due His name and prove to be ungrateful and unthankful to the God who has done so much for us.

Those who know God are most grateful to Him. Be among the number and never let the Lord say about you, "He was not thankful."

Be Thankful in Song

David's purpose of heart is expressed in Psalm 30:12, wherein he promised and assured the people that he did never cease to be a thankful child of God. No cold blanket would ever cause his song to cease. No troubles, trials or difficulties would ever hush the song of his heart.

Be Thankful Early and Late

The psalmist in Psalm 119:62 makes a most interesting statement about the well of gratitude springing up in his soul. He said he would rise at midnight to express his thanksgiving to God. He had retired to rest, but his spirit would not sleep.

The thoughts of God's goodness, His grace and His wonderful benevolence stirred the psalmist so deeply that he could not remain on his couch. Even though the midnight hour had come, he would rise and express to God the gladness of his soul and the gratitude of his heart. No matter how dark the night nor how late the hour, his heart must pour out its thanksgiving to the wonderful God of his life.

Sword of the Lord

UpDate

Blunt RESOLUTIONS!

“When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed –Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.” Ecclesiastes 5:4-5.

‘Resolutions’ are ‘often’ made this time of the year and shortly thereafter they are worn thin or broken and forgotten! By the way, have you made any vow/promise to God that have not been kept? With clarity ‘resolutions/reformation will NEVER earn SALVATION for anyone!

While I am privileged/responsible of being the ‘editor’ of the *Morning Glory*, I am not only seeking to speak through the printed page to the hundreds of readers we are privileged to have, but also (in a sense) seeking to ‘minister to you as an ‘individual’ in Christian love (Agape).

With that being said, I/we are *grateful* for every ‘contributor’ in this portion of the Lord’s Vineyard and trusting that ‘our’ Living Savior is richly blessing YOU in the same. BUT from my heart to your heart: IF YOU are being blest through this ‘ministry’, (MG/HLIF) it would be kind of YOU to respond tangibly as there are evidently a numerous amount of dear ‘readers’ who seemingly never respond or haven’t for years! Don’t take your blessings for granted until you miss them. NOW how would that go, IF you treated your local Bible believing Congregation in the same way???

Keep in mind and heart that “just having good intentions never gets you anywhere”!

AS an ‘individual’ (& Congregation) – Why not make a ‘vow’ to at least support this ‘ministry’ financially at least once or twice a year – Ideally EACH month in specific prayer support and financially as ‘we’ are in need of both. – Ephesians 6:18-24, Luke 6:38. The opportunity is still here, quitters never win and winners never quit! PLEASE do as the LORD lays on your heart and mind – obedience out of LOVE!

PROMISES/VOWS ARE NEVER MADE TO BE BROKEN!

GOD is faithful regardless – II Timothy 2:13.

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“The Nazis believed in a master race. The militant Islamists believe in a master faith. They just disagree about who among them will be the master... of the master faith. That’s what they truly disagree about. Therefore, the question before us is whether militant Islam will have the power to realize its unbridled ambitions.”

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s
Speech to the United Nations on
September 29, 2014.”