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

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Stand Firm

By Frank Wright, Ph.D.

In Paul’s epistle to the Ephesians, he writes to believers living in the Roman capital of the providence of Asia. As such it was an important center of commerce, education and politics. Ephesus was marked by its profoundly pagan culture, as the magnificent temple of Artemis (Diana), which was considered one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, adorned the great city.

In his concluding exhortation, Paul urges the Ephesians (and us) to put on the full armor of God:

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.” (Ephesians 6:10-13; emphasis added)

We who are followers of Jesus Christ, trusting Him as Savior and Lord, also find ourselves living in an increasingly pagan culture. The Judeo-Christian consensus – prevailing since the founding of America – has seemingly evaporated in our day.

In past generations, practitioners of witchcraft, satanism, and black magic were seen as shadowy figures ensconced in disreputable cults. Today, they have websites and marketing strategies. Human life; as in pagan times, is now disposable based upon convenience. Biblical Christians are deemed haters by the enlightened souls at the

Southern Poverty Law Center. Amazon makes millions selling Bibles on the one hand while seeking to abridge religious liberty on the other. Governments curtail religious freedom by fiat, using the coronavirus pandemic as cover. And Internet gatekeepers have anointed themselves as the arbiters of freedom – the new book-burners of our time.

In fighting to preserve America’s heritage of spiritual freedom and prosperity, we seek the welfare of others above our own. Like our forebears, we seek the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom – because the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST is the only (real)hope of mankind. We seek American renewal, because in her welfare lies the welfare of uncounted millions.

The history of America is like the history of the Christian Church – a miraculous birth, followed by spiritual strength and prosperity, but periodically troubled by weakness of faith, timidity, and forgetfulness. But each falling away is succeeded by a Spirit-led revival and renewal, when the people of God remember the heights from which they have fallen and return to the Standard of their Great King and Savior.

Blessed Beneficiaries

YET, Americans alive today are the blessed beneficiaries of a distinctly Christian national heritage – whether they realize it or not. For each of our beloved freedoms (*that we often take for granted*) we stand on the shoulders of giants, of patriots – many of whom gave the last full measure of their devotion in defense of those freedoms.

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above our own. Like our forebearers, we seek the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom – because the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the only (real) hope of mankind. We seek American renewal (revival),

Like our forebears, we must be a people of hope, active in defense of freedom – even as we also look forward to a City with Foundations whose architect and builder is GOD.

By Grace

IF you were drowning and someone offered to pull you from the water, and you accepted that offer, would it be true that you had done anything to save yourself? Could you say that you had been saved by your own works, and thereby became proud? What, then, of those who receive Christ by an act of their will – was it because they were smart enough, loving enough, wise enough, righteous enough, or anything else enough? That I choose to accept the pardon God offers in Christ does not constitute any work on my part. It is all of God and all by GRACE. I can’t take any credit whatsoever!

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, But according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of Regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost ...” (Titus 3:5)

The Berean Call

JUNE

JUNE is typically/traditionally the month when the greater percentage of marriages take place between one male and one female and it will (would be) a very blessed marriage IF truly Jesus Christ is the Chief cornerstone, the listener of every conversation and the honored Guest at all times!

I would like to take this opportunity to share a little bit how GOD has blessed our marriage which is our 60th Anniversary this month in His marvelous Grace and provisions! One of the great marvels in our sixty years of blessed marriage, is that we have agreed on almost everything; but the most important is our wonderful harmony in our Christian walk and our convictions/practices based on the WORD of GOD. We're almost like conjoined twins. PTL! Very interesting *though* for we too thought that *maybe* the Bridegroom may be coming for His Blood-bought bride in a twinkling of an eye even before we got married; but HIS timing is different than ours; but you can rest assured just as confident that you are alive reading this – He is coming again for His Own! We find when a special event is to take place in our lives; we pray, plan, prepare and look expectantly to the coming “event”; and thus, seek to occupy (layman’s definition of occupy is being involved) until! Our SAVIOR tells us the same thing; even though we think HE has delayed (tarried) in our calculations HE will come in the exact moment of God’s timing!

PRIVILEGED & Responsible: Those two words are certainly very true as we both were born and raised as citizens of the USA and even greater we both (personally) know JESUS CHRIST as our Savior; thus, in HIS Grace we are homeward bound to that Eternal City whose founder and maker is God Himself. Even when we dated, we had devotions together and have continued ever since. Our dating was very limited; thus, much of the same was by letter-communication and it is very interesting how we met the first time, which *many* of you have never experienced! (*In a sense we both believe that our marriage was planned in Heaven; but we had to make the choice: This is the person I want until death do us part*).

Personally, I was privileged to be born on a very small family farm and financially was what would be called today poor and Barb was basically raised on a Dairy farm with a modest financial income. Why am I sharing that in regards to our blest marriage and family? Because it helped us to manage for our married life.

Oh, we have had some ups & downs as we have journeyed together; BUT the most singular ingredient is FORGIVENESS from GOD through Jesus Christ and forgiving one another and then moving on. There are nu-

merous ingredients to experience a blessed, joyous marriage in this earthly journey & this is a very important ingredient. Have you noticed though, when the Holy Spirit convicts through His Word; that immediately we are defense attorneys of ourselves and also in relationship to others?

As I already mentioned, we have experienced bumps/hurdles in our marriage (*A few major ones*); in the area of Spiritually, physically, socially and financially living on a somewhat limited income; BUT GOD has seen us through and provided one way or another, some we know are definite miracles as well! When you are truly in love, it is much more than physical attraction. It is enjoying being in the presence of one another and you share your joys, sorrows, burdens, hurts, both small and large with one another. That’s the way it is with our Heavenly Father also; just wanting to sense His presence in our midst; as we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. But open/clear communication with each other and as we sought to communicate clearly with each other as Husband and Wife and not through our precious family that God entrusted to us.

If all Christian homes would be as blest as ours has been, what a different atmosphere there would be and even so for those living only for this temporal world!

TRULY GOD has blest us with an inheritance from HIM with a family of five children, fourteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. We have a continued burden for the lost and we all need further Spiritual nourishment in growing towards maturity in our walk with Jesus (by a living faith) and discernment in these days of apostasy so we are not deceived as we continue to come closer to our Eternal HOME which could be closer to the midnight hour then we even think! As a result, please read Hebrews 3:12-14.

As we become older, it seems that our walk together becomes even closer knit as we are nearing the Shore and we trust our walk with JESUS becomes closer knit in fellowship with Him! The inner struggle becomes seemingly more severe as we head for that Crystal Clear City whose foundation is of God and even the street is of pure Gold. What a Day that shall be, when we look upon His Face, the ONE who died for me and is risen and coming again for His Blood Bought Bride!

ALSO, we want to work together as “we the people” of this great land of FREEDOM, for at the present time, we are also praying for the future of the USA to be able to enjoy the same freedoms we have today – for our children’s generation and for the second and third generation. We are also trying to help preserve this freedom; although we have lost a little already; but it could become much worse!

“Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:14)

P.S. I have been privileged and responsible to be the *head* of our household, and I even have the privilege to say such; with her permission! I am the head and my wife is the neck, but the neck turns the head! The LORD has entrusted to me a wonderful wife. So we in a sense pray that you may experience a blest marriage as we have these 60 years of GRACE! And over the years and most recently we have found and experienced (figuratively Elijah’s experience of the Old Testament) 1 Kings 17:4 & 6, “And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook.” In other words, God has provided for us through human vessels.

“Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands... when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear... Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding; giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayer may not be hindered.” (I Peter 3:1, 2, & 7)

At the present, as I am working on this particular issue of the *Morning Glory*; we have entered a period of semi-drought which includes a large area. A fair amount of rain is forecasted and the outcome then is changed. It reminds me (vividly) of Jude 10 – 19 “...These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; ...twice dead, pulled up by the roots;...to execute judgment on all,....” (*Emphasis mine*). How we need to pray both physically and spiritually! **Acts 3:19**

Editor

How Often Do We Not Hear or Read?

How often do we not hear; that you must first build a rapport of friendship before you can truly be a (vessel) that the LORD can use as His Ambassador to share God’s Law & Gospel with the lost? **BUT God’s Son** said that friendship with the world is enmity toward GOD! Most certainly I am not suggesting being un-friendly!

We are told to be as wise as we can, and we should

be loving and kind. But that is not the key to win folk for Jesus Christ! IF it were, Christ would have won the world of His Day and today as well, and would not have been crucified. No one was, nor can be, more patient and loving and kind and understanding as HE is, yet they hated Him without a cause and crucified HIM! Jesus says very clearly that the servant is not greater than his Lord and the world will hate us just as it hated Him. The only thing that will win people is sharing His Law and Gospel; THE TRUTH! Without GOD’S Law and Gospel, we will not win them to Christ.

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore, be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. But beware of men...” (Matthew 10:16 & 17a.)

Editor

Why so Few Miracles today?

Why so few miracles today? Because the emphasis is upon healing instead of holiness, upon the gifts instead of the GIVER – and because those who profess these gifts have largely rejected the clear teaching of Scripture concerning them. We do not intend to deny the validity of the gifts of our day. But most of what goes on out there in the name of the gifts of the Spirit of God is demonic. The problem today is that much of what is being passed off as the work of the Holy Spirit is fleshly at best and demonic at worst.

“And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked...” (I Corinthians 12:23-24)

The Berean Call

“There is no way that Christians, in a private capacity, can do so much to promote the work of God and advance the Kingdom of Christ as by prayer.”

Jonathan Edwards.

Editorial

RES

SHOW AND TELL!

“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.” (Exodus 31:16)

As I recall, many years ago when I was privileged to attend a country grade-school, we were at times challenged to bring beautiful pictures for some class subject, then basically it was replaced by Show and Tell. According to my understanding GOD does the opposite in His Book by pointing out our NEED in order to seek and apply His Forgiveness of our SIN!

Recently I read a short devotional, published by a Christian publication that does the exact opposite of the above Bible verse by stating, “Nothing like this is ever stated to the Gentiles.” If it were otherwise, we should reasonably expect clear teaching in the New Testament stating so, particularly in Acts 15. How about: A good and reliable source states basically the following; The two main Greek words for keep in the New Testament mean more than just “obey,” though this meaning is certainly included. They also mean “guard” and “preserve.” So, we are told while Jesus (Incarnate) was walking on the Earth, He taught us to guard and obey God’s Commandments! Matthew 19:17, **“He said to Him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”**

Once again, it appears to me that this person had a particular subject that he wanted to expound on; this is taking place even among Evangelical Lutheran Pastors and on – show and tell. By that I mean to say that hardly any part of God’s Holy Word, the Bible do they use expository preaching; expounding upon the Word, but rallying around a theme.

I am reminded of the story of a certain preacher who spoke on baptism no matter what the text. So, the committee that sought guest speakers decided to assign topics.

The topic was about Noah’s era. This guest speaker, started by stating a few facts in regards to the same AND then because of the SIN of the people; GOD performed an unusual Flood, which takes water; so, I am going to speak on baptism.

NOW the followers of the founders of the HLIF are seeking to be biblical followers of the same; and have

become *almost a little Unique* among Lutheran Circles and beyond; in not making any apologies for the old time religion and seeking to practice the same, by the GRACE of GOD and HIS empowerment by the Holy Spirit! It worked before, why do you think it is not happening today (Awakenings, Revival) as a whole? (Maybe there is so much Pick or Chose)!

This writer must have had a burr under his saddle! If what he states is biblically true; let me give a few reasons why I disagree. Most certainly Scripture is clear as there is a clear distinction between the ceremonial law and the Moral Law; as the ceremonial LAW was during the Old Testament era and we live in what is called the New Testament era. We are most privileged to live in the New Testament era (GRACE) where the Old Testament era had types for that which was to come in and through JESUS, who stated clearly **“It is finished”!**

Complete in Christ; Colossians 2:8-10, *“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”* Notice how God is speaking to us as individuals and there is only One Way we are complete.

As soon as you begin to expose what is wrong today, you are labeled as a negative, hating person in our culture, even among some professing Christians.

What about a Piano Teacher who corrects the student when he is wrong in order to instruct the student what is right!

First of all; Why did God, the Creator, rest on the seventh day? I certainly don’t know the answer to that question: but maybe it means that God was totally satisfied with what HE had created in six days; that CREATION was complete! AS JESUS is the Founder, Creator, Preserver from the very beginning, approximately six thousand (plus) years ago, He is also the Alpha and Omega (Beginning and the End-

ing). Revelation 1:8 **“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, says the Lord, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

Secondly; In show and tell; If keeping the Sabbath (Sabbath means REST) Day of the week (command) is for the Jewish folk only; then why do some Christians take and apply some of GOD’s promises that were directly given to Israel in the Old Testament and seek to stand on them today as Gentiles also? This is Window shopping in the BIBLE – picking and choosing which ones to apply today. At times why did Jesus commend the Pharisees of HIS day in regards what they were to keeping was good, but...?

Thirdly: WHEN GOD gave MOSES the Ten Commandments for the children of Israel, why then are we to keep only certain ones and dismiss others, IF they were only for the Israelites during the Old Testament era? Looks to me like it is window-shopping in the SCRIPTURE, as the BIBLE does not contradict itself! MOST certainly a person will never be saved by keeping the Law as our righteousness is before our Holy GOD what Isaiah states – “But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rages; WE all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.” (64:6) BUT JESUS does

say, If, you love me you will keep my commandments, not for merit/good-works but out of LOVE!

Is Deuteronomy intended ONLY for Jews in the Old Testament era OR is it GOD’s intention for ALL ages, both Jews and Gentiles?

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.” (Titus 3:5)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

The following somewhat summarizes the ministry of the HLIF/MG as we want and need your support: **“We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”** (II Corinthians 6:1)

You and I will never totally understand GOD’s Word, the BIBLE in this earthly journey; BUT just the same it is God’s Love Letter to you and I for our benefit, the LAW and the GOSPEL!

Deceitful Workers

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light” (II Corinthians 11:13-14)

IF you have a Computer or Typewriter; have you noticed how easy it is to accidently push one little key and it messes up the whole purpose of your writing? Only one key/error pushed by your hand and the whole content is messed up, until corrected.

So is the arch enemy of our soul and the deception or error could make a complete difference of where you will spend ETERNITY! The Holy Spirit (third person of Triune GOD) leads only in the truth the whole TRUTH and only in the Truth!

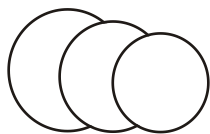
Satan, the counterfeit takes on many forms like, lion, thief, nagger, deceiver, etc., but among Christians and religious folk is when he transforms himself as a clever Deceiver, to deceive the very elect if possible!

(For example: the twelve Apostles gathered in the upper-room and Jesus says one of you will betray Me and each one began to say: LORD, IS IT I?”

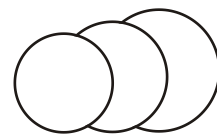
The Devil presents counterfeits of all of God’s Blessings to pull us away from the gift of a living-faith as he cannot create, but copy. Thus it shouldn’t surprise us that demonic signs and wonders exist; especially in these “Perilous Times,” as he is working overtime. Actually, the whole world (the unsaved) lies under the way (influence) of the wicked one (Satan). The unsaved are in his grip if they know it or don’t know it. Yet they are accountable or responsible for their actions before our Holy God.

It is only the Living Savior (Deliverer) JESUS who can set one free from the bondage of SIN and Satan. Without Christ, the only protection an unbeliever has is his or her own will, which is rarely a match for the schemes of the Devil.

Editor



From Our Fellowship Circle



A. & K. T. **Livingston, NJ**
Thank you for publishing and promoting the *Morning Glory*, for it has informed and blessed us countless times.

May God continue to use you for years to come!

J. & F. D. B. **Fertile, MN**
Today, its ...years since my Dad, ... passed away. He traveled and preached for the HLIF. When I was real young, but I still have some great memories of his messages.

God bless your work.

Mr. & Mrs. A. H **Twin Valley, MN**
To all of you who are with the *Morning Glory*; We hope you are all well!

... really enjoy every word you write in the Morning Glory, and thus here is enclosed a donation & we wish it could be more! ...

We know that JESUS is coming again and we are waiting and we keep looking up! We continue to plant the Seed of Salvation. OH, how HE loves you and me! And cares for the whole world in love.

God Bless you all and thanks again for the MG.

C. & D. S. **Nine Miles FLs, WA**
Please cancel our subscription to your *Morning Glory* magazine.

N. L. T. **Boca Raton, FL**
Thank you for being a blessing to my parents who are now Home with the LORD.

I am thankful they shared the *Morning Glory* with me. I so enjoy reading it from cover to cover and receive many blessings from it.

S. & J. L. **Osakis, MN**
We've been so blest with the *Morning Glory*! Keep it coming until the Lord returns as we also are looking forward to that blessed/hope realization more and more to that Day. God Bless.

Pastor W. R. **Stephen City, VA**
I am writing today to ask you all to please start sending me *MORNING GLORY* again. I have moved a couple of times or so in the past three years. That is why things keep disappearing so to speak. So I want to make sure you have my new address.

I decided to do this in order to avoid having you all to discontinue sending me your paper as well as other mail – I got a Post Office Box...

I hope that all is well with you all. I really loved your publication and I do miss it. The good news is I see where you all have many of your back issues online so I plan to go back and read and reread as many as possible!

Dear Future Husband,

You'll have to challenge me spiritually.

When I'm not kept in check with my weekly devotions or challenged to dig deeper and read more I become a lazy

Christ Follower and that's not who I want to be, and not who I can be. Please lead me with your faith, lead me to find my own and let's have devotions together,

let's challenge each other daily to take up our crosses and follow Christ with all that we do.

A. T. M. **Champaign, IL**
Thank you for *Morning Glory* and please find a contribution for the same. We need more and more wholesome literature in our homes to lessen the darkness of these days!

V. T. **Morris, IL**
Hi to everyone at MG. Spring is upon us and glory to God for He is so good, and how good it is to move from fear to faith.

This donation is given in honor of my Mother-in-law ...who just turned 97 years young!

She got me started reading *Morning Glory* 50 years ago – Best reading ever, except for the BIBLE!

Thank you

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

IMMEDIATELY, IF NOT SOONER!!! (VERY SERIOUS)

Very likely you will not hear this on the liberal news media of today; BUT that does not change the fact of the reality of the same whatsoever!

The U.S. Congress, by the liberal element or leftist are now trying to get a Law through Congress called "H.R. 5 Equality Act" which would undermine the entire Word of God! The word Equality sounds great, but it would definitely go against the First Amendment of the Constitution, against Christian principals and forbid your Pastor/Editor/ whoever to preