



# Morning Glory

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

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## Those Who Have False Assurance

By Pastor Maynard Force

Jesus said, *“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast our demons, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity”* (Matt. 7:21-23).

**Notice first of all that this group numbers “many.”**

*“Many will say to me in that day.”* How sad that there are “many” that are in the class of those who have false assurance. Is it any wonder that Jesus pleaded, *“Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many are they that enter in thereby. For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it”* (Matt. 7:13, 14)? What sobering words: “many” and “few”! Many lost and few saved. Surely these words should arrest the attention of every one of us. Could it be possible that anyone reading these lines is in the class of those who have a false assurance?

**Notice also that these people with false assurance were even preaching.** *“Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name?”* In other words, Lord, Lord, did we not preach? Not only did they preach – they preached **in Jesus’ name**, yet they were not saved. The name of Jesus was often on their lips. They had the head knowledge, to be sure, but not the heart knowledge. Any person with the gift of speech and a normal mind can stand up and talk in religious terms, but that does not prove he is saved. The apostle John warns us to try the spirits because “**many**”

*false prophets are gone out into the world”* (1 John 4:1). Remember, Jesus warns us there will be “many” such “workers of iniquity.” One of the signs of the last days is that *“many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of the many shall wax cold”* (Matt. 24:11, 12).

These false assurance” people were very active in religious work. Their very results helped to deceive them. Even the demons were subject to them. What a feeling of satisfaction must have been theirs when they by Jesus’ name cast out demons. It would have been foolish of the devil not to have been obedient to the demands of these “**many**” if he could thus deceive them and keep them in false assurance. Satan will do anything to deceive people. Remember, he is known as the deceiver.

This group of “false assurance” people are deceived into believing that they have done “many mighty works.” Their joy evidently was in their own accomplishments. They failed to see that their rejoicing should be in what Jesus had done rather than in their own works, *“for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory”* (Eph. 2:8). They could well remember “many mighty works.” How different this is from the attitude of God’s children, who will someday say, *“Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or athirst, and gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or prison, and came unto thee?”* (Matt. 25:37-39).

The “false assurance” group has a horrible ending. Jesus will profess to them, *“I never knew you: depart from*

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*me, ye that work iniquity.” Notice, He did not say, “I knew you when you worked in my name”; no, “*I never knew you.*” Any work done for Jesus by anyone who is not His child is worthless, for “*they that are in the flesh cannot please God*” (Rom. 8:8). No one with a false assurance, regardless of what he does in the name of the Lord, can please God. He is a worker of iniquity. He is living in sin. He has refused to walk the way of repentance. He has despised the way of the cross, which is the way of confession and dealing with sin. To all such the Lord has but one answer, “*Depart from me.*” They deceived themselves with a false assurance; they deceived others with their “mighty works”; but Christ they did not deceive. Therefore they hear the most fearful words that can ever come from our Saviour’s lips, “**Depart from me.**”*

I know of no better way to sum up false assurance than by the answer Jesus gave to the question, “*Lord, are they few that are saved?*” “*He said unto them, Strive to enter in by the narrow door; for many I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, I know you not whence ye are; then shall ye begin to say, We did eat and drink in thy presence, and thou didst teach in our streets; and he shall say, I tell you, I know not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity*” (Luke 13:23 – 27).

What a blessing if those with false assurance could **wake up**

**before** “the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door.” That day may be very near at hand. It behooves every one of us to check so we are certain we do not have a false assurance. Let us not forget that the devil is a deceiver and has “*many*” in this snare. Let us beware lest we take ourselves for granted and eventually be lost.

Taken from the booklet *Assurance*.

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### **He Cried Out to God**

“Don Garlits was a Top Fuel Drag Racer. On March 8, 1970, at Long Beach Lions drag strip, Don Garlits raced Richard Tharp in a Top Fuel elimination race.

“As the two cars left the starting line, a two-speed transmission Garlits had recently designed exploded, blowing his Wynn’s Charger car in two and severing Don’s foot just about in half. He was rushed to a local hospital and remained there for weeks. Doctors closed the damaged portion of his foot with 17 steel staples and wire clamps, creating pain cycles of incredible magnitude. Don told [the author] that his pain nearly drove him to the point of hysteria.

“The doctors and nurses wanted to fill him with painkillers. A few years earlier, he had experienced a very bad reaction to painkillers while combating severe burns suffered in a blower explosion at Chester, Pennsylvania. He didn’t want a re-occurrence, so he declined the pills. The doctors and nurses warned him that he was making a big mistake. The result of not taking the pain killers caused Garlits to shiver with chills and, at the same time, soak his bed with sweat. His condition required a bed change 2 or 3 times a night.

“Finally a nurse offered Don one more chance to take the medicine. When he declined, she told him “good-night, Mr. Garlits,” walked out without changing the bed, and left him to his misery. Later that night, Don told [the author] that he cried out to God for help, in the same manner a child might cry out to a parent. Suddenly, he felt a warm feeling come over him. He felt at peace and could sleep the rest of the night without pain. The doctors were skeptical, but they didn’t laugh out loud. They were, however, convinced that something was going on. Don said they finally stopped doubting him when he felt little pain as they used wire cutters to remove clamps and staples from his foot.

“Don Garlits is unabashed about his faith in God, and hearing about that time in the hospital brings home the fact that he is a man with more to life than drag racing.”

*Fuel and Guts – The Birth of Top Fuel Drag Racing* by Tom Madigan, pgs. 169-170

**“For ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.”** 1 Thess. 4:9

The world is dying for lack of love. Selfishness abounds, and everyone seems to be growing harder and colder toward the Lord, and toward each other. Parents neglect their children, and children neglect their old parents. Jesus loves the little children, and they love Him. When they are left alone He expects the believers to care for His little ones.

A Civil War veteran took sick with the yellow fever and died. After the funeral his little son said to his mother, “Mother, what would happen to me, if you should go, now that Daddy is gone?”

“Jesus will take care of you,” answered the mother. Later the mother passed away. The boy remembered what his mother had said. He went to his mother’s grave and waited for Jesus to come and take care of him. But He didn’t come. The little boy wept. A Christian man came by and saw him there.

“Why are you here?” he asked.

“This is my mother’s grave. I’m waiting for Jesus to come and take care of me!” The man understood, and he said, “I have come to take you home. Jesus has sent me.” Through his tears the little boy said, “But you waited a long time before you came.”

Dear Lord, help us to be faithful in caring for all the little children. Help us not to fail them in any way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Jesus loves me, this I know;***

***For the Bible tells me so.***

***Little ones to Him belong,***

***They are weak, but He is strong.***

*Altar Steps* by Pastor R. P. Haakonson, Copyright Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation

**“But you must remember, my fellow citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government.”**

**Andrew Jackson**

# Editorial

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## A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION:

*Especially with "ETERNITY" in View!*

*"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."* (Hebrews 4:13)

### **Do You LOVE ME?**

ON 'our' Dinning Table we have a tiny plastic Daisy & two Bumble Bees that clearly responds to 'sunshine' as it is 'solar energized'! The more sun the more brilliantly it responds! It likes to 'bathe' in the 'light' of the sunshine.

Scripture is crystal clear that the unsaved folk LOVE darkness rather than 'Light'; because their deeds are evil and they are spiritually 'blinded'.

The opposite is very true of a 'child of God' who wants to 'walk' in the Son-Light of God's Word and in essence prays often: *"Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting"* Psalm 139:23-24, 19:10-12. BECAUSE *"The heart is deceitful above all things (my heart), and desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart. I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings"* Jeremiah 17:9-10.

***"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin"*** 1 John 1:7.

Thus *"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit; Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You"* Psalm 51:12-13.

For *"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; They do not know what makes them stumble"* Proverbs 4:18-19.

**BUT 'Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above'.**

Allen West said: "I want to share with you that we should not run away from trials, travails and tribulations. We should count them all joy as we are being perfected for a greater purpose. A diamond is but a rock until it undergoes intense pressure and heat. Steel is purified by intense heat. We cannot seek to live a life where our goal is to go from one oasis to another. Sometimes we have to

cross a desert in order to develop inner strength."

So Jesus asked *Peter (& YOU & I)* **"Do you love Me more than these?"** John 21:15. JESUS wants to see Faith/LOVE IN ACTION!

Sadly, not all who were at one time looking forward to the blessed hope of the Bride-Groom's coming are here today!

When Peter denied his Living Savior three times; Peter was going through a difficult time in his relationship with JESUS. After they had dined and being 'reconciled'; JESUS challenges him to put faith/love into action.

YES, we also are to examine 'ourselves' in the light of His Holy Word and see where we stand in these days of 'Apostasy'.

The purpose is to FEED; because we are saved by the Grace of God (Salvation), but then Saved to serve!

The primary purpose of the church is to 'feed' God's Lambs and Sheep and then to 'Evangelize' as God intends that the 'church' should be a 'feeding place' like an Oasis in a desert! Then it is to 'evangelize'; because not only as the church goes, so goes the 'nation', but as the individual goes, so goes the church!

Christians are to 'hunger' for the WORD of GOD like a baby hungers for 'nourishment' at meal time. 1 Peter 2:1-12.

Honey is believed to be the only food that never spoils. Then notice what is said in regards to the WORD of GOD – Psalm 19:10-11, 81:16, 119:103-104.

Now 'we' will not be able to show that 'we' love JESUS without some fear at times, hindrances and opposition but read what God says in Isaiah 54:17 & 55.

Let 'us' therefore manifest that **we love JESUS** by 'feeding others' His Incorruptible SEED; which is 'our' challenge/privilege/responsibility. This is not just for Pastors, Missionaries, Evangelists and Teachers, BUT for **everyone** who knows and loves JESUS! ***"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"*** Romans 10:17, also 10:9-10 & II Corinthians 5:14-21. AND they went everywhere preaching the WORD OF GOD; because ***"For I am not ashamed of***

*the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'*" Romans 1:16-17!

YOU AND I need to learn from the example of the advertisement of the Energizer Battery Bunny – it just

keeps going on and on and on for **Philippians 3:12 – 21**. (Maybe YOU with 'me' need to make the following request Ephesians 6:18 – 20.

**"DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?" – FEED!** (Law & Gospel = *whole counsel of GOD!*)

Take JESUS' example in Scripture: **FEED the Lambs & Sheep: so they can then 'Evangelize'!**

**Thus says the Lord: You shall be carried upon her hip, and dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you** (Is. 66:12-13, RSV).

As a child seeks refuge in his mother's arms, so my soul seeks comfort in God.

A *child* becomes tired from play. An *adult* becomes even more tired from life's battle. Life is not always easy. We encounter many tangled situations, heavy burdens, hatred, heartlessness, and cold. Many are they who yearn for understanding and love – and find little of these.

The arms of God, however, are open. There the soul may find shelter. As a mother takes the child into her arms and caresses it, so our heavenly Father does with those who come to Him.

Israel had been chastened. Now she was to be comforted. The Lord's chastening does not last forever. The same hand which applied the rod now gently caresses and comforts the weeping child.

Lord, let me feel Thy caressing hand today!

*Rest A While* by Fredrik Wisloff

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## WHICH?

"Everywhere in nature there are numerous examples of animals and plants possessing unique characteristics that Darwinists would have us believe evolved by accident over vast periods of time. Does this hold up under logical analysis?"

The parrotfish is brightly colored marine fish that inhabits coral reefs. Also living in coral reefs are tiny crustaceans known as gnathiid isopods. These small animals feed on the blood of fish and are similar to ticks. They typically target the gills of fish or the insides of their mouths. During the day, many fish make regular stops at 'cleaning stations' about the reef, where tiny cleaner fish gladly pick off and eat the isopods during daylight hours. Parrotfish, which are active by day and retire at night, are frequent visitors at cleaning stations.

At night however, the parrotfish are vulnerable to isopod attacks, but have an ingenious way of deterring the isopods. Each night at 'bedtime' parrotfish secrete a mass of thick mucous from specialized glands in their gills. The sleepy parrotfish then wiggles into this mass of mucous, which forms a sort of cocoon, encircling its body. Scientists have found this mucous repels approximately 90% of the isopods, who do like to wiggle through it to get to the sleeping fish. In this way, a parrotfish can sleep soundly at night with less risk of anemia from blood-sucking parasites. In the morning, the fish wakes up, eats the mucous, recouping most of the energy it used to produce it, and goes about its day.

These mucous cocoons either served their functions from day one or they didn't. Could the parrotfish have recognized its need for a nocturnal cocoon AND spontaneously developed the specialized gill glands needed to produce just such a cocoon, or was this a gift from the all-knowing Creator? **Which view requires more faith?"**

Jonathan C. O'Quinn, D.P.M., M.S.  
via CHRISTIAN NEWS.

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## Suddenly a Hand Reached Out

Sleet was falling, and it was slushy underfoot. People hurried homeward with their coat collars up, hardly glancing at the others who passed by.

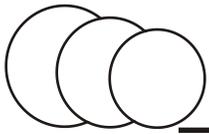
A young man with a heavy satchel in one hand and a huge suitcase in the other was slipping and sliding as he rushed toward Grand Central Station.

Suddenly a hand reached out and took one of his bags, and a pleasant voice said, "Let me have that, Brother. In this bad weather, it's hard to carry so much!"

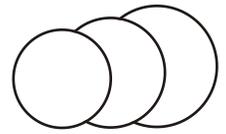
At first the man was reluctant, but the smile of his would-be friend put him at ease. Soon they were walking together, chatting like two old buddies.

Years later Booker T. Washington said, "That kindly deed was my introduction to Theodore Roosevelt."

Clear Horizons



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**H. M.**

**Viroqua, WI**

I am not sure if I'm writing to the right address; but I would like to receive two copies of *Altar Steps* by R. P. Haakonson – as Birthday gifts for two teenage girls who I have chosen to be praying for and seek to be a Mentor for this New Year.

Pastor R. P. Haakonson was a guest speaker at Zion Lutheran Church of Viroqua when Pastor Peter Nordsletten was their pastor and I received a copy of *Altar Steps* at that time.

I think I saw in the *Morning Glory* the suggested donation was \$... and if I am not right – I'll send in the difference, etc.

Thanks for all the Good News in the *Morning Glory* and when I get through with them, I pass them on!

One can't learn too much as to every day and what the coming events are according to the Bible – Time seems to be short!

God's blessings as you continue sharing the Good News.

*Editor's Note:* We were 'fortunate' in that we were unable to fill this request at the time; BUT we have re-published *Altar Steps* with what we trust is a much better 'binding' and thus the price goes up also!

The suggested donation is eight dollars, plus two dollars for postage for a single copy. Information regarding this is found on the back cover in this issue of the *Morning Glory*.

**D. E.**

**Northfield, MN**

It has been a long time since I last wrote to you and also a long time since I last heard from you.

I am not as peppy as I was but Praise the Lord I am able to walk with a 'walker'; although I have fallen a few times – but the LORD still is very good to me!

I have moved and am at ... The children helped me to move, as my hands are so crippled – so I need help to accomplish a number of things. People are so nice here.

The Lord has been so good to me AND my help comes from the Lord, who is the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

May the Lord bless you.

**N. F.**

**Rudd, IA**

Dear Friends,

Dale always appreciated your clear Gospel Messages, but he died on April 6<sup>th</sup>; so please change the address of our subscription to: ...

We always passed along our copy of the *Morning Glory* to congregational members and will continue to do so!

Thanks so much for your inspiring Newsletter.

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***Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.*** Mark 16:15

“To the whole creation!” – thus His orders read.

And all He had was eleven men. And He gave these orders at a time when He was about to leave them.

Strange!

Of course, He did not leave either His friends or His work. Did He not say; “*And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world*”? On the very first page of mission history is written “...the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed.”

He has not gone; He has only become invisible. He is working with His friends. Indeed, now as never before, for He has been given all power in heaven and on earth.

To these first friends of Jesus His last orders were not a burdensome command but a joyful proclamation of the Lord's will. The great commission was to them a divine promise, and they obeyed it in childlike confidence. Never had they seen their great Lord as great and glorious as now when they were doing His work.

How does it affect us when our missionary obligations are called to our attention?

To many people the word “mission” conveys the idea of a multitude of demands, issuing, as a rule, in one thing above all else: money.

When this is true of the friends of Jesus, it is an occasion of poignant grief to Him. I am certain that Jesus would desire to sit down among His working friends and speak with them about the glorious gift which His missionary enterprise is, in order that they might rejoice in the missionary cause, the cause for which He died and for which He now lives.

*“Most wondrous is of all on earth*

*The kingdom Jesus founded.*

*Its glory, peace and precious worth*

*No tongue has fully sounded.”*

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# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Forgiveness

“Anita Smith told CNN’s Anderson Cooper that she forgives the men who ambushed her husband and killed him as he was jogging in Benghazi. Ronnie Smith, a chemistry teacher at the city’s International School, was slain December 5, 2013 by Muslim gunmen. Smith was jogging near U. S. Consulate where American Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and three other Americans were slain in the infamous attack that took place September 11, 2012. During her interview by Cooper, Anita Smith explained to Cooper that it was the Spirit of God promoting her to do so.”

Media Spotlight, Albert James Dager

*Editor’s Note:* As tragic and sad as this (these) cases are: SCRIPTURE is **crystal clear that unless ‘we’ forgive, neither shall we be forgiven BY GOD.** Please keep in ‘mind/heart’ that forgiveness is a matter of the “‘will’”, not *emotions*.

## Canadian Husband Keeps “Brain Dead” Pregnant Wife Alive to Allow Son to Be Born

Just one week after a national controversy in Texas regarding a husband who allowed his pregnant wife to be taken off life support, thus killing his unborn child, comes a similar case out of Canada. But this time the husband involved is allowing his unborn child to live.

Robyn Benson was 22 weeks pregnant when she suffered ... a brain hemorrhage. Her husband, Dylan, went out to get some medicine for her headache; and when he returned, Robyn was unconscious on their bathroom floor but still breathing. Although medical professionals made attempts to revive her, doctors discovered blood had leaked into Robyn’s brain, and they told Dylan (that) Robyn would never recover.

However, doctors have kept Robyn alive for the past few weeks so Dylan’s son, Iver Cohen Benson, can be born. Iver will be (delivered by C-section at 34 weeks of gestation). (Editor: Likely has taken place)

Steven Ertelt for LifeNews.com

*Editor’s Comments:* The national press was all over the story in Texas, but this one seems to be of no interest to them. Hmm!

Sword of the Lord

## Battle Over Control of Internet Affects Churches

There is a battle brewing in Congress over President Obama’s plan to surrender U. S. oversight of key Internet functions to unspecified members of the international community ...

While it remains unclear as to who would make up an international oversight committee, one fact remains certain: There are world leaders who would turn such oversight into a massive exercise in censorship and intelligence gathering ....

Sadly, this new “control group” may be comprised of enemies of our nation, enemies of liberty, and/or radicals who oppose our freedom of speech and freedom of the press.

This is a monumental mistake that endangers our national security and individual rights.

*Editor’s Comments:* To surrender the control of the Internet to some international group would most surely bring pressure upon its use by churches and Christian groups. You can be sure that if totalitarian regimes have a say, then Christians would be put in a position of jeopardy.

## Decision Reversed in Forty-eight Hours!

World Vision USA, the Christian international humanitarian organization, has announced in a letter that it is reversing a policy change announced two days ago to change its conduct policies to permit employees in same-sex marriages.

In the letter, World Vision’s president and board chair apologized and reaffirmed the group’s policy of “sexual abstinence for all single employees and faithfulness within the biblical covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.”

Institute for Religion and Democracy

*Quiet, Lord, my forward heart  
Make me teachable and mild,  
Upright, simple, free from art,  
Like a little weaned child:  
From distrust and envy free,  
Pleased with all that pleases Thee*

## Romeikes can stay!

Only a day after the U. S. Supreme Court refused to hear their appeal, the same Obama administration that tried to have them deported decided that the Romeike family could stay. The Romeikes came to this country because the German government forbids them to home-school their children. Praise God for this victory and every person who has been praying for them.

Selected

## Common Core “Children Belong to All of Us”

“Children belong to all of us,” said Paul Reville, a professor of education at Harvard and the former Secretary of Education of Massachusetts. Reville is a strong advocate of the Federal Government’s Common Core.

His comments are reminiscent of those spoken last April by MSNBC host Melissa Perry-Harris – “We have to break through our kind of private idea that kids belong to their parents, or kids belong to their families, and recognize that kids belong to whole communities.”

Selected

## U. S. Government Stockpiling millions of Rounds of Ammunition

According to a new GAO report, the Department of homeland Security is planning on buying a massive amount of ammunition over the next four years. The report shows that Obama’s DHS is contracted to purchase a total 704,390,250 rounds fiscal year 2018!

David Maurer, the report’s author, says this means each DHS officer will receive approximately 2,500 rounds per year for the next four years, totaling 10,000 rounds . . .

According to fbo.gov, the DHS placed an order (in March) for approximately 7,058 boxes of Hornady .308 Win 168gr A-MAX TAP ammunition – rounds that the manufacturer calls its “most accurate . . . sophisticated boattail hollow point.” . . .

These costly purchases prove that Homeland Security has not discontinued its ammunition stockpiling even though the department already possesses hundreds of millions of rounds. It also paints the DHS’ claim that the bullets are used for “training purposes” to be a sham seeing that hollow-point bullets are not used for exercises . . .

In a special committee meeting last year, Representative Jason Chaffetz pointed out that the Department of Homeland Security – at that time having roughly 260 million rounds – possesses more rounds than the United States Army per capital! . . .

The DHS Transportation Security Administration is also being armed even though, at least under current policy, TSA agents inside airports currently carry no weapons.

Last August, the TSA solicited 3,454,000 rounds of .347 caliber ammunition.

ConservativeActionAlerts.com

**Global Warming:** The Ice growth is growing at the South Pole; faster than on ‘record’!

## Alcohol is a Killer

(Newser) – The World Health Organization today released a new report on alcohol, and it’s full of pretty dour stats. Among the most eye-grabbing ones, per the WHO and the AFP:

Alcohol kills 3.3 million people worldwide each year. That’s more than AIDS, tuberculosis, and violence—combined.

That’s equal to 5.9% of all deaths across the planet, or more than one in 20.

“This actually translates into one death every 10 seconds,” says a WHO rep.

The report encompasses drunk driving, alcohol-induced violence and abuse, and related diseases and disorders (“the harmful use of alcohol is a causal factor in more than 200 disease and injury conditions,” per the report). The UN health agency also noted that drinking is on the rise in countries that have typically seen low consumption, like China and India, as incomes rise. As far as consumption, take in this stat: When it’s divvied up across every person on the planet over the age of 15, the average annual consumption is 1.6 gallons of pure alcohol. When calculated across only those who drink, the average is 4.5 gallons. The WHO would like to see governments do more “to protect populations from the negative health consequences of alcohol consumption.” Among its suggestions: use taxes and price levels to lower demand.

By Kate Seamons, Newser Staff, Posted May 12, 2014

*Woe unto you who call evil good, and good evil...therefore. as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because they have rejected the law of the Lord of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy one of Israel. (Isa. 5:20,24)*

# The Lutheran Doctrine of Conversion

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Dr. Francis Monseth

*Note:* This is the **third** in a series of four articles from a paper that Dr. Monseth wrote about the necessity of conversion in Lutheran doctrine. We feel that it is needed even more today than ever before, and is the key issue in the Lutheran church for souls to come to salvation. Due to the untimely death of Dr. Monseth on Good Friday of last year, we felt it proper to contact his surviving wife, Ellen, for permission to print this now, which she graciously gave to us. We now have the whole study available in a book. See the back page for details on ordering.

## Faith

John Theodore Mueller, whom many of you have become well acquainted with by way of studying his Christian Dogmatics, appropriately describes conversion as essentially “the bestowal of faith in Christ.”<sup>24</sup> This is a very helpful expression as it implies the need of man, that is, his unbelief; it acknowledges the source of faith outside of man as something which must be given him; and it locates the object of such bestowed faith, Christ Himself.

While we have devoted considerable space to the essential element of contrition in preparing for conversion, we must remind ourselves that it is only when faith has been created in Christ that we can properly describe conversion as a reality. It is only then that “the night has turned to day;” that “old things have become new;” and that, indeed, the Christian life has begun.”<sup>25</sup>

If there is any doctrine that the average person feels he knows something about, it is probably the meaning of faith. The man on the street who is asked about his relationship to Christ may quickly answer, “Oh, yes, I have faith.” He may be very sure that he is answering honestly. Yet I believe the nature of saving faith is one of the least understood doctrines of the Bible. All will acknowledge the need for faith but few are able to define the true meaning of faith.

### a. Biblical Prominence

Each of us could quickly cite several Scripture passages dealing with faith or believing. Faith is everywhere called for as the response to the proclamation of the “Good News” of salvation. Consider that wonderful promise to

the Philippian jailor, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:31). The brevity, simplicity and directness of this reply to the jailor’s cry are, under the circumstances, quite amazing. It was enough at that moment to have his faith directed simply to Jesus Christ, with the assurance that this would bring the needed salvation. Or think of some of the other passages that speak of faith. For example, Peter’s words in the household of Cornelius: “Of Him (Christ) all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him has received forgiveness of sins” (Acts 10:43). Then there is the message of Paul at Pisidian Antioch with its joyful announcement, “Therefore, let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him (Christ) forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses” (Acts 13:38-39). Even as our Lord uttered words of commission to all His disciples, He assured, “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). To go into eternity without faith in Christ is to go into eternity lost! Eternity is at stake as people hear the Gospel! How vital that our ministries are characterized by a clear Gospel message! We have mentioned but a few of the scores of references to faith in the Scriptures.<sup>26</sup>

### b. The Meaning of Faith

Our Lutheran Confessions are replete with references to faith. A scan of the index in the Tappert edition of The Book of Concord demonstrates the pervasiveness of this theme and understandably so. After all, it was justification that was considered the chief article of our Christian faith by our confessors. It was because this article had been so widely confounded by Roman theology that the reformers appeared as rank heretics even to the sober theologians of the church. Luther was willing to stand alone in declaring the evangelical light he had received in rediscovering the Gospel. One of his central concerns was to distinguish truly saving faith as taught in the Bible from the perversions and half-truths defended by Rome.

It is in Article IV of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession that we find some of the clearest expressions

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24. John Theodore Mueller, Christian Dogmatics (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1955), p. 340.

25. Acts 26: 18; Acts 14:15; I Thessalonians 1:9; Ezekiel 18:21.

26. Some other familiar passages dealing with faith are John 3:16,18,36; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1; Hebrews 11:6.

on the meaning of faith. Desiring to distance themselves from the official Roman line on faith they say:

Our opponents imagine that faith is only historical knowledge and teach that it can exist with mortal sin. And so they say nothing about faith by which, as Paul says so often, men are justified, because those who are accounted righteous before God do not live in mortal sin. The faith that justifies, however, is no mere historical knowledge, but the firm acceptance of God's offer promising forgiveness of sins and justification. To avoid the impression that it is merely knowledge, we add that to have faith means to want and to accept the promised offer of forgiveness of sins and justification.<sup>27</sup>

Our confessors had high expectations of the fruits of a living faith. Co-existence with "mortal sin," as they put it, belied a spurious faith. They are true to the burden of James as he exposes the unreality of a "faith" that is devoid of fruit (James 2:17-20). Moreover, they see faith as centered in the desire and acceptance of forgiveness of sins. Indeed, it is only through faith in Christ that one receives such forgiveness.<sup>28</sup>

Elsewhere in Article IV of the Apology, true faith is defined again in contrast to the so-called faith of those living in sin. "... Just so faith is not merely knowledge in the intellect, but also trust in the will, that is, to desire and to accept what the promise offers – reconciliation and forgiveness of sins."<sup>29</sup>

