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

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## Ants Go To Picnics

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

**T**he great King Solomon on two occasions has called our attention to the little ant that we might profit thereby. *“Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.” “The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.”* Prov. 6:6, 30:25.

Since this wise and good king has recommended that we go to school to the ant, let us do so for a while. I am sure it will be delightfully interesting.

Someone has said, “The ant is the busiest creature in the world, but she has time to attend every picnic.” Have you not noticed how quickly the ants find the food? Not only do they hunt up every picnic, but they seem to seek out every pantry. They like jelly and jam. They rejoice in sugar and syrup and are not easily kept from entering.

They are most assiduous and arduous in all their labors. They are diligent and vigilant in seeking out their food. They seem to be tireless in their labors. They “work while ‘tis day” and stay home at night as all good children should do.

I took Solomon’s admonition quite seriously one day and so journeyed out to the park with the family for a picnic, taking along a magnifying glass. After sufficient search, I found a tiny path through the grass which had been made by the ants.

Lying down beside the path, I waited for Mrs. Ant to appear. You see, all the ants that go to picnics are females. It is a case of let the women do the work. The male ants remain down in the ground, taking care of the babies and doing the housework. I did not have long to wait until a lovely little lady ant came ambling along the path seeking her supper.

I quickly placed a chunk of bread down at the edge of the path, and my little visitor soon found it. Taking as much as she could carry, she started back along the path going home with her precious burden. Another ant soon met her, and I was delighted to observe what followed the meeting.

The first ant laid down her piece of bread, and with her front feet she gently touched the body of the second ant imparting to her in some way the good news about the location of her great find. To my astonishment the second ant made no effort to seize the piece of bread which the first ant had deposited on the ground.

As ant number two loaded up with bread and started back along the trail, I watched both of them. Each time the performance was repeated, and each time the bit of bread on the ground was unmolested. What a lesson this is to our hearts.

Chickens or dogs or pigs will quickly grasp any bit of food laid down by another and will run off with it. The ant knows no such impudence. She respects the rights of others. She admits the propriety of ownership. They disclaim all selfishness.

As the ants journeyed home bearing the precious burden, they told so many about their find that soon a stream of ants was on the journey, and before long all the piece of bread was stored safely away in their ground homes for the winter.

So God’s good Gospel has spread. One comes to the Bread of Life and feeds to the full, then goes on his journey to tell others he meets of the wonderful treasure he has found. By tongue and by pen the news is spread that Christ Jesus is the Bread of Life. So thousands upon thou-

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sands have come to Him, and others are coming only to find that the half was never told.

Each ant has four pairs of ears. There is one pair of ears in the two front legs, another pair in the abdomen, another pair in the thorax, and another pair in the head. God has graciously gifted this little insect with unusual hearing ability because it is so small that it cannot see much and therefore cannot avoid danger.

God shows His care for ants as well as for elephants. He cares for you too, no matter how small or weak or insignificant you may think you are. He cares for every moment of your life, and He wants all of your devotion and truth.

The ants are very diligent and active in the summertime because they know that the winter is coming when there will be no picnics. They dare not venture out when snow and ice are on the ground. They know better than to leave their homes when the temperature is below freezing. They have learned from some source that frozen food cannot be carried or broken loose from the ground.

Where did the ants learn all of these needful things? Did some atheist or infidel somewhere, sometime, establish a school for teaching ants about the future? Will any of these learned gentlemen kindly step forward and tell us how the ant became so wise?

Perhaps when the ant and the elephant and the alligator and the dog all parted company from the original protoplasm, they divided up among themselves the different ways of living and were self-instructed. Who knows? Let us gather together some of the professors from some of our

great universities and have them expound this mystery.

*"God (hath) made foolish the wisdom of this world"* (1 Cor. 1:20). All the lawmakers, the joke makers, the sportswriters, the moneymakers, together with all the teachers and professors with all the politicians and unbelieving preachers in the country put together could neither give life to a dead ant nor teach a live ant how to live. We have a living God on the Throne who knows all about it. He can do it, and He does do it.

Moses was commended of God because he believed in future judgment and prepared for it. He knew that the avenging angel would pass through the land at midnight and would destroy all the firstborn who were not under the blood. He knew that even his own house would not be exempt.

As great as he was and as good as he was, he knew that his house must be protected by the blood. He obeyed God, he shed the blood of the lamb, he applied the blood over the door, and his house was saved.

Noah too was commended because he believed that there was coming judgment and wrath and prepared for it. He did as the ants do. He prepared for trouble ahead. He built an ark. He obeyed God's Word and entered in as he was instructed. He had learned the lesson which the ants teach.

Life insurance prepares for future death. Storm cellars prepare for future cyclones. Coal is bought in the summer for the cold that is coming in the winter. Christ Jesus is a refuge for the coming storm of God's wrath. Let me urge each reader to be wise like the ant. Prepare now for the storm that is coming after a while.

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### Mother's Day & (Ed. Father's Day)

Today it is becoming more popular in some circles to believe that two people of the same gender can provide for children as well as opposite sex couples are able to. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our loving and All-knowing Heavenly Father did not make a mistake in creating a Mother and Father as the Family unit.

Each May (and June) we set aside a day to honor our Mothers (and Fathers) and the blessing they have been to us in our lives. God created man and woman differently, not only physically, but emotionally as well! He foresaw the benefit of man and woman assuming different roles in the parenting process.

Children need the benefit of both a mother and father to grow into adulthood. Mothers provide the love and ten-

derness that instill those same qualities in their children. It is the arms of a loving mother that provide the comfort and support to a hurting child. It is a loving mother that gives the security of her presence when it is most needed. It is a mother who teaches us the values and lessons that make us who we are to become as adults.

For many, the memory of a loving Christian mother (and father) is a tender and blessed one that warms the soul. The influence of (their) prayers and teaching are cherished, though (they) may have departed this earth. The great joy for believers is that hope of reuniting in Heaven someday.

For those of us blessed to still have our (parents) the opportunity remains to be able to tell (them) what (they) mean to us. Exodus 20:12 tells us, **Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.** While we are to honor both of our parents, our mothers hold a special place in our hearts...

Revival Tidings, May 2013

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### It is the LORD

John 21:7

The disappointed disciples caught nothing in their initial fishing outing. Then they saw a man standing on the shore. He called out to them, *"Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find"* (John 21:6). They obeyed and caught a multitude of fish. When the disciples saw this miracle, it was John who recognized the Lord and said to Peter, *"It is the Lord."* Do we need miracles to recognize the Lord? Every breath of fresh air we breathe in, every step we take, every heart beat that pumps the blood through our body is a miracle. The Lord manifests Himself to us every moment. May we recognize His goodness and grace to us today and honour him as the Lord.

K. C. Ung

*'Tis the Lord! O wondrous story! 'Tis the Lord! The King of glory!*

*At His feet we humbly fall. Crown Him! Crown Him, Lord of all!*

Benjamin R. Hanby

***"And He (GOD) gave them their request,  
But sent leanness into their soul"***  
*Psalm 106:15*

# Editorial

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## MIRACULOUS WEDDING BEVERAGE

SCRIPTURALLY CONCERNED!

PLEASE read John 2:1-11 prayerfully

Hesitantly I 'approach' this 'editorial' with conviction/concern but believe very definitely that the LORD has laid it upon my heart to write in regards to the same.

One basic reason I am *hesitant*; is because Scripture is so crystal clear about 'brethren' causing strife/division among the brethren as GOD hates needless 'divisions'; but wants 'brethren' to seek to keep 'unity' in our/their midst for "*endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*" Ephesians 4:3. (Galatians 5:13) YET, because of what is taking place in our culture of today and a minimizing of SIN, I proceed.

Most certainly IF you *love Jesus, you* want to walk in harmony/obedience with God's Word, the BIBLE. We are to walk circumspectly redeeming the time and not cause needless offence among the 'brethren'.

Romans 13:11-14 & Colossians 4:5. "*But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block (bait) to those who are weak. For "But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ"* 1 Corinthians 8:9 & 12.

*Traditionally* June is 'Wedding Month' and in our above text we find a couple who want the greatest wedding ceremony as JESUS and His disciples are invited! Today it means that JESUS is to be the unseen guest at all times and the listener of every conversation in a 'Christian home'. This is exactly what GOD intends. "*Though one may be overpowered by another; two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken*" Ecclesiastes 4:12. "**Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers**" II Corinthians 6:14a.

Personally I firmly believe (conviction) that the 'beverage' JESUS made/created is a non-alcoholic beverage: BUT before 'we' go any further into the depth of it, I know a few who do not agree with me on this conviction!

I am going to 'challenge' YOU to look up and prayerfully read many Bible references and let Scripture interpret Scripture! Before I list many Bible references, I want to state a number of 'reasons' why I firmly hold that the 'beverage' Jesus made (miraculously) is non-alcoholic OR not with the alcoholic content that there is today.

By the way, this is the FIRST 'miracle' recorded in

Scripture, naturally for 'our' benefit, that JESUS (Incarnate) performed here on earth. We then find another 'miracle' where the Divine Creator/Maker made something old; which alcohol is a by-product of GRAPE JUICE (aged). AS you know the LORD wants first place deserves (*First Fruits*) in our lives and beyond! The Sacrament of the LORDS' Supper is a good example; as the 'fruit' of the Vine is 'Grape Juice' not an alcoholic beverage. (*By the way why should a minor who is a true 'believer' be exposed to 'wine' at the Lord's Supper, or, for that matter, an abstainer of any age? Also, why remind a converted Alcoholic of his past sinful lifestyle at the Lord's Table?*) Besides, every alcoholic starts with the first 'drink'! Or why should the Christian church serve to a minor (who knows JESUS as his personal Savior) a 'beverage' that is not 'legal' outside of the church building?

Some folk will use the advice given to Timothy: "No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities." 1 Timothy 5:23. I believe 'almost' all true Bible students (II Timothy 3:12) adhere to the fact in the New Testament era and maybe before: the folk had a way of condensing 'grape juice' in order to keep the 'juice' fresh. NOW 'we' don't know what Timothy's infirmity was; but If ulcers, for example, an alcoholic beverage would irritate instead of help. (Often the word 'wine' symbolically refers to JOY) Also at times in Holy Scripture the word 'wine' is generic and at times spoken of as an Old OR New Wine.

I am going to list many Bible References and as always take your 'human reasoning' captive in obedience to the Word of God and let Scripture interpret Scripture and keep the same in context. Thank you.

**Deuteronomy 29:5-6, 1 Samuel 1:13-16, Isaiah 16:10, 24:7-11, 28:7-8, 55:1, 62:8, 65:8, also chapter 25, Jeremiah 40:10-12, Hosea 4:11, Joel 3:3, Psalm 4:7, 104:15, Proverbs 3:9-10, 20:1, 23:3, 20-23, 31, Habakkuk 2:15-16, Mark 2:22, Luke 1:15, 5:5:37-39, John 19:29-30, Romans 14:21, 1 Corinthians 6:10, 1 Timothy 3:3 & Titus 1:7.**

God is not a god of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33 & James 3:16) and furthermore Scripture does not contradict itself!

Now how long the Bride and Groom's reception lasted; I have no idea; but likely they tried to have an adequate amount of 'beverage' for their honored 'guests'. IF I am not mistaken in the Old Testament era; a 'wedding reception' could last for a week.

ANYWAY the provided 'quantity' of the 'beverage' had been drunk and I have been informed that alcoholic beverages, as more is consumed one experiences a deadening of their 'taste buds'; BUT here they experience the 'wine' made last, is the best.

Personally, I had a friend who had been 'enslaved' with alcohol and then 'converted' and willingly/openly shared that *even* the aroma/smell of alcohol made him nauseated. YOU see GOD makes ALL things NEW. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Corinthians 5:17. "Then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them" Jeremiah 32:39.

WHAT greater JOY (Wine) is there to know and experience then to know my SINS are under the **blood** of the crucified and risen One and that 'my' name is written in

the Lambs' Book of LIFE and that this *Bride-Groom* is coming one day and maybe sooner than we think! MARVELOUS Amazing GRACE to be HOME with this **Groom forever as He paid it all!** "I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels," Isaiah 61:10. Then please read Revelation 3:4 & II Corinthians 5:14-21.

NOW I plead/beg of YOU do not let this 'issue/conviction become a wedge/dividing point among the Blood bought brethren as "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" Proverbs 27:17.

**P. S.** Why is it that the 'news media' forewarns the dangers of the product of the Tobacco Industry; but not near as much of the product of the Alcohol industry? I, personally, would much rather meet a person (walking, visiting, driving) UNDER the 'influence' of tobacco then alcohol!

## FAITH to ENDURE

Dr. David Jeremiah

*And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of (the prophets) who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.* Hebrews 11:32-33

Actes and Monuments of these Latter and Perilous Day, Touching Matters of the Church was written by the Englishman John Foxe and published in 1563. Foxe's book (known today as Foxe's Book of Martyrs) chronicled the suffering and martyrdom of Christians in England and Scotland at the hands of the ruling Roman Catholic Church. It remains the most thorough account of Christian martyrdom ever written.

The prophet Daniel, had he lived later, could have been included in Foxe's book, but with a happier ending than Foxe's subjects. Daniel's well-known consignment to a den of lions by the king of Babylon, and his emergence unharmed, is a testament to the prophet's faith. Few Christians in the West suffer life-threatening persecutions for their faith. But all Christians should consider the possibility and how they might respond. Is my faith strong enough to see me through, even to the point of death for

Christ?

Ask God today for the grace and help to prepare you for what many have already endured – to have faith that is greater than any foe.

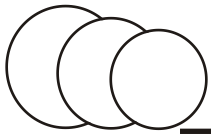
*"Persecution often does in this life what the last great day will do completely, separate the wheat from the tares".* James Milner

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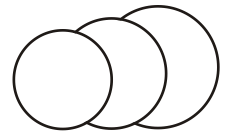
*Editor's Note: "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution" II Timothy 3:12*

*"And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved". "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven". Matthew 10:22, 32-33.*

**"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."** Matthew 5:10-12.



# From Our Fellowship Circle



**JA. T. Roland, IA**  
Thank you very much for continuing the inspiring *Morning Glory* magazine even in these trying times!

Recently a young man shared a profound quote with me that I hadn't heard before – "We shouldn't complain about our lives not being a rose garden. We should remember who wore the crown of Thorns."

God Bless you.

**Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Twin Valley, MN**  
The *Morning Glory* is so Great – On page 11 – Psalm 60:3. My Husband is sharing that with people in our town! Also one of my favorite verses is in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." ...

God loves you all! Friends in Christ Jesus.

**C. S. Cannon Falls, MN**  
Pastor Stueland, if you would care to please put this little note in the *Morning Glory*. We sure enjoyed all of you.

Our little country church recently had the privilege of hosting the Hauge Spring Bible Conference. The weekend was very spirit filled. Wonderful speakers, singing and praising the Lord and a lot of fellowship.

Even with the problem we had when the ground water filled our septic tank and both the Men's and Women's bathrooms were flooded, that didn't seem to get anyone down. We called for a plumber and being it was on a Saturday they charged us time and a half. The bill came to \$...

A free will-offering was taken up for the noon meal on Saturday and, besides the money the HLIF/MG gave our little church, it came to the exact amount as the plumber bill. Only God could have done that Math!

How Blest we were that they asked our church to be the host of this wonderful weekend. (*Editor*: We prefer volunteer invitations though).

**Thanks be to GOD!**

**J. M. Fort Dodge, IA**  
Blessings to you as you labor for Him! I do enjoy all of the articles as they are full of God's Truth!

Praying that your health is holding up and you'll have blessed meetings at the Hauge Spring Bible Conference at the end of March.

I do miss Marv as it's been a year now since his death and

God has certainly watched over me.

**T. S. Forest City, IA**  
I received the *Morning Glory* today and I was so glad to get it and it seems to be the best one now for some time. I also have been wondering how you are doing?

I have been doing good so far. Where I now live they take good care of me. It certainly is a good place when a person gets as old as I am. Most certainly I have so much to be thankful for! ...

It was so good to read the letter/article from Pastor Wilmore Gunderson and he was here to visit me at least one time, which was great! ...

I am so thankful for the Morning Glory and its ministry as I have had it for a long time and thus I am sending you some money and hope you are well.

I don't get out much and this winter we have had a lot of snow.

I am so thankful for my Christian parents and for the home that I was raised in. Keep up the good work and may God richly bless you all.

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## "How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God." Psalm 36:7

The teacher asked a little boy, "What is the difference between kindness and loving kindness?" The little boy replied with assurance, "kindness is when my mom puts peanut butter on my bread, but loving kindness is when my mom puts peanut butter and jelly on my bread." For the Christian, God's loving kindness is His mercy, His grace, and all His myriad kindnesses to us. But more – all of God's kindnesses are compounded with His marvelous love. It is infinite for finite man, unchanging and secure forever. As we remember the Lord today, consider God's loving kindness and how excellent it is to us.

Robert Gentile

*He saw me ruined by the fall, yet loved me notwithstanding all;*

*He saved me from my lost estate, His loving kindness, oh, how great.*

Samuel Medley

# Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

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## Judge Says Baptist University Doesn't Have to Obey HHS Mandate

A new development is on the forefront of the highly scrutinized debacle over the Affordable Care Act's HHS contraception mandate ... Federal Judge Lee Rosenthal ruled on a joint lawsuit filed by Huston Baptist University (HBU) and East Texas Baptist University, determining that the universities cannot be forced by the federal government to pay for the contraceptives mandated in the Affordable Care Act.

The lawsuit held that the mandate is unconstitutional because it forces groups with a conscientious objection – in this case, the university's Christian views – to participate in what they view as immoral or unethical behavior. By facilitating the provision of contraceptives (some of which can be abortifacient in nature), the universities would have to compromise deeply held convictions.

Judge Lee Rosenthal wrote a 46-page opinion ... Saying, "The belief(s) need not be long-standing, central to (their) religious beliefs, internally consistent with any written Scripture, or reasonable from another's perspective. They need only be sincerely held." The government does not have the right to decide that certain religious beliefs against contraception are illegitimate.

## Some Christians Are Following Secular Trends in Cohabitation Outside of Marriage, Says Survey

A new study on Christian attitudes toward dating and marriage reveals a broad acceptance for cohabitation, premarital sex and a rejection of traditional gender roles. Experts believe that many Christians are following cultural trends over Scripture when it comes to sex and marriage.

"Christians are perhaps more influenced by the culture than they are by the teachings of Scripture or the church," Peter Sprigg, senior fellow for policy studies at the Family Research Council, told the Christian Post in an interview ...

According to the "2014 State of Dating in America" report published by Christian Mingle and jDate, sixty-one percent of Christians said they would have sex before marriage. Fifty-six percent said that it's appropriate to move in with someone after dating for a time between six months and two years. Fifty-nine percent said it doesn't matter who the primary breadwinner of the family is ...

Interpreting this data, Sprigg shared his warning to

Christians about dating sites. "Those who are active, committed Christians who believe in biblical values need to be cautious in using sites like Christian Mingle and not assume that others on the site share their values."

Tyler O'Neil for ChristianPost.com

*Editor's Comments:* A lot of today's "Christians" have not been born again, and a lot of pulpits no longer address "sin" issues. With so much entertainment and feel-good coaching at church, the people do not hear enough "Thus saith the LORD" to get themselves scripturally, spiritually and morally grounded.

Sword of the Lord

*Editor's Note:* **AMEN!** To 'Editor's Comments'. *Christian???* SIN is 'sin' even though 'culture' places a different 'label' on the poison bottle called SIN! **GOD will never change His mind – Malachi 3:6.**

## American Evangelist Arrested for the Second Time in the United Kingdom for Alleged "Homophobic" Comments

An American evangelist was arrested for the second time in the UK while open air preaching (the week of January 11).

... Tony Miamo, a retired police officer from California, was arrested for breach of peace in Dundee, Scotland ... Following a complaint that he had preached against homosexuality.

Miamo had been preaching about the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ and about the nature of sin, including sexual sin, when a woman began to shout at him. Before calling the police, the woman blurted out that her son was a homosexual.

Waithera Junghae for Christian News

### Sex sins are like credit card debt:

They are easy to get into

They are hard to get out of

They can plague your life for years

## Planned Parenthood Big Business Still Gobbling up Your Tax Dollars

Our research reveals that Planned Parenthood took in over 1.2 billion dollars in their fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. Included in that income was \$540 million of your tax money.

They also report that they are the country's largest abortion provider, having done 327,166 abortions in this same fiscal year.

This is both a national tragedy and a moral outrage on two counts – the abortions and the tax money that pays for them!

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## DANGEROUS TRENDS 2014 – Barbara Walters Decries Presidents' Swearing Oath on Bible

As a host of the daytime talk show 'The View', Barbara Walters questioned why politicians, including the presidents, swear on a Bible while taking office when there is separation of Church and state.

"That is very true, but it starts almost with the oath of office which usually ends with 'so help me God,'" Walters said during the talk show after actress Jane Seymour's remarks over a new political ad by .... Senator Mark Pryor of Arkansas...which...highlights the importance of the Bible in politics.

Seymour told the hosts of the show ..., "I think it's really unfortunate when you have to bring religion into politics. I think religion is a very personal thing, a very personal thing."

"Now most presidents swear on a Bible before taking office, even though we have the separation between church and state," Walters continued ...

The phrase "so help me God," which has been used by most presidents of the nation, ...is not a constitutional requirement. Many believe it was used for the first time by President Abraham Lincoln in 1865, according to the 'Sacramento Daily Union.' But some historians maintain the first time it was noted was during Chester Arthur's inauguration in 1881.

The phrase, however, is explicitly prescribed in oaths as early as the Judiciary Act of 1789 for all U. S. judges and officers except the president – though the act also allows for the phrase to be omitted by the officer, in which case it would be called an affirmation instead of an oath.

Anugrah Kumar for Christian Post.com

## The Christian Rest

*"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Hebrews 4:9-10*

This is an important New Testament affirmation that God's work of creation was "finished from the foundation of the world" (Hebrews 4:3). The reference is to Genesis 2:1-3, where the writer has told us that God had "*rested from all his work which God created and made,*" thus completely denying the contention of theistic evolutionists that the processes of "creation" (that is, evolution) are still going on.

In addition, it makes a significant comparison between the believer's rest and God's rest. The word "rest" here is not the usual word for "rest" and is used only this once in the New Testament. It means, literally, "Sabbath rest," or "keeping of the Sabbath." In the context of chapters 2 and 3 of Hebrews, the concept of rest is being expounded with several meanings. The original warning was in Psalm 95:11, where it referred both to the Israelites entering into the promised land under Joshua and to God's own rest after His work of creation. Psalm 95 is repeatedly quoted in Hebrews, where other meanings are also implied: the keeping of a weekly Sabbath in commemoration of God's rest after creation; the promised future rest to the world and its believing inhabitants – possibly in the millennium but certainly in the new earth; and the believer's present spiritual rest after he puts his faith in Christ, no longer trusting his works for salvation.

With such a rich investiture of meaning in the fact of God's past rest and the promise of our future rest, it is appropriate that there should be a perpetual weekly commemoration and expression of faith in that rest in every generation, until its ultimate fulfillment in the eternal rest in the New Jerusalem.

In the meantime, we are urged to "labour" to "enter into that rest" Hebrews 4:11.

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Have a great day, and don't forget to thank  
the ONE who gave it to you!



## Led By The Spirit Of God

In the Apostles' Creed we confess what we believe about: The Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is very important for us to know the ministry of each person in the Trinity. Jesus proclaims that it would be to our advantage that He go to heaven, then He would send the Holy Spirit to earth.

In John 3:5, 6 and 8, Jesus was talking to Nicodemus and said, "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit."

Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven ... Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit.

When the Holy Spirit came to earth on the day of Pentecost several thousand people were born again. We read in Acts 2 how the Holy Spirit came in a wonderful way, everybody was affected and knew this experience of Pentecost was from God. Peter preached and said to the people in verse 21, "And anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." It's the same way today!

