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

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The Breastplate Of Righteousness

“Having put on the breastplate of righteousness.” Eph. 6:14

The breastplate was a standard part of a soldier’s armor at the time that Paul wrote this letter. It had to be of such material, and so constructed, that swords and arrows could not penetrate it. It was fastened over the chest of the warrior in order to protect his heart.

If the breastplate was sufficiently strong so that the weapons of the enemy could not destroy it, the heart would be protected. The soldier could then have hopes of surviving the battle, even if he might otherwise have many and serious wounds. A person can live without an arm or a foot; he could even get along without his eyesight; but he cannot live without a heart. When the point of the sword has reached the heart, life hangs over the grave by a very thin thread.

When Paul tries to picture a part of the Christian’s equipment under the figure of a breastplate, we can draw the conclusion that this is the most important part of the whole armor. The breastplate of righteousness is just that.

There are plenty of enemies; they are all united in their attacks upon the Christian. When God announces to us that there is a breastplate that is strong enough to protect us against the strongest blows and the sharpest arrows, it must be life’s most important duty and privilege to put on this part of the armor.

Many Christians are asking for a power sufficient to insure victory; there is no dearth of good advice as to how one may obtain this power either. However, when this advice is followed the result is usually a disastrous defeat for the Christian. Then he just stands there, disconcerted and frightened, precisely at the time that he was supposed to be so courageous and strong. We know well enough that power for victory lies ready for us; we are to be more than

conquerors through Him that loved us. The question for us is how to be clothed in this power so that we by faith in the Word may advance against the enemy and win. The teaching of the text we have before us is that this power is the breastplate of righteousness.

This is a strange figure; how can a defensive article of an armor like the breastplate represent power? We can see how it protects the soldier, but we are not able to see power under the figure of a breastplate. At least it does not express the warrior’s power. It must be a power of God then.

What is this power of God?

It is the garment of Christ’s righteousness which He acquired for us when He died for our sins and rose again for our justification. It is the righteousness of God by faith in Christ for all and to all who believe. It is this, that he who has no works, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned unto him for righteousness. It is this that *He* was made sin for us, so that we in Him might be made just before God.

“But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation.” “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. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.”

These are some of the teachings of the Word of God about the breastplate of righteousness. But it is also one of the mysteries of the gospel that so many fail to see.

There are times when all the powers of evil seem to surge against the Christian. The very air seems to be full of devils that almost chokes him to death spiritually. What is worse is that not only is he tempted to sin, but he actually sins. He is sometimes frivolous, as though there were no God, at other times he is melancholy, as though God were

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dead. He makes untrue statements and cutting remarks; many such like things he does. Where shall he then turn to get courage and retain peace with God?

This is the great question to which so many are seeking an answer. The secret is this: With all your heart you are to cling to the comfort God gives, namely that in the midst of all this, just as you are, while your soul resembles hell more than it resembles heaven, you’re still a child of God. Yes, it is just wretches such as you who find their comfort in Christ alone; only such as to stand before God as pure as though they had never sinned.

This is the breastplate.

“But,” you say, “Is not this the same as to sin on grace?”

Yes, it is so, if we are not girded with truth. But if we are honest before God, this is precisely what it is to be a Christian.

Where else shall we go? Where else shall we get help? If we cannot hide in His pavilion in the time of trouble, and if we cannot be in the secret of His tabernacle, then we are in the battle without the breastplate of righteousness.

Is it not precisely doubt concerning this great salvation that makes us weak and powerless warriors?

We continue to struggle along to become respectable Christians; we try to be sober, and do our best to be zealous in our prayer life. As we think we succeed in this we begin to believe that we are fair Christians; we then entertain faint hopes that perhaps the Lord is beginning to be pleased with us. But such reasoning is to take off the breastplate in the heat of the battle and to put it on again after the battle is over.

Can we ever hope to win in that fashion?

No, Christians! We must think more highly of our Savior than that. If we do not, we shall find that He becomes too small for us in the battle. If we could only believe that He can save to the uttermost, and that all that He has is ours, then we could sing:

*And were the world with devils filled,
All seeking to devour us,
Our hearts to fear we need not yield,
They cannot overpower us;
Their dreaded prince no more
Can harm us as of yore;
His rage we can endure;
For lo! His doom is sure,
A word shall overthrow him.*

This story is told about Martin Luther: He sat one day at his desk in the study. Satan came to him and placed an index of Luther's sins on the wall. When Luther had read the whole list, and had agreed that it was essentially correct, he wrote these words on the bottom of the page: The blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses from all sin. When he had thus written, both the devil and the index had disappeared.

Luther wore the breastplate of righteousness. Every one who sees that the grace of Christ is greater than all wickedness in him, has a breastplate strong enough to stop all the darts of the devil. If we hold fast to the divine comfort that Christ is our righteousness before God, that the blood of His Son cleanses from all sin, then none of the devil's arrows can reach our heart. In the midst of the battle we can be courageous and glad, because it is Christ, and not we ourselves, who determines the outcome of the battle.

*In myself I am unworthy
If God were to look upon me,
My piety, walk, and conduct,
Would all worthless be.
But always in Christ I am righteous,
For if I have failed, yet never
Has Christ failed; He is my Savior.*

Who will lay anything to the charge of God's elect. It is God that justifies.

The one who goes into the battle with this breastplate cannot lose. He will win just as surely as he wars the girdle of truth.

"But thanks be to God Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Taken from the book "Spirit and Power" by Ludvig Hope. Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation, Copyright, 1959

Editor's Note: The 'spiritual battle' is very real, as Satan and his cohorts are out to **kill you and I** spiritually! To my understanding this spiritual battle is not only real; but so intense/furious that it is like military battle in hand to hand combat with bayonets! Martin Luther states that a 'living faith' only lives as long as it struggles!!!