One of my favorite definitions of faith from our Confessions in terms of its effects is found in The Formula of Concord and is a quotation from Luther's Preface to the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

Faith is a divine work in us that transforms us and begets us anew from God, kills the Old Adam, makes us entirely different people in heart, spirit, mind, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good. Likewise, faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already done them and

is constantly active. Whoever does not perform such good works is a faithless man, blindly tapping around in search of faith and good works without knowing what either faith or good works are, and in the meantime he chatters and jabbars a great deal about faith and good works. Faith is a vital deliberate trust in God's grace, so certain that it would die a thousand times for it. And such confidence and knowledge of divine grace makes us joyous, mettlesome, and merry toward God and all creatures. This the Holy Spirit works by faith, and therefore without any coercion a man is willing and desirous to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything for the love of God and to His glory, who has been so gracious to Him. It is therefore as impossible to separate works from faith as it is to separate heat and light from fire.<sup>30</sup>

True to the Word of God and to the thrust of our Confessions, our Lutheran dogmaticians typically distinguish three individual elements in saving faith: knowledge, assent, and confidence. Knowledge consists of sufficient information regarding those truths critical to salvation. This would be centered upon the history and meaning of redemption through Christ. But assent must be added to this knowledge. Martin Chemnitz stresses this point because, as he puts it, "many who hear these things and understand and know them, either neglect, or doubt, or resist, turn away from and oppose."<sup>31</sup> He goes on to clarify what is meant by assent in this context. It is "not merely a general assent," he says, "but that by which each one determines with firm persuasion ... that the universal promise belongs privately, individually, and specifically to him, and that he also is included in the general promise."<sup>32</sup> This aspect of faith then is to be brought to the realization that this salvation message, centered in Christ's redemption, is true and it is true for me. "Jesus died for me" is the consciousness of the one assenting to the knowledge of the Gospel.

Joined inextricably to knowledge and assent in any adequate definition of faith is finally, confidence. Quenstedt is representative of the orthodox Lutherans of the 17th century in his description of confidence as "nothing else than the acceptance or apprehension of the merit of the God-man appropriating it to ourselves individu-

27. Tappert, pp. 113 - 114; cf. p. 154.

28. Ibid., p. 117.

29. Ibid., p.154.

30. Ibid., pp. 552-553.

31. Schmid, p. 413.

32. Ibid., p. 413.

ally.”<sup>33</sup> Citing a number of passages in which the emphasis is on faith as apprehension, Quenstedt continues:

It belongs, therefore, to confidence, to seek Christ, Isaiah 55:6; Amos 5:4; earnestly to seek, Psalms 42: 1,2; to apprehend Him with His righteousness, Romans 9:30; to embrace Him with all acceptance, I Timothy 1:15; to appropriate His merit to one’s self, Galatians 3:26; Philippians 1:21; and sweetly to rest in Him, Romans 4:21, Hebrews 10:22. ...This apprehension belongs to the will and is practical; it involves the reclining of the whole heart and will upon the merit of Christ; it denotes desire for and access to Christ, and the application and confident appropriation of His merit: and this is truly confidence.<sup>34</sup>

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## Stay in the Closet

By Ted Camp

*“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”*

Matt. 6:6

In these Scriptures, the Lord was teaching His disciples a lesson on secret prayer. It is good to pray in public, but also there are times to pray in private.

Notice the name “Father” is used two times in this verse. In the Old Testament, God was never called “Father.” Abraham, Isaac and Jacob never had the privilege to say, “Our Father.”

As a Christian, we can pray, “Our Father ...” God is our “Abba” – Papa, Father. As a Father, He loves, cares for and provides for His children. He unconditionally loves His children – not because of what they do, but because of who they are.

*“Or what man is there of you, whom if his son asks bread, will he give him a stone?... If ye then ... Know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” – Matt. 7:9-11.*

Today we hear the statement, “I’m coming out of the closet.” Well, the need is not for Christians to come out of the closet but for Christians to go into the closet. In Bible days, closets were private places. Today, it is almost im-

possible to enter closets because they are so cluttered and full.

The “*closet*” actually refers to a secret and private place in which you can be alone with your heavenly Father. Your closet could be in your car, your den, your kitchen, or your special secret place. It is a private place where you are closed in with God and closed out from the world. You are alone with your heavenly Father.

It seems this generation is just too busy to know God. “*Be still and know that I am God*” (Ps. 46:10). You need a secret place to be “still” and “know” He is God. Your closet is a “still” place without radio, cell phone, computer, iPad, or people to distract you.

The purpose of the closet is to be shut in with your heavenly Father. God told Noah, “*Come thou ... Into the ark*” (Gen. 7:1). This meant God was already inside the ark waiting for Noah. God can also say to you, “Come thou inside the closet.” So as you enter into your closet, slowly shut the door. Then in the stillness, secretly pray to your Father about your needs until He rewards you openly.

Remember while you are in the closet that God is in there with you. He promises, “*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee*” (Heb. 13:5). Do you have a special closet need? While others are coming out of the closet, maybe we should go into the closet!

Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* To ‘my’ knowledge this ALSO means entering into the ‘pantry’ that is laden with many ‘goodies’. These are blessings where GOD is eager to bestow upon YOU many ***Incorruptible Promises & blessings!***

**H**is grace is sufficient  
**N**o one can exhaust it;  
**B**e strong in that grace  
**A**bundant and true.  
**D**raw largely, continually out of **H**is fullness;  
**H**is grace shall be always sufficient for you.  
  
–anon.

33. Ibid., p.414.

34. Ibid., p. 414.

# America's Heroes

*O thus be it ever,  
When freemen shall stand  
Between their loved home  
And the war's desolation.  
Blest with vict'ry and peace,  
May the Heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made  
And preserved us a nation!  
Then conquer we must,  
When our cause it is just,  
And this be our motto:  
"In God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner  
In triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and  
The home of the brave.*

Francis Scott Key

*"If we lost our history, we will lose our connection to the future. We must rediscover our heritage and recommit ourselves to our common goals."*

Dr. D. James Kennedy

*"Is life so dear or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"*

Patrick Henry

*"In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book."*

Abraham Lincoln

***God rescued Israel from Egypt  
when they cried out to Him.  
Will the same happen for  
America or not?***

*"Our society strives to avoid any possibility of offending anyone – except God. Yet the farther we get from God, the more the world spirals out of control. My heart aches for America and its deceived people."*

Billy Graham

*"The foundations of our society and government rest so much on the teachings of the Bible that it would be difficult to support them if faith in these teachings would cease to be practically universal in our country."*

Calvin Coolidge

*"There is sin and evil in the world, and we are enjoined by Scripture and the Lord Jesus to oppose it with all our might. The glory of this land has been its capacity for transcending the moral evils of our past."*

Ronald Reagan

*"... to compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors, is sinful and tyrannical."*

Thomas Jefferson

*"Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear."*

Harry Truman

*"Never let yourself be persuaded that any one great man, any one leader, is necessary to the salvation of America. When America consists of one leader and 158 (316 current) million followers, it will no longer be America."*

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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## Ye who are kept by the power of God through faith

1 Peter 1:5

There are many things that *pull me down* – all the worldliness which surrounds me, the evil within my own breast, temptations, anxieties, difficulties, evil men, worries and disappointments. If I had no help in carrying the burdens, I would collapse.

But, praise God, such help is available, and this help is really effective: *it is the power of God.*

He Himself has promised to hold me up, and He has kept His promise to this day. Though what pulls me down and makes me worldly be ever so powerful, and the burdens that are laid upon me be ever so great, and the cross which Jesus Himself has given me to bear be ever so heavy, yet I will not sink; *for His power will hold me up.*

“Through faith”, we read. Here faith is that I in my helplessness flee to God for refuge. It is my admission of my own helplessness; it is that I despair of my own strength. It is then that the power of God becomes my portion in its fullness.

Yes, Lord, by Thy power I shall be held up.

*Rest A While* by Fredrik Wisloff

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### THAT ONE!

Living in ‘days’ similar to Noah’s time and Lot’s era, it becomes ‘often’ discouraging to be ‘occupying till the Lord’ comes; but it does make a difference IF ‘we’ reach that one OR few through the periodical of the *Morning Glory*, OR in and through Evangelistic meetings/Bible Conferences, etc., BY THE GRACE OF GOD TO HIS GLORY!

The following account is told: A horrific hurricane, out at sea, occurred, and as a result many starfish washed ashore upon a shoreline in Florida. After the storm cleared, a young boy walked down the shore and began picking up starfish and one-by-one threw them back into the sea. As he did this, a cynical older man yelled out to the boy, “What does it matter? There are so many starfish littering the shore; what does it matter that you throw that one back in?” The boy looked at the starfish in his hand, and as he was throwing it back into the ocean, said, “It matters to this one.” Discouraged you may feel in a world filled with such violence; what does it matter that masses are huddled into a *Christless ETERNITY?*

YES, it does matter to that ONE or FEW that ‘we’

(teamwork) are trying to reach with GOD’S INCORRUPTIBLE SEED for all ETERNITY! Let “‘US’” labor together – for as we ‘labor together’, we will see what GOD can do through obedient ‘vessels’ to HIS HONOR AND GLORY!

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## So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom

Psalm 90:12

If one has limited resources it is wise to use them carefully. Moses writes after years of experience and exhorts us to consider the brevity of life and to use our time wisely. Youth considers life endless but wakes up in middle age to realize it is half gone. What are wise ways to spend our days? Reading God’s Word and praying daily are vital to our spiritual health. Meeting regularly with the Lord’s assembly is essential for spiritual growth and the development of our spiritual gifts. Certainly witnessing and leading sinners to the Lord are a wise way to use your time. Our years pass so swiftly. Use them wisely.

Donald L. Norbie

*How I praise Thee, precious Saviour, that Thy love laid hold of me,*

*Thou hast saved and cleansed and filled me that I might Thy channel be.*

Mary E. Maxwell

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## Ascribe to the Lord

**The Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.** Isaiah 33:22

*Thy throne, O God, for ever stands,  
Grace is the scepter in thy hands;  
Thy laws and words are just and right,  
Justice and grace thy delight.*

*Save us, O God of our salvation.* 1 Chronicles 16:35

**Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.** Deuteronomy 32:3b & 4

**PSALM 19, PROVERBS 30:5-6, ISAIAH 8:20, 11 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 & REVELATION 22:18-19.**

# ME AND DAD

Read: Matthew 9:35 – 10:1

***The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.***

Genesis 2:15

A friend once spent a day installing large stone steps in his back yard. When his 5-year-old daughter begged to help, he suggested she just sing to encourage him in his work. She said no. She wanted to help. Carefully, when it would not endanger her, he let her place her hands on the rocks as he moved them.

He could have built the steps in less time without her. At the end of the day, though, he not only had new steps but also a daughter bursting with pride. “Me and Dad made steps,” she announced at dinner that night.

From the beginning, God has relied on people to advance His work. After equipping Adam to cultivate the land and supervise the animals, God left the work of the garden in his hands (Gen 2:15-20).

The pattern has continued. When God wanted a dwelling place on earth, a tabernacle and temple did not descend from the sky; thousands of artists and craftsmen worked to fashion them (Ex. 35 – 38; 1 Kings 6). When Jesus proclaimed the new reign of God’s kingdom on earth, He invited human beings to help. He told His disciples, “*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest*” (Matt. 9:38).

As a father does with his children, so does God welcome us as His kingdom partners. – Philip Yancey

*Heavenly Father, thank You that in Your love  
And wisdom, You invite us to accomplish Your acts of  
Love, service, and kindness here on earth.  
Thank You for the privilege of “helping” You.*

**God uses humble servants to accomplish His great work.**

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## Brute Beasts

*“But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.”* Jude 1:10

Both Jude and Peter use essentially the same terms when they speak of people who are like “brute beasts” (2

Peter 2:12). Both use the qualifying adjective “natural” to draw a precise distinction between those who are only alive physically and those who have been given eternal life by the Spirit of God.

Prior to being twice-born, all men are “by nature the children of wrath” (Ephesians 2:3) and have not yet been given “the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:4). Such “natural people are “*sensual, having not the Spirit*” (Jude 19) and therefore cannot receive “*things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*” (1 Corinthians 2:14).

These strong pictures are not incidental for understanding the challenge to “*earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*” (Jude 1:3). Jude and Peter are describing the intransigence of those who resist the truth – especially of the “tares” who have been planted by the Enemy among the “wheat” in the Lord’s field (Matthew 13:24-30).

The Greek term translated “brute” by both Jude and Peter is a combination of the negative particle *a* and the basic word for intelligent communication, *logos*. We must therefore expect the resistance to take form “without reason.” The unsaved cannot understand God’s message without the transformation of the new birth. Their efforts to undermine “the faith” will always be based on human (natural) reasoning.

Contending for the faith will always be a “labour, *striving* according to his working” (Colossians 1:29). May God grant us a “*good fight*,” having “*kept the faith*” (2 Timothy 4:7). Henry M. Morris III, D. Min.

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## Occupied Territory

*“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* 1 Peter 2:9

In our ongoing struggle for both survival and victory in this world, we do well to recognize that we are in enemy territory. While it is true that our Captain created the world – indeed, “*all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made*” (John 1:3) – and sacrificed His life to redeem it and will reign over it for eternity, it is also true that “*the whole world*

lieth in wickedness” (1 John 5:19), occupied by “the prince of this world” (John 12:31) who is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

The fact that we are surrounded by such darkness should come as no surprise, for before we were rescued by His grace, we too were part of the darkness – indeed, we had to be called out of it. John the Baptist came “to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace” (Luke 1:79). Furthermore, as Christ taught, “men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil” (John 3:19).

This confrontation overshadows mere human conflict, however, “for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12). But, praise God, we have been called “out of darkness into his marvelous light” as described in our text. Although we may be still in the world, our King has “delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13). “In him was life and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4).

John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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***But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. Judges 1:6***

Thumbs give people the ability to grasp things firmly; big toes provide balance to one’s stance and walk. Without these small but vital digits one loses one’s grip and steady walk. In spiritual matters this is all too common. Many are letting precious truths slip from their grasp. Others are staggering from one faddish doctrine to another. But believers must firmly hold to the Scriptures, rejecting the tumultuous winds of false teaching that swirl all around us. Rather than seeking something “new” (usually a repackaged lie), we ought to cling to God’s Word (Heb. 2:1) and not walk by any other rule. K. R. Keyser

*May the Word of God dwell richly, in my heart from hour to hour;*

*So that all may see I triumph, only through His power.*

K. Wilkinson

## UpDate

“Bear one another’s burden, and so fulfill the law of Christ” – “pray without ceasing,” Galatians 6:2 & 1 Thess. 5:17

Have you noticed where the ‘old-fashioned’ PRAYER MEETING is still meeting that there is no need personally or collectively when an invitation for ‘prayer requests’ is given?

Well, the ‘reality’ is a ‘little different’ here (Morning Glory/HLIF) as ‘our’ encouragement/assistance/support is consistent!

ALL OF SCRIPTURE is God’s Word and relevant for ‘our’ time and time in the Lord’s Work: “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” 1 Corinthians 10:12.

Reality and experience vividly reminds ‘us’ a ‘little’ like Moses of old, when he was in the midst of the ‘battle’ (ours is primary SPIRITUAL): he was tired and weak in the midst thereof; he needed the assistance/support of Caleb and Aaron! YOU are the ‘Calebs and Aarons!

Thus ‘we’ trust that you in your ‘spiritual battle’ receive rich and nourishing assistance/blessings through the ministry of the Morning Glory/HLIF and thus want to help ‘us’ in ‘holding the fort’!

By the GRACE of God we are seeking to be a ‘faithful ministry unto HIM and thus receive your prayer support and assistance on ‘our’ behalf.

We are a faith ministry (free Lutheran Pietistic Biblical Movement) supported through the prayers and financial gifts of those who stand with us. Thus ‘we’ encourage you to remember this ‘ministry’ through your prayers and tax-deductible contributions. This is the only way we can continue to keep the *Morning Glory* coming into your home and others – also as an outreach unto OTHERS! “TOGETHER” we are privileged to reach in almost every state of our great USA and touch into a little into ‘foreign’ lands! Thank you.

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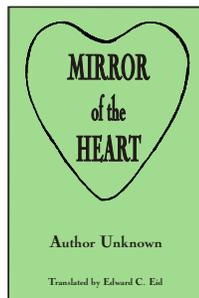
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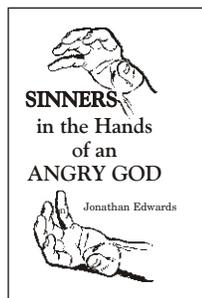
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and also seven animals repre-  
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## Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God

Jonathan Edwards preached this  
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Conn. on July 8, 1741. It was at  
night while he was reading it to  
a large congregation, that the  
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