God didn't make salvation difficult to understand. If you will repent and confess your sins before God, and call on the name of Jesus asking Him to save you, He will.

God says "anyone," – that means you and me. The Bible teaches that I am declared righteous before God because the blood of Jesus has cleansed me and forgiven me.

In Romans 8, starting from verse 1 and I will refer to many verses in that chapter. "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death.

Now there are two ways a person can live. You can live either by the old (sinful) nature or by the new (Godly) nature. The old nature that all of us have is corrupt, because it loves sinful things. Verses 5-8 – "Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit (of God). If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace. For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God."

A person that has surrendered their life to Jesus Christ prays daily. I ask the Lord to help me live in a right relationship with Him every day. Verses 9-11 says; "But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are con-

trolled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them are not Christians at all.) Since Christ lives within you, even though your body will die because of sin, your spirit is alive because you have been made right with God. The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as He raised Christ from the dead, He will give life to your mortal body by this same Spirit living within you."

There are a lot of power packed words in what we just read. That is true in the next few verses we will read as well. Verses 12-14. "So, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation whatsoever to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you keep on following it, you will perish. But, if through the power of the Holy Spirit you turn from it and its evil deeds, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."

Verse 16, "For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children." I like the way God says it in Romans 5:5b. "For we know how dearly God loves us, because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Isn't that something else? Just think of this! God loves us so dearly, that His Holy Spirit just fills our heart with the love that God alone can give us. A love for the lost, a love for God's Word, a love for His kingdom's work, a love for missions, etc. That kind of love is nothing we create on our own, that is a work of the Lord.

Is God's Holy Spirit leading in your daily life? If not, what is your standing with the Lord? Are you grieving the Spirit of God? You grieve the Holy Spirit by being disobedient to His prodding! Let's say you're reading the newspaper, then the Holy Spirit reminds you like this: Why don't you put down the newspaper and read some in the Bible, you haven't read anything in the Bible today! How do you react when He does that to you? There is a reminder along this line in Ephesians 4:30. "And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He is the one who has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption."

Notice how He teaches us how to live in verses 31-32. "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." Ephesians 5:1-2a. "Follow God's example in everything you do, because you are His dear children. Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave Himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins."

(I am not covering the "gifts of the Holy Spirit" at all

in this article. I have briefly written about 28 Spiritual gifts in another 11-page article.)

The Lord does not say it is easy to be His representative here on earth. It will cost you! Isaiah 59:15. "Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who tries to live a godly life is soon attacked." That's just the way things are! If you witness on the job, you'll experience how some will laugh at you, maybe others will put you down, etc. They don't like the Godly part of anything. You like to live in the light as He is in the light, but they don't.

Remember you have the promises on your side that go like this. "I will be with you always." "I will never leave you or forsake you." "You are mine."

"I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us for His love." We can rest assured can't we? He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world.

So may the Holy Spirit help you to live by His guidance today. His Words of comfort can echo in our soul. "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God"

Prayerfully submitted,  
Rev. Willmore Gundersen

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### Why Is Revival Delayed?

Billy Sunday

Now, why haven't we had a revival? Listen! You thought you could get along without God's way of doing things.

Oh, but wait a minute! God won't allow the church nor the preacher nor the community to lose faith in this form of service.

Some fellows with their mutton-chop whiskers, their white neckties and their bell-bottomed trousers have said the days of revivals are over. Oh, bless them!

One day God stopped making worlds, fell down, leaned over the battlements of Glory, called down into the coal mine, and said, "O- h-h-, Roberts, come here!"

That Welsh coal miner, with his cap on, with face grimed with coal and burnt powder, with his lamp burning, crawled up out of the bowels of the earth and said, "Who called me? What do You want, Lord?"

"I haven't got a preacher or a college professor in all Wales whom I can trust with the job, so I want you to start a religious awakening."

God, through that crude, illiterate coal miner, started one of the greatest religious awakenings that have been recorded in the history of the world since Peter preached at Pentecost.

God grabbed up the Welsh revival, hurled it into the

faces of the critics and said, "Take that, you scoffers!"

That was when they were saying the days of revivals were over.

God poked His head in the door of a university and called for that infidel, agnostic professor, R. A. Torrey, and sent him out. I would rather sit at the feet of R. A. Torrey and hear him expound the Scriptures than any man I know of in America. God sent him preaching around the world.

God picked up the Torrey-Alexander revival, hurled it into the faces of the critics and said, "Take that, you scoffers!"

That was when they were saying the days of revival were over.

God called to my friend, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, and sent him preaching up and down the land, across the seas and to the antipodes: China, Japan, the Malay Peninsula. He held up the bleeding form of Jesus Christ until thousands came weeping into the kingdom of God.

God said, "Oh, take that, you scoffers!"

"The days of revivals are over," so you say. When you come to the place that you believe in revivals, then you can have them.

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*Editor's Note: Definitely 'we' believe GOD is able! Personally, I believe that yet there may be what I call 'bush firers': AS evidently the **Banquet Table** is not filled YET with 'sinners' under the BLOOD of Jesus Christ! When that 'number' is filled, definitely the Bride-Groom' will come: likely a certain number before the RAPTURE, and then *some* during the 'Great Tribulation'; as I understand SCRIPTURE! **Revelation 19:-7-9, 21 & 22. Is He** calling YOU, YOU could be the last one! **REMEMBER a Heaven sent REVIVAL is not worked up, BUT prayed down from Heaven!***

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**Whosoever shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.** Matthew 10:32

*Jesus, and shall it ever be,  
A mortal man ashamed of thee?  
Ashamed of thee, whom angels praise,  
Whose glories shine thro' endless days?*

**Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.** Matthew 10:33.

*Daily Food for Christians, American Tract Society –  
1897 or before*

# The Lutheran Doctrine of Conversion

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Dr. Francis Monseth

*Note:* This is the **second** in a series of 4 articles from a paper that Fran 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 plan to make the whole study available in a book. Watch for future announcements of its release.