*Spiritually the battle always ends up at CALVARY, for you and I = **the crucified and risen ONE!***

ALSO when the accuser of the brethren would become so intense in the life of Martin Luther; to my understanding that he would quote the passage/content of 1 John 2:2: **And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world**" and the 'father of lies' could not deny that Martin Luther was part of the world!!

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Atonement Denied By The ELCA

Another serious attack on the divine atonement of Christ comes from those promoting "universal salvation" with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Belief in universal salvation has been taught in ELCA seminaries for years. Future pastors study text-books by Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson who unabashedly promote universal salvation.

This unbiblical doctrine is also taught in the ELCA's new Study Bible. A commentary on the Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:16-20 states: "*Jesus now sends the disciples to make disciples of all nations. Most people who are helped by Jesus and believe in him never become disciples. Jesus includes in salvation people who do not believe in him or even know about him.*"

Teachers of universal salvation cast aside the biblical teachings about judgment and hell. They ignore the Lord's own warnings at their own peril: "**He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him**" John 3:36.

Taken from 'The Vine and Branches', Spring, 2010

The Devil will tempt us, the flesh will tempt us, the world will tempt us, BUT it is we ourselves who SIN!

Teens

Dear Teen – a note to teens and the Parents and Pastors who love them.

By Evangelist Bill Rice III

“But I can’t forgive her. You don’t know what she said and did. Besides, she didn’t say she was sorry.”

Have you ever said that or something like it? I suppose we all have. When should I forgive another for a wrong, anyway? Why should I forgive another when he has not even had the courtesy to apologize? Well, forgiving someone who has wronged you may be more help to you than to the one who offended you. Colossians 3:13 is an interesting and helpful verse. Take a moment and read through it a couple of times.

“Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”

Notice that the verse is written to one who forgives and that it is all about one who forgives, not one who is forgiven. If you have been wronged or believe another is to blame or is at fault in doing something wrong against you, this verse is for you.

The beginning of the verse says simply, *“forbearing”* or putting up with people. After all, others put up with us. If you have a quarrel or find blame in someone, learn to forgive! That is what the verse is saying. And why in the world should I forgive this creep, you may be thinking, when he does not deserve it?

That is a good question – and the Lord gives this answer. Didn’t Christ forgive you? Certainly. And like me, you were undeserving of his forgiveness. Christ died for us when we were *“yet sinners”* (Romans 5:8). So here the Bible says, *“Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*

Leave justice, reconciliation and the resolving of the issue to God. If one person has wronged another, there may be legitimate consequences that will come because of his wrongdoing. Don’t concern yourself with that. Learn and experience the joy you can have because of living in obedience to this simple statement in Colossians 3:13. Forgive others just as Christ forgave you.

According to Strong’s Concordance, the word **forgive** means “to grant as a favor, i.e., gratuitously, in kindness, pardon or rescue: – deliver, (frankly) forgive (freely) give, grant.”

That definition is thorough and a little lengthy, but one thing you can see in it is that forgiveness puts the *“forgiver”* in charge. Instead of being driven to unhappiness, disgust or even rage because of what someone else has done, you – as one who *forgives* – can grant pardon. That puts you in control. You will have a greatly reduced bur-

den, a much clearer mind and conscience, and a lot more joy when you learn to *forgive*.

Taken from ‘Sword of the Lord’

Editor’s Note: Emphasis is particularly from the Editor. KEEP in ‘mind’ that *‘forgiveness’* is not a matter of the ‘emotions’ but of the will.

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To The Glory of the Lord

*No matter how far I have fallen
And wandered away from God,
He will always forgive me
And redeem me as His own
I will always follow Jesus
To the glory of the Lord.*

*Christ is my redeemer
In that Resurrection share
I will always behold Him and praise Him
To the glory of the Lord.*

*I will always thank and praise Him
For all he has done for me
For he will go with me
To the glory of the Lord.*

Personal testimony of Deloris Hoffman, Moorhead, MN

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Think It Over

*You’re strong and well – that’s fine.
You hope to remain so – that’s natural.
You may be disappointed – that’s likely.
You will die – that’s sure.
You want to go to Heaven – that’s possible.
You had better start to get ready – that’s wisdom.
You may be putting it off – that’s folly.
You want to start right – that’s proper.
You must know the way – that’s necessary.*

Progress, October 2011

Editorial

RES

SOMETHING MISSING – Respect!

“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”. “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” (1 John 1:7 & James 4:17)

IN our present generation(s) an erosion of respectability from the ‘office of the President’ of our great USA to the very grass roots; respectability is conspicuous by its *absence*. This is not only true in the secular realm, but in the religious and Christian realm as well. For example: From the school class room to the Seminary graduate. Being ‘respectful’ does not mean that *you necessarily agree* with the person holding that ‘position’; BUT the office or position is to be respected. Another example is: when a lady (especially) is working/employed out side of the home some times the insinuation is implied that her position is less significant. WHEREFORE, God Himself states that other than receiving His Gift of Salvation and walking in the Light of His Word; that being a ‘full-time home maker’ humanly speaking is among the highest callings.

In this ‘editorial’ we are going to look at **three E’s** that I believe are distractly missing in ‘many’ of the local congregations; including many *evangelical congregations*. BUT before I seek to do such; please do not misunderstand me, but that **every single true ‘believer’ has a unique place/purpose** in the spiritual body of Christ! But there are also ‘definite’ callings from God to make His Body function properly. *“And He Himself gave (called) some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers”* Ephesians 4:11.

Now the first **E** that ‘we’ are going to look at is the *calling of an Evangelist*.

It is so ‘interesting’ to observe that many times over at ‘annual church conferences, etc’ there is concern and emphasis on Pastors, Teachers, etc. but little, if any, mention of an Evangelist. It becomes conspicuous by its absence. Before we go any further let me clearly state that all that is ‘new’ is called bad and that all that is called ‘old’ is good! Now what is the *calling/purpose* of *calling* an Evangelist IF it is not to preach/teach the WORD?

But many will say ‘our’ pastor is an evangelist and besides we have many programs that are in effect doing this ministry! After all we have seminars, retreats, Bible camps, cook outs, etc.; which may be good and well; but let me ask this ‘question’: When did God withdraw the *calling/purpose* of an Evangelist? Is God

out of ‘tune’ with this fast paced/programed society so that there is no time/space for a ‘series of evangelistic meetings’? YES every ‘believer’ is in some respect to be a ‘evangelist’ for the word ‘evangelist’ means ‘one who announces good tidings’. **II Timothy 4:5**.

Let’s be ‘honest now’ (always), but GOD **has many** times honored the preaching of His Word, night after night and even week after week by **reviving** his children and as a result often some precious soul or souls come to know Jesus as their personal Savior! **Isaiah 55:10-11**. God often uses the ‘church’ as a vessel to bring about a spiritual awakening in the church/community/beyond. How often do you have a series of evangelistic meetings in your congregation; at least once or twice a year? If not, why not? Is it sadly too much like the congregation found in **Revelation 3:14-22? NO NEED!** “Evangelism” in a sense is like what a rudder is to a ship!

The second **E** that I would like ‘us’ to look at and act upon is an *Elder*. I know in Scripture that an ‘elder’ is at least one of two persons: Either in the local congregation or older in years or both! (Also the position of being an elder is the same as ‘deacon’ and or ‘pastor’. In this ‘editorial’ I want ‘us’ to look Scripturally at the position as ‘church leaders’. Again the ‘elder/deacon board’ is like the rudder is to a ship! Today ‘elders’ are often ‘older’ in years and because of that, the ‘younger’ generation often over rules them because they lack respect of both their doctrine/conviction and deem them old fashioned. Quickly may I add that we ‘need/want’ both younger and older very much involved in the Lord’s ministry in and through the local congregation. YES the ‘younger’ are a source many times of motivation/incentive/thrust and the ‘older’ stability/guidance and direction.

According to the Master Divine Program, an ‘elder’ needs to have a personal living ‘testimony’ of knowing and walking with JESUS day by day. (This is true IF it be the Pastor or elder/deacon). If this ‘person’ or ‘persons’ knows JESUS as their personal Savior – sinner saved by GRACE – then this ‘person’ must be *respected/appreciated* if this local congregation wants God’s Richest Blessings! **Acts 6:1-8, 14:23, 16:4, 21:18**.

EVEN in the 'general' sense', are 'we' *respecting* the Elders/Elderly following/obeying God's recipe outlined for us in I Timothy 3 and Titus 2? (Please pray about this also!)

As 'we' look at the third **E**, keep in mind that the Christian church is not in competition with other evangelical, Biblical congregations; but seeking first and utmost to obey **Matthew 6:33**. Secondly let us keep in mind that numbers are not the ultimate and the 'mega church' is not always right!

The *calling* of the Christian church is not entertainment so that its members and visitors necessarily 'feel good'. But 'we' like entertainment, theatrics and feeling good! Remember, spiritually, the 'Christian church' should be like an Oasis in a barren/desert land, a place of conviction, nourishment and motivation from the **Word of God!** A sermon is not necessarily to be enjoyed – yes both conviction and feeding – but not necessarily enjoyed. It seems to me as I mediate on the Word of God, that often in the **BIBLE** that when an individual/individuals *sensed the Presence of the ALMIGHTY, JESUS* (King of kings & Lord of lords) they bowed/humbled themselves and fell prostrate at HIS Feet or kneeled in rapt attention. Singularly maybe one of the greatest characteristics of 'we' sinful human beings is to **admit our NEED/SIN before HIM!** (Take for example: Moses, Isaiah, Peter, Mary & Martha, those on the Road to Emmaus, etc). IN a 'sense' when 'we' publically/collectively come to *Worship HIM*, we are upon *holy ground*. "Our" Worship Services and other 'church activities' must be WORD centered in order to receive God's anointing/richest blessings.

The subtlety of the 'enemy' of the Christian church has influenced her by the 'religious world and world' more than we want to admit. **Romans 12:2, Luke 24:47 & Acts 1:8** –notice where 'we' are to begin. **Unless** the home fires (Church – fireplace – coals/embers rekindled by GOD (**reviving/revival**) foreign missions will dry up also).

Let me share another example with you: IN the early

nineteen sixties, 'our' great USA was at the very verge of declaring 'war' with 'our' enemy Fidel Castro (Cuba) regime only 90 miles off of 'our' shores. He was against freedom and the free enterprise (which Biblically has been in place since almost the being of Creation); but 'today' we sleep very comfortably and seemingly secure. YES, spiritually about the same time Pastors and other church leaders yielded to **compromise** because of the three "**P's**": Prestige, Position & Pension. Unless the spiritual 'snowball' coming down the slope is reversed – the spiritual future (on this side of eternity) looks very discouraging. **1 Timothy 4:1-6**. YES, having itching ears instead of burning hearts – **2 Timothy 4:1-8**.

BUT 11 CHRONICLES 7:14 & ROMANS 1:16

Once again 'we' know what God wants and the question is now are 'we' willing to be cleansed obedient **VESSELS?**

Let me borrow from the devotional book "God's Word for Today" by O. Hallesby:

"Forget not to show love unto strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

"HOSPITALITY is the home with arms open toward a wider fellowship. By hospitality the home circle is extended to include those who in various ways belong to the home by physical or spiritual kinship.

The greater the love of the home, the larger will be that circle which it desires to include.

Considered from this standpoint the Christian home becomes a factor in Christian work. Indeed, it becomes a very important factor. There are aspects of Christian fellowship which can be developed only in the Christian home. That is why hospitality is evaluated so highly in the church of God.

The home needs the communion of saints in its midst. And the communion of saints needs to be brought into the intimate circle of the home."

Precious 'souls' are at Stake – yours, mine & others!

"He knoweth the secrets of the heart"

Ps. 44:21b

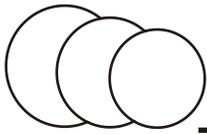
There is no area of a person's life which God's eye does not penetrate. He knows all. This is true not only in regard to acts and words, but also in regard to the disposition of the mind and the thoughts of the heart. *"He knoweth the secrets of the heart."*

We can to a certain extent hide our thoughts from our fellowmen. Nevertheless, they put a stamp on our personality. We cannot give place to hatred in our thoughts, or

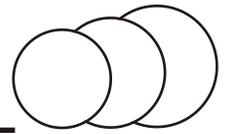
live in a lascivious dream world, without in one way or another giving expression to it in word or action. Sinful thoughts enfeeble our Christian character. *"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"* (Prov. 23:7).

Set a watch over your thoughts. Forget not that before God the thoughts are as real as the acts. Let Him cleanse your heart from within.

Taken from the devotional book "*Streams of Gladness*" by Fredrik Wisloff, Augsburg Publishing House, Copyright 1958



From Our Fellowship Circle



E. G. **Stony Plain, AB, Canada**
Keep up the good work. We see around us such evil and decay, even among God's people. There needs to be a revival to bring back the people to holiness and sin must be dealt with. (*Editor: AMEN!!!*)

Please keep me in your prayers, as I certainly need to be revived! ...Which put much fear in me, but I am now again starting over trying to walk in the Will of God. (*Editor: PTL*). ... I have to keep my eyes on JESUS!

God bless you all in the love of God.

J. & J. H. **Ames, IA**
Enclosed is our gift in support of the *Morning Glory* magazine. We are glad to receive it – it is a wonderful ministry.

G. H. **Waverly, IA**
I am slow at getting things done since I fell and got a fracture in my back in ...but am getting better so that is the good part of it all.

A. & R. M. **Rothsay, MN**
May God continue to bless your Ministry in winning Souls. Thank you and your loved ones ...

G. & N. L. **Hardy, IA**
This is given in memory of Art Peterson from Keister, MN.

M. J. **Hixton, WI**
Thank you for your excellent publication and for taking a stand for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Please continue in your work and may God truly bless you all.

I am Thankful

By Edgar A. Guest

I am thankful for my health and for the strength to bear the burdens of the day, for all the friends who have made our little world brighter by their presence.

I am thankful for the prosperity I have known and for the splendors I have seen, for the glad voices I have heard and for all the happy yesterdays.

I am thankful for life, with all that it means of service and sorrow; for the peaceful roof which shelters us and for the love and laughter of our children.

I am thankful for the blessings which have come to us and for the promise which the future holds. I am thankful that my children are Americans; that the opportunities in this land of freedom shall be theirs to know and the benefits of its ampler life, theirs to enjoy.

I am thankful for all that has made life so far a pleasant journey, for our book of happy memories and for that faith which has sustained us in the shadows.

Grant, O God, that by our lives our gratitude may be shown. May we continue to the end unembittered, remembering always that the greater our loss appears, the greater our joy has been. Grant us the wisdom to know the false from the true, that we may bear our burdens bravely. Teach us to find pleasure in service, hope in sorrow, and peace when the day is done.

Quest and Conquests

Proper Dress

Yes, we know. Clothes do not make you holy. Yet there is no doubt that when one's heart is made holy, changing him from a sinner to a saint and from darkness to light, a change in manner of dress will also ensue. Yet, with what passion many religious people try to convince us that clothes do not matter. Their very passion belies their argument and reveals their hearts.

The apostles Peter and Paul (God) were not the number that felt the subject of dress should not be addressed. They did not *'leave it all to the Holy Spirit,'* any more than they left the teaching of salvation solely to the direct dealings of the Spirit.

I have read that the early Christians were considered strange because they were simple and modest in their dress, strictly moral in their conduct and they condemned the people for their popular forms of amusement and pleasure. The largest number, by far, of professing Christians today blend right into the world with their dress, conduct and amusement and pleasure-seeking. What *'Be ye separate'* means to such today I do not know. 'Be ye like the world' appears to be the rule of their lives.

Selected

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Gordon's Calvary And Garden Tomb Threatened By Muslim Construction

More than a quarter of a million Christians visit Jerusalem's Garden Tomb every year. Now, the sacred ground is being threatened by Muslims who are building a 15-foot wall atop the wall belonging to the Garden Tomb association. Imagine what the Islamic reaction would be if such a project was being carried out by Jews or Christians at or near a Muslim holy site?

The construction of this wall has neither a city permit nor the permission of the Garden Tomb association – both violations of Israeli law. The structure is supposed to be built three feet from any existing structure. Richard Meryon, director of the Garden Tomb said, "They never sought my permission."

Should the wall collapse, it could kill as many as 200 visitors, pilgrims and tourists who gather for worship in the Garden Tomb area, said Meryon. "We have been in active discussion and I am now negotiating with them. I cannot allow them to build this wall until they prove to me beyond all reasonable doubt that this wall is going to be safe," he said.

According to Meryon, recent digging on top of Golgotha threatens the hill known as the Place of the Skull. He suspects they want to build a minaret.

The Vine and Branches, Winter, 2010

"Victory" Church in Amarillo, Texas,

Hosted its third annual Fashionably Loud event on Feb. 24 (2011?), featuring fashion models, rock and hip hop music, light shows, break dancing, an electric guitar battle, and other things.

The fashions included very low cut necklines, short skirts, bare midriffs, pink hair styles, tight pants, you name it. The church's senior pastor, David Brown, said, "It helps to suggest to people that Christians are not living in another world, but the same one everyone else lives in and that Christians can be interested in fashions. Christians can be Christians and yet Trendy too."

Selected

A Whale of a Lawsuit

A black conservative group says it's both amused and appalled at what it calls the latest publicity stunt from a controversial animal rights group.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is going to court accusing SeaWorld of controlling and forcing five orca whales – here in San Diego and two in Orlando – to perform as "slaves" in violation of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. A PETA spokesperson claims the whales, all named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit, were "violently seized" from the ocean and "taken from their families as babies" – and need to be released "from bondage."

"Slavery is slavery, and it does not depend on the species (of) the slave any more than it depends on gender, race or religion," says Jeffrey Kerr, general counsel to PETA...

Horace Cooper is founding director of Project 21-The National Leadership Network of Black Conservatives. He first thought the lawsuit was a joke, but now realizes that the folks at PETA are serious – despite being wrong.

"(They) have so misconstrued the responsibilities that we as humans have to not mistreat animals to the point where they actually are making a claim that is unsubstantiated (and) irresponsible – and that is that people and animals are one and the same, and that's just not true," he tells OneNewsNow.

Comparing the control of killer whales to human slavery is offensive, he adds.

OneNewsNow.com

Wisconsin Governor Says, "It's a Christmas Tree"

Since 1916 there has been a Christmas tree in the rotunda of the Wisconsin State Capital in Madison, but in 1985, the politically correct crowd got it renamed as "a holiday tree."

Now in 2011, the current governor, Scott Walker, has stood up boldly and said, "It's a Christmas tree." Congratulations to the people of Wisconsin for electing a man, not a wimp.

Sword Press Service

Global Christian Persecution

The U.S. State Department reported in October that Afghanistan now has no church buildings and no Christian schools...

More than 100 million Christians are persecuted globally, and it's getting worse every year. A recent report by the Pew Forum of Religion and Public Life found more than 2.2 billion people live in countries where social hostilities or government restrictions rose substantially from

2006 to 2009...

The top 10 persecutors on the open doors 2011 World Watch List include North Korea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Somalia, Maldives, Yemen, Iraq, Uzbekistan and Laos.

Christian Newswire

Legalized Polygamy?

In mid November, a Canadian court ...rejected legalized polygamy, at least for the moment...

How long before legalized polygamy becomes an issue in the U.S.? And how will churches already celebrating same-sex unions respond?

Institute on Religion and Democracy

Roman Catholic Church *"The Bible does not mean what it says: it means what we say it says" Especially When it Comes to Israel!*

It's official: the Roman Catholic Church says so – Israel is to blame for just about everything wrong in the Middle East. This is the conclusion reached at a Synod held at the Vatican this past October. The Synod was called with the purpose of focusing on the persecution of Christians in that region.

The final statement of the Synod called on Israel to end their "occupation" of Arab lands and it blamed Israel for the dwindling Christian community in the region.

Cyril Salim Bustros, a Lebanon-born archbishop from Boston said, on behalf of the Synod, God's promises to Israel were nullified by Christ and the Jews are no longer "a chosen people." He further rejected the view that Israel is "a Jewish state." Sadly, this type of replacement theology is held by many mainline Protestants today.

The Vine and Branches, Winter, 2010

IN USA – This year commemorates **39 years** of legalized abortion that has seen the *equivalent* to an entire generation wiped out – more than 50 million aborted U. S. citizens.

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For Your Information:

In a particular 'nation' where the government has destroyed or closed *close to 100%* of all church buildings, a group of young people (Christians) share the Gospel in the streets of the same.

A different member of their group volunteers to walk

ahead of the others each time as a decoy. After the police drag away the "sacrificial lamb," the rest of the group goes in to share the gospel.

Information from a reliable source – Editor

How willing are you and I to *daily* take up the 'cross' of identity with JESUS and follow JESUS?

BIBLICAL QUALIFICATIONS

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil.

Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

1 Timothy 3:2-7, Titus 1:6-9,

Interesting in the Old Testament: Lev. 21:7-14 and Ezek. 44:20- 23.

Editor's Note: Scripture is clear that, for the calling/position of PASTOR: the office requires male leadership. It is '*impossible*' for a female to be the husband of one wife! This, by no means, states that 'man' is superior, but God is not a God of Confusion; but a God of orderliness, leadership. Just like in the 'home' it is to be God first, husband second, and wife third – **Ephesians 5:21 – 25, 6:1-4, 1 Peter 3:1-16.**

Swearing Rebuked

I am sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing into fashion. I hope that the officers will, by example and influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and their men will reflect that we have but little hope of the blessing of Heaven in our arms, if we insult Him by our impiety and folly. Added to this, it is vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it.

General George Washington, August 3, 1776.

CALVARY LOVE

By Pastor David Barnhart

“For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:6-8.

Cherish the Old Rugged Cross

It is sad that so many people in this lost and troubled world have neither understood the meaning of Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross nor personally experienced its transforming power. Even so, this never-to-be forgotten experience awaits anyone who comes in faith and repentance to Calvary where the Savior’s blood is still able to cleanse every stain.

Saul of Tarsus experienced Calvary love on the Damascus Road as he sought to find more Christians to arrest. Up to that time, no one had so viciously persecuted the church as did this fanatic Pharisee. Saul even held the coats of those who stoned Stephen to death outside the walls of Jerusalem. The entire church was astonished when they heard about his conversion to Christ.

Jesus, in His love and mercy, graciously offered this persecutor of the church the free gift of eternal life. So great was Saul’s transformation after his encounter with Jesus, God changed his name to Paul. Later, Paul was given special revelation concerning God’s plan of salvation by grace through faith alone.

Paul spent nearly fourteen years of his life in jails and prisons after he became God’s apostle to the Gentiles. This apostle extra ordinaire, who once had fellowship and prayed with wealthy and influential Jewish nobles, came to the place in his life where he considered worldly possessions and associations as rubbish, *so that I may gain*

When you compromise scriptural truth, you always compromise down, never up. Compromise permits you to forfeit the higher ground and legitimizes your choice of lower standards, lower expectations and lower dividends.

George Riddell III

Christ” Philippians 3:8.

Paul described the desire that flows from the heart of every true believer when he wrote: *“May it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ”* Galatians 6:14. The believer’s love for the cross is reflected in the long-treasured hymn: *“The Old Rugged Cross!”* Yes, the cross – this vile symbol of death – has become a symbol of triumph and victory!

The cross of Christ is cherished today by those who have been redeemed, yet it is utter foolishness to those who are perishing. The world hates the cross of Christ and all it stands for! This hell-inspired hatred is demonstrated by current efforts to remove the cross from national memorials that honor the brave men and women who fought and died in the service of our country.

The world hates the cross because it bears witness to the depths of sin and depravity in the human heart. Sinful man loves sin but hates God. God hates sin but loves sinners. Surely it is beyond comprehension how or why God could love anything or anyone in this defiled and corrupt world. Everyday finds sinful human beings shaking their fists in His face with utter contempt and defiance. But the glory of the cross is summed up in these words: *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* Romans 5:8.

The Bible does not say God “demonstrated,” an act that took place in the past, but it says God “demonstrates His own love toward us. Paul used the present perfect tense in this passage to make clear God’s unmerited grace which flowed from Calvary continues to flow to this day!

Those who are searching for proof of God’s love need only to look to the cross. Christ’s death for the sins of the world is a message that will forever resonate in the hearts of believers as the ultimate demonstration of divine love. It was love, not nails, that held Christ to the cross.

The cross is not only God’s ultimate expression of love, it is also God’s final appeal to all sinners. If the message of the cross is not accepted, there is no other solution for sin. Come to Him today!

*Come to Calvary’s holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows to you, to me to all;
In a full perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.*

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Taken from *‘The Vine and Branches’*

“The Rest of the Story”— Football!

In a recent email, I read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and we'll make him a preacher.

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football. Pam's son is Tim Tebow.

The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called The Mile-High Messiah.

Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of women's centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every little baby you save matters. I pray her tribe will increase!

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

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“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.” Rom. 8:3

THE **law** is God's will revealed to us in human words. There God tells us who He is, and what we shall be. He who does what the law commands, and leaves undone what it forbids, that man shall live by what he does.

But it was this that did not succeed, not because the law was weak, but because we were weak. When God tried to make new men of us by the law, He failed. It proved impossible because the building materials were not in us. We were like decayed wood and broken glass; and so He had to lay us aside. He could no longer count on us.

But in His great wisdom and love God found another way. He sent us His Son in the flesh, and on the man Jesus Christ He laid the demands of the law, and reckoned with Him for us. In Him there was material for the creation of a new man, and so He laid the sin, guilt, punishment, judgment, and death on Christ, and demanded of Him what He had right to get from us. He condemned our sin in the flesh of Christ, and thus presented us unblamable before His face. That is what God did.

When it is a question of our salvation we have a right to turn entirely away from ourselves, and to trust in Christ alone. As perfect as God is in Himself, so perfectly is our salvation planned in Christ. That is what God did.

*Redeemed, restored, forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven,
O praise our pardoning God!*

*Praise Him in tuneful measures,
Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sevenfold treasures
Enrich and sanctify.*

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God has promised forgiveness to
your repentance, but he has not
promised tomorrow to your
procrastination.

You're Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!

"Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft ..." (1 Samuel 15:23)

It all started long ago. God had created a perfect arch-angel named Lucifer, which means "the shining one." His very creation was to lead the throngs of heaven in worship to God. He had musical abilities created for him to do this. *"You were in Eden, the garden of God, Every precious stone was your covering ...the workmanship of your timberls (tambourines) and pipes (flutes) was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of the fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you."* (Ezk. 28:13-14)

This mighty angel developed pride in his heart. He became jealous of God, and wanted the worship for himself that was due God. *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations. For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most high'."* (Isa. 14:12-14) You can hear the spirit of Rebellion in his words. 'I will not take a back seat to God, I will replace Him'! Why? Because "You're Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!"

This spirit of Rebellion led Lucifer and one-third of the angels of heaven to revolt against the Lord in a war. They lost and were cast down to the earth. *"And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."* (Rev. 12:7-9) These "fallen angels" are now what we call demons or evil spirits. The mission of Satan and his evil hordes is to deceive mankind away from God. One of the key ways that they are doing this is with the very same spirit that took them down in the first place: The spirit of Rebellion.

The Fall of Adam and Eve

The spirit of Rebellion is how Satan deceived the first people to sin against God. The Lord had given Adam and Eve just one command to obey: *"From any tree of the garden you may eat freely, but from the tree of the knowledge*

of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die." (Gen. 2:16-17) This was an emphatic command, that is what "surely" means. Satan came along and said, *"You surely shall not die."* (Gen. 3:4) He is emphatically stating that this WON'T happen! Here you see the absolute defiance and the spirit of Rebellion that Satan actually wants to negate what God said will happen. Through three cleverly designed lies, the rebellion took hold. *"...she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."* (Gen. 3:6) Now all mankind is sentenced to die and is under the wrath of God. That is what the spirit of Rebellion got Adam and Eve.

The spirit of Rebellion in Society

Since rebellion worked so well for Satan in the first parents, he is using it in the lives of people everywhere. *"In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience.**"* (Eph. 2:2) – Emphasis mine

The lost people in the world have this same spirit of Rebellion that led Lucifer to rebel against God. It produces in them the "spirit of disobedience." Disobedience means that you don't do what you are instructed. In other words, "You're Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!" This is precisely the spirit that has overtaken society at large today.

The typical image portrayed today is of someone who is tough and strong. They do what they want in this world and it is all to satisfy themselves. If anyone gets in the way of them doing that, they destroy them in a fight. No one is going to tell them what to do. Children rebel against their parents and their standards. Today, it is common for young people to dress provocatively. Should their parents try to discipline them, they can turn to the counselor at school and get the legal system involved under the name "child-abuse." Consequently, many children look at their parents and superiors with the attitude, "You're Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!"

The spirit of Rebellion in the Church

Oddly enough, people in the church are increasingly developing this spirit as well. When young people come into the church, it is common for them to replace most of the traditions that the older saints had. The first thing that usually goes is the old, "stuffy" hymns and they are replaced it with a contemporary band. "This is what we want

and what will draw the people.” If anyone raises an objection, the attitude comes back, “You’re Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!”

Statistics show that the divorce rate among Christians and non-Christians is the same, and some statistics show that the immorality rate of Christian young people is virtually the same as non-Christians. (*You Lost Me* by David Kinnaman, Baker Books, 2012). When Christian people adopt these standards as a way of life, they are, in effect, saying to God Himself, “You’re Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!”

The prevalent attitude that is increasing in the church is this: “I will live the way I want and you’re not going to give me do’s and don’ts to live by. The Holy Spirit is my guide alone and I am free to do as I please.” This statement is a direct contradiction. The Holy Spirit has already decided on many things of right and wrong and has had them penned down in Scripture for us. The Ten Commandments are a list of do’s and don’ts and they are mandatory, not optional. When the Holy Spirit is in charge of a person, he will live according to this code of conduct. Even in the New Testament, we have many directives by the Holy Spirit on how to live. “*Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul.*” (1 Pet. 2:11) Is this not a command from the Holy Spirit on what you are NOT to do? He also says, “*For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit, which are God’s.*” (1 Cor. 6:20) Is this not a command on what TO do?

Does this sound like do’s and don’ts? It should, because that is what the Scripture does for Christians: It instructs them in the proper way to live in this world. What is lacking today is not the availability of the Scripture, but rather it is the obedience to the Scriptural commands by those who say they believe it.

I believe that the reason the Scripture has lost its authority in society is because it first lost its authority over its so-called adherents. They have developed a spirit of Rebellion: “You’re Not Going To Tell Me What To Do!”

The Spirit of Jesus is exactly opposite this spirit of Rebellion. “*Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus; Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*” (Phil. 2:5-8) The Spirit of Jesus is not rebellion, it is obedience to God, even to death, even the horrid death of the cross. His attitude was, “God, You ARE Going To Tell Me What To Do, and I will do it unto the death.”

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The Power of a New Life

Listening To The Word - Philippians 3:8-16

A lady who wanted to lead a Christian life felt that there was one thing in her life that she could not give up.

When she consulted her pastor, he said to her, “Have you noticed that there are always a few leaves clinging to the old oak trees after all the other leaves have fallen? The strong blasts of winter fail to tear them off.”

He continued, “Spring comes, and still they cling persistently. The days are calm, bright, and balmy. Presently, one-by-one they fall off. What unseen power so quietly, but so surely severs them? The new life rising in the tree gradually causes them to fall off. And so with us - as the new life of Christ in us permeates our being, we find that we can give up for Him what before seemed so precious.”

The wise Scottish preacher, Alexander MacLaren, understood the power which can break sin’s grip in our lives. He said, “The chains of sin can be got off. Christ looses them by His blood. Like a drop of corrosive acid that blood, falling upon the fetters, dissolves them, and the prisoner goes free, emancipated by the Son.”

What sin binds you? Is it a debilitating habit or practice which spoils your testimony or thoughts? Is it a weakness of your will, unseen by other people? Whatever it is, trust the blood of Christ to break it as you live each day in fellowship with the Risen Saviour. He has the power, the victory, for you. Amen!

Listening To The Word - Colossians 2:6-10

There are two ways for a Christian to deal with behavior problems in his or her life. Let me share them with you, briefly.

The first way is to resort to legalism - keeping some rule or regulation which, it is hoped, will please God and change our behavior. But legalism is not liberating. Instead legalism condemns and hinders the one who practices it. The Law had a weakness it could not overcome in our flesh for it appealed to self-effort and self-justification.

The second option is the better option: Responding to the newness of Christ’s life within. God overcame our weakness by the work of Christ and the indwelling power of his Holy Spirit. When properly motivated, the Christian life is not heavy burden; it is the natural expression of an inner life.

Sadly, many Christians today who are saved by grace seem to feel that they can live by the works of the flesh. But the Scripture tells us that “*as we received the Lord Jesus, so we are to walk in him.*” That’s an important truth. Just as we receive Christ by faith; so we must walk by

faith. When we learn this, the great promises of peace and contentment and joy that we find in the Scriptures replace the terrible frustrations of trying to please God in the strength of the flesh.

Paul said we are not to have confidence in the flesh. I believe that applies not only to the moment of salvation, but the total walk of a Christian. Let us walk by faith for it is a walk of peace and close fellowship with our blessed Lord.

Wilbur E. Nelson

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Four Steps to a Motivated Ministry

(Continued from the last issue of the Morning Glory)

By the Spirit's Explosiveness - 2 Corinthians 4:1-10

Winning medal after medal, Michael Phelps made Olympic history last summer. When his body submerged in the water, he was explosive. From where did this power come? Much of his success comes from his natural abilities, but to accomplish what he accomplished, it had to start from within. He had a desire to win. As Christians we have an explosive power within us, or a "power within." Our power source is the Holy Spirit of God. The apostle Paul uses the term "earthen vessel" (v.7) to describe the body in which the Holy Spirit dwells. This vessel in Bible times was a jar of clay. In John 2, the water that was turned to wine was contained in clay jars.

So how can we show forth the best witness from within our clay pots? First we must be filled with the Spirit. He must have total control of our lives as we continually yield to Him. Therefore, we are admonished to "grieve not the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 4:30) and to "quench not the Spirit" (1 Thess. 5:19). The potential to do mighty works for God is available, but we often fail to allow the Holy Spirit to do His work. Second, we need to take the attention off the container and direct it to what is inside. Paul says, "Not I, but Christ" (Gal. 2:20).

Without Jesus Christ we can do nothing. God who dwells within us deserves all the credit for anything that we can accomplish in this clay jar.

Because of the explosive spiritual power in us, we can: minister on a mission field, preach from behind the pulpit, teach children or be a huge asset in various ministries. And His Word assures us that the weaker the vessel is, the stronger His power may manifest itself in us, that the treasure within should be valued the more (v.7).

By Suffering for Endurance - 2 Corinthians 1:1-7

Even though we hate to admit it, tribulation and suffering are a "must" for the believer for they supply us with endurance. No one desires tribulation or afflictions, but after the fact, many will testify: "It was the best thing that ever happened to me." Often tribulations are blessings in disguise. Job 23:10 says "When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." The psalmist said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray" (Psa. 119:67). Joseph recognized, "God meant it unto good" (Gen. 50:30). Hebrews 12:11 exhorted the early church and us today: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

Affliction, tribulation, suffering – whatever you call it – is common to man. How one endures depends upon the individual. A believer can become bitter and subsequently sidelined from service for the Lord, or, conversely, he can show strength and stability in the midst of adversity and demonstrate complete trust in God when facing a crisis. Trials make us effectual in ministering one to another. No one can be of more comfort to a suffering Christian than one who has already been through a similar difficulty.

Do not be discouraged when hard times come. Please read James 1:12. One does not accomplish a marathon by training the day before. Michael Phelps did not gain the endurance for Olympic gold by just swimming once in a while. It takes persistent and sometimes painful practice to attain the goal; it takes hardships and suffering to build endurance. So, "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Tim. 2:3).

By Seeing Eternal - 2 Corinthians 4:15-18

Stop, look and consider the world around you. You will see many things you would like to do or to change. You will see bad things happening to good people. You will see an economy that could collapse at any time. You will find Christians persecuted for their faith and Satan trying to pull you away from your Savior. If you keep yourself focused on the gloom you see, you will be sure to faint!

As believers we must start seeing the invisible, looking up and concentrating on the heavenly. "Seek those things which are above ...Set your affection on things

above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-3). Hebrews 11 mentions many heroes of the faith who ran life’s race before us, looking unto Jesus. These men and women did not get caught up in the world around them. One of these heroes was Moses. Hebrews 11 lists four aspects of Moses’ ministry: (1) He **exposed the truth**, for he was not afraid to let others know who he was (Heb. 11:24). (2) He **exploded the treasure**. He could have had it all but was richer by far for denying the treasures of Egypt (Heb. 11:26). (3) He **endured tribulation**, “choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God” (Heb. 11:25). (4) He **erased the temporal**, “as seeing Him who is invisible” (Heb. 11:27). At first glance it does not seem that following these four steps paid off for Moses, considering he was unable to go into the Promise Land. But notice (Deuteronomy 34:5, 7: “So Moses the servant of the LORD died...His eye was not dim, nor his normal face abated.” When God took him out of his ministry, he was still going strong. Follow Moses’ example and forsake the temporal by seeing the eternal. TCS

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**“Let the Lord be magnified, which hath
pleasure in the prosperity of his servant”**
Ps. 35:27b

All that is needed to bring out the serpent of envy with its poisonous cleft tongue, is for some person to prosper. The first murder on earth had envy as a motive - a man even killed his own brother. Since that time the same serpent has struck innumerable people with its deadly poison, and it is still crawling about in our midst.

How comforting, therefore, to read today’s Scripture: “*Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*”

We should thank God for all prosperity and progress. It is He who gives us the victory. He “*hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*” He shall further his cause. *Let the Lord be magnified.*”

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“Honor the LORD with your possessions, And the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine” Proverbs 3:9-10. *“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever”* Daniel 12:3.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN ...

The Scriptural Fundamental Doctrines of the Faith
The Biblical Distinctive of pietistic, Evangelical Lutherans

The Need for Biblical Preaching & Practicing

The Call/Ministry of Local Evangelistic Meetings

The Command for Personal Soul winning

The call to Biblical Godly Separation

The Preservation of the whole Inspired Book, the BIBLE

The Need for Christ-Honoring Music

The Importance of the local Biblical Practicing Congregation

The Need of Christian Fellowship & Hospitality

The Commission by JESUS HIMSELF of going unto ...

That ‘Time’ is Fleeting and this ‘day’ of GRACE could soon be over

That the coming of Jesus (Rapture) could be just over the ‘horizon’

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SPRING HAUGE BIBLE CONFERENCE

March 16 – 18, 2012

At Mt. Sion Lutheran Church, Kasson, MN

Pastor Lyle Aadahl, Host Pastor

Back to Biblical Basics in the 21st Century

**The Theme Verse for the Hauge Bible Conference
is: "...for such a Time as This" Esther 4:14b.**

Friday Evening, March 16th

7:00 p.m. – Stringed Instruments & Singspiration

7:30 p.m. – Guest Speaker: Missionary/Pastor
Connely Dyrud, Maple Grove, MN

Refreshments & Fellowship Following

Saturday, March 17th

Prayer Time at 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 – 10 a.m. Coffee/Refreshments

10:00 – 10:55 a.m. Guest Speaker: Pastor Jim Peterson,
Mondovi, WI

11:05 – 12:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Pastor Jim Haga,
Shoreview, MN

Noon Meal provided at the Church

1:15 – 2:10 p.m. Pastor Jim Peterson

2:20 – 3:15 p.m. Pastor Jim Haga

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Coffee/Refreshments

3:45 p.m. – Testimonies, Fellowship, Hymn/Gospel
Singspiration

4:30 p.m. Hauge Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Supper at Church

7:00 p.m. Evening Service – Missionary Connely
Dyrud, Coffee/Refreshments following

Sunday, March 18th

Worship Service and Sunday School/Adult Class

(Definitely encouraged to attend, also)

Missionary Connely Dyrud is the 'guest speaker' during
the Worship Services both at Mt. Sion Luth.,
Kasson and Zion Luth., Dexter.

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**YOU ARE INVITED AND
PLEASE BRING OTHERS!**

Please Pray Expectantly

Prepare yourself to be richly Blest!

(Come not only expecting many blessings, but to be
an encouragement and blessing also)

P. S. IF convenient: Please bring along 'goodies' for
'refreshment' times. Thank You.