## CONTRITION

Contrition marks the whole of Christian existence. There is an insidious teaching afloat today which maintains that once a person has come to Christ in repentance and faith, there is no need to ask God for forgiveness of sin ever again. Hal Lindsay represents this view point in his little book, The Guilt Trip. Lindsay says, "I used to think that when I accepted Christ it meant that Christ had died for my sins up to that point, but from that point on I'd just have to confess them as I did them or else I wasn't forgiven." He says, "That's a perilous position to be in because you're never quite sure if you've confessed all your sins, and there just might be one or two that God is holding against you."<sup>1</sup>

Certainly it is true as Lindsay says that when Christ died on the cross, He atoned for all our sins. Provision was made at the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of the whole world. But it doesn't follow that because this is true, I need not or should not acknowledge and confess my sins, asking forgiveness for every sin that I commit as a Christian. The Holy Spirit will reveal the wicked ways in us according to the prayer of the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Psalm 139:23-24). The Apostle John is writing to believers when he says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Our Lord has taught us as His believing people to pray, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have for-

given our debtors" (Matthew 6:12). Again, it is to believers that James writes, "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed" (James 5:16a).

The words of John Arndt bear repetition in our own generation of careless Christianity. "Go on, therefore, O Christian, and learn the lesson of daily repentance, sorrow, and contrition of heart."<sup>2</sup> Elsewhere, he admonishes fellow-believers in these words, "Thou assertest ... that thou art baptized; and so indeed thou art! But search the state of thy heart, and inquire whether thou livest in the new birth, in daily repentance and an unwearied mortification of the old man. See whether thou bringest forth fruit answerable to the baptismal covenant, in which thou art engaged?"<sup>3</sup>

Let us remind ourselves of several key points before leaving the subject of contrition:

- 1) Contrition is one of the two essential elements in conversion; however,
- 2) Contrition is not the beginning of conversion;
- 3) Contrition is not half of conversion as if the other half is faith;
- 4) Contrition does not produce an improved spiritual condition, however,
- 5) Contrition is a preparation, an indispensable preparation;
- 6) Contrition exhibits itself in a humble and broken spirit where once reigned a proud and secure heart;
- 7) Contrition is the effect of the preaching of the Law as the Holy Spirit attends that Word.

The Biblical teaching regarding contrition is so important in our ministry of preaching, teaching, and personal soul-care. There can be no assurance of forgiveness when contrition is absent. It is to the contrite God says, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18). It is concerning the contrite that the Bible says: "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise" (Psalms 51:17).

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1 Hal Lindsay, The Guilt Trip.

2 Arndt, p. 62.

3 Ibid.

## Concerning Prayer

*And he spake a parable unto them, to this end,  
that men ought always to pray and not to faint.*

Luke 18:1

The secret of strength in the life of our Savior was prayer. Whether in the midst of His work, or recuperating from the burden and heat of the day; whether at home in the circle of His disciples and friends, or out yonder in the loneliness of silence of night; whether in joy or sorrow, whether living or dying, He showed Himself an example of this teaching that “men ought always to pray.”

If we mean to be disciples of Jesus the case must be the same with us. A person who has ceased to pray, has ceased to be a Christian. The place which prayer finds in our life measures the degree in which we are disciples of Jesus Christ. The secret of strength in Christ’s life is to be also the secret of strength in our lives.

In all probability you are saying, yes, if only we knew how to pray! The word pray means *to ask*. And do you mean to say that you who have learned to know God as your kind heavenly Father do not know how to pray to Him, nor what things to ask of Him? How readily we learn to tell our complaints to one another, and never find ourselves lacking words, either! There is an old saying, “Tell it to God the wall,” – you may be sure more comes of doing that than from pouring our troubles into human ears.

Of course, as Christians we ought to pray not only in our times of need, but “**always.**” Are you starting to work in the morning? Pray strength and help. Do you sit down to eat? Ask God’s blessing. And when you stretch your hands upon your bed at night, commit yourself to His protection. In everything is the saying true, “God’s blessing won, all is done.”

“*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.*” Call, therefore, upon God. Ask for that highest gift, which He has in Jesus Christ promised to all who ask for it, the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Ed. When you ‘receive’ Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, you also receive the Holy Spirit). If you have that gift, you will have the spirit of prayer, for He will teach you more and more how “always to pray;” not only to ask, but also always and in everything to give **thanks**; and not only that, but to consult with God about all your affairs, even as an earthly child does with a loving father.

But how can one in the midst of all his daily care and toil find time “always to pray?” Let the example of Jesus be our answer. He who enjoined this duty was Himself the busiest of workers. To Him every moment was precious and necessary, if He would in three short years finish His appointed work. Day after day He spent Himself in labors for His fellowmen, and yet, busy as He constantly was, He

“prayed always.” Let us remember that it is not in “much speaking” that prayer consists. How often do we find it said of our Savior, as He stood amidst all the pressure of His busy life, “But He lifted up His eyes to heaven?” An upward glance, a sigh in which the heart breathes out its desire to God, often counts for more than lengthy forms of prayer. And for this can every Christian find time; whether he toils at common labor, or stands as a workman in the roar of the great factory; yes, and though his position in life be the loftiest possible, so much more will he feel the need of prayer, — that exercise which brings help and strength, security and peace.

This is not saying that a Christian ought not have particular times when he may in secret talk his concerns over with God. Our Lord withdrew to the Mount of Olives for special seasons of prayer; you must seek your closet. And doing so, you find it true, “Thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.”

But, are our prayers always heard? The parable with which our prayer-text is connected gives the answer. The widow was heard, even by the unjust judge; how much rather shall God’s children be heard by their heavenly Father!

*Yes, ask,* even when you feel yourself to be unworthy; *seek,* though there should seem to be no prospect of finding; *knock,* though you must wait long for the door to be opened. It shall never fail; “*everyone that asketh receiveth, he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.*”

This is the truth set forth in the parable. And though your own reason and the world should interpose a thousand doubts, cling to the promise. He who was mightiest in prayer hath spoken it; “**Ask and ye shall receive.**” True, God does not always give us the things which we think are necessary to our happiness, and for which we may pray. Our God loves us far too well to grant us all our wishes, foolish as they sometimes are. Nevertheless our prayers are always heard, and we are given the things which will be for our good. Only “**good and perfect gifts**” come from above.

Then let us “**pray without ceasing,**” nor ever grow weary and we shall experience the truth expressed in these lines;

*The Lord Jehovah lives  
To hear and answer prayer;  
Whoe’er in Him believes  
And trusts His guardian care,  
A Father’s tender love shall know,  
Whence living streams of comfort flow.*

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## The Blood Of Jesus Christ His Son Cleanseth Us From All Sin 1 John 1:7b

Martin Luther records that he once dreamed that Satan came to him and told him he could never hope to get to heaven because he was such a sinner. "Have you a list of my sins?" Luther asked. "Yes," said Satan, and brought him a long list of failures. Twice Luther asked if there were any more, and twice Satan brought him a long list. Again, Luther asked if there were anymore. "That is all," Satan said. "Then" cried Luther, "write now across them all, *'the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.'*" And Satan left! Have your sins been washed away by the blood of Jesus Christ? —W. Ross Rainey

*Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?  
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?* – Elisha A. Hoffman

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***These all continued with one accord in prayer  
and supplication, with the women, and Mary  
the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.***

Acts 1:14 (AV)

Regarding the phrase "with one accord," scholars tell us: "This is a unique Greek word, with 10 occurrences in the Book of Acts, and this helps us understand the uniqueness of the Christian community. The word, homothumadon is a compound of two words meaning to 'rush along' and 'in unison'. The image is almost musical; a number of notes are sounded which, while different, harmonize in pitch and tone, combine to produce a pleasing result." Surely if we would see blessing, we should follow the example of the early Church and be in one accord.

W. H. Burnett

*We are not divided, all one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.* – Sabine Baring-Gould

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***One died for all, therefore all died.  
2 Corinthians 5:15***

IN all religions we come in contact with the notion of the human race that sinners cannot approach God without atonement.

God gave His chosen people His revelation of salvation. God confirms this apprehension a means of atonement in order that they might abide God's holy wrath and not be consumed by it. They were given a substitute, the sacrificial animal, which gave its life in the sinner's stead.

But the sacrifices of the Old Testament were only a

shadow. Christ is the perfect sacrifice. While the high priest went into the holy of holies with *strange* blood, in Christ the race's own blood was sacrificed.

Our progenitor, Adam, was our first substitute. He acted on behalf of the whole race. Therefore his sin became the sin of the whole race.

Christ is the Second Adam. It was His task to suffer on behalf of all humankind, to atone for the sin of the whole race.

In the first place, He took upon Himself our punishment. "*The chastisement ... was upon him.*" None but a **God-man** could take upon Himself this punishment, the fearful temptations and anguish of soul, even to being forsaken by God

In the second place, He suffered our penalty voluntarily.

He became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. A single moment's impatience and unwillingness in the mind of Jesus would have nullified the whole atonement and all humanity would have been plunged into eternal perdition.

How much did Jesus have to suffer? He had to suffer as long as people and devils had a single suffering left by which he might torture Him. When He had suffered through the experience of being forsaken by God, Satan had no worse suffering with which to afflict Him. Then Jesus could cry out His mighty: "**It is finished!**"

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**I seek not yours, but you**  
2 Corinthians 12:14b

The Apostle Paul had poured his life into the lives of the Corinthian Christians, first as an evangelist, then as a teacher, but most of all, as a spiritual father. Their questioning of him and his authority left him grieved. Often we can be engaged in the life of the church, or individuals within the church, or even our own family, and yet there seems so little to show for it. Like Paul, we may feel aggrieved because our service is unappreciated (vv. 11-13), our live is unreciprocated (vv. 14-18), and our expectations are unfulfilled (vv. 19-21). Don't give up dear servant. Our part is to remember the One we are serving – and keep our spirit strong towards those we are serving.

Norman Craig Funston

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful;  
May the fire of our devotion light their way* – Jon Mohr

## Unsolicited Advice

By Fred Willis

Someone said: “*Unsolicited advice is seldom heeded and often scorned*, but the Bible says, “***A wise man will hear, and will increase learning*” Prov. 1:5.**

“If you seek revenge, be sure to dig two graves.” The implication of this quotation is quite clear. If you are determined to get revenge, no one is going to win. Now some may be thinking, “*Well, I got revenge and I won.* But did you really? When we all stand before the Lord, how is your record going to look?”

There are many Scripture verses that teach us not to retaliate. “*recompense to no man evil for evil ... avenge not yourselves ... Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord...Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good*” (Rom. 12:17-21).

We all have a natural inclination from the old sin nature to strike back when someone has wronged us. Even the normally gentle house pet may turn on you if it is provoked in the wrong way. The apostle Paul deplored the wretchedness of the carnal fleshly nature. He said, “*...the evil which I would not, that I do*” (7:19).

Husbands and wives are some of the worst offenders when it comes to seeking revenge. Harsh words often turn into physical or other types of abuse. Someone said, “If the only tool that you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.” On the other hand, if your tongue is the only weapon that you have, everyone may look like a target.

The worst case of revenge that I was ever personally acquainted with actually did require two graves. The wife of our son’s orthodontist filed for divorce and bragged about “taking him to the cleaner.”

Each time we made a visit to his office the doctor would expound about what his wife was trying to do to him. Rather than put up with it, he shot her and then turned the gun on himself. This quest for revenge backfired ...literally.

Many stories, both the fictional and the true, are centered around the theme of revenge. The depravity of the human nature drives men to the most despicable of crimes. Prisoners of war are often subjected to torture beyond imagination. Sometimes it is to get information, but often it is for nothing more than to get revenge.

Some of the hardest things that Jesus taught are recorded in chapter 5 of Matthew. In the Sermon on the Mount, He told us how we are to handle adversity and those who would seek revenge. Jesus said that we are to love our enemies and do good to them that hate us (Ed. That doesn’t mean that ‘we’ agree with them), But how is this possible? It can’t be done without the power of the

Holy Spirit, and then it is still very difficult.

Jesus said that if someone smites us on the cheek, we are to turn to him the other also. This actually happened to me as a young teen. Without any provocation, an older boy smashed me in the face with his fist. For years I thought about how I might get revenge, and even today it makes me mad when I think about how badly it hurt me.

Part of the problem is that we want revenge right now. The Lord said that He would avenge us, but we don’t want to wait. We want to see the other person suffer as we have suffered.

When thoughts of revenge come, one of the best things that we can do is wait. Seek godly counsel and let your temper cool down. Take a long-range look at what you are planning to do. Consider how many people will be affected and in what way. Ask the Lord to help you control your thoughts. Let Him take care of the problem as much as possible. We don’t need any more unnecessary graves.

Sword of the Lord

*Editor’s Note:* Need I remind you that Scripture is very clear, unless we are willing to ‘forgive’ NEITHER shall we be ‘forgiven’? Remember ‘forgiveness’ is a matter of the ‘will’, not emotion!

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## Seven Things That Please God

### 1. *The salvation of souls pleases God.*

Whenever a repentant sinner comes to Christ, God’s heart is filled with joy, since God does not delight in the death of the wicked but in their conversion. (Ezek. 33:11). In Galatians 1:15, Paul stated that “it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by His grace.”

Winning lost souls is a wise investment for eternity (Prov. 11:30) – actions with which God is surely pleased!

### 2. *Preaching pleases God.*

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.” – 1 Cor. 1:21.

True preaching pleases God because it emphasizes the central place of the cross in God’s plan of redemption.

“*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God*”—Vss. 23, 24.

Genuine preaching also pleases God because it exalts the power of Christ (Rm. 1:16) and because it expresses

the purpose of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20).

### 3. Faith pleases God.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” – Heb. 11:6.

Faith pleases God because of its source – the Word of God (Rom. 10:17) – and because of its substance (Heb. 11:1). Faith also pleases God because of its subject – Christ (Heb. 12:2) – and because of its sufficiency, for the “just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17). (Ed. Faith (Living) pleases GOD because it is a ‘gift’ from HIM. (John 6:29, Ephesians 2:8-9).

### 4. Giving pleases God.

“By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. But to do good and to communicate (financial stewardship – giving of our financial blessings) *forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*” – Heb. 13:15, 16.

Philippians 4:14-18 calls such financial giving a “sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.”

### 5. Obedience to parents by children pleases God.

In the apostle Paul’s instruction for family happiness and harmony in Colossians 3:16-22 that included directives for the father, the mother and the children, he declares: “*Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord*” (Vs. 20).

In Ephesians 6:1-3, this obedience includes properly honoring one’s parents, with the general promise of a long life on the earth.

### 6. Praising God in worship pleases God.

No, this does not include or mean pro-charismatic or so-called contemporary Christian music (CCM)! To endeavor to be fundamentalist in the precepts of the Word (doctrine) and be contemporary in the practices of the world is both contradictory and confusing.

Psalms 147:1 says, “Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praise unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.” CCM confuses the music of the world with the music of the Word (40:3).

### 7. Unity in the congregation pleases God.

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” — Ps.133:1.

This genuine unity is not an artificial or a forced unity but comes when believers in New Testament local churches center their focus on Christ and wholeheartedly cooperate together under the Scriptural, functional leader-

ship of the pastor (Heb. 13:7, 17).

Pleasing God is an imperative and major responsibility of born-again believers. Pleasing God results in holiness (12:9-11), happiness (Col. 1:10), harmony (Acts 15:22), and help (1 John 3:22).

Dr. Don Jasmin in *Fundamentalist Digest*

## Update

*“The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.” “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,”* Proverbs 20:7 & Colossians 3:9.

HONESTY, sad to say, is becoming more and more scarce and ‘lying’ is its substitute! When and wherever ‘lying’ becomes more prevalent – from the ‘White House’ on down to the ‘grass roots OR visa versa – the ‘result’ is lack of ‘trust & freedom’ locally and nationally! This is ALSO true in ‘Christian Ministries’, regardless of name, size or strength. GOD says ‘**lie not to one another**’. YES we are definitely accountable for what flows over ‘our’ lips or by pen. Read Revelation 21:8.

One of the substantial ‘roots’ to this SIN is ‘money’. Money is not evil in itself; but love of money! THE END DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE MEANS! “*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows*” 1 Timothy 6:10. It is a ‘danger/temptation’ we all face! OH, how ‘we’ need to pray **Psalm 51**. This definitely includes me personally, so don’t make promises/vows to GOD that we do not intend to keep.

Like giving: What? How? Where? **Ecclesiastes 5:4-5**. BEWARE that ‘work’ does not become your ‘master’ instead of your ‘servant’. Luke 21:33-36 & Matthew 6:21.

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*“For our proud confidence is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you.”* II Corinthians 1:12

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Psalm 51:5 - 13

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 p.m. – Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN  
*Refreshment time following Service*

**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m. – Coffee/Refreshments  
10:00 a.m. – Pastor Marshall Nessa, Ossian (West Union), IA  
11:05 a.m. – Rodney Stueland, Dilworth, MN  
12:00 Noon – Meal Served at church with a Free Will Offering  
1:10 p.m. – Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA  
2:10 p.m. – Pastor Marshall Nessa  
3:15 p.m. – Coffee/Refreshments  
3:45 p.m. – Testimonies, Fellowship, Singspiration  
4:30 p.m. – Annual Conference of the Hauge Innermission  
Hauge Board Meeting following the Annual Conference  
7:00 p.m. – Pastor Jim Haga

**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study for ALL AGES – Pastor Jim Haga  
10:00 a.m.– Worship Service – Pastor Jim Haga, Guest Speaker

***ALL*** are very **Welcome**; but especially *needy 'sinners'* who **NEED** *'Seasons of Refreshing'* from **the Presence of the LORD!**

*For More Information:* Please call Pastor Earl Korhonen – (515) 338-0013.

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*“Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.”*  
Isaiah 41:14.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,  
The clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercies, and shall break  
In blessing on your head.

*“I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me”* 2 Corinthians 12:9.

***Daily Food for Christians,***  
American Tract Society; 1897 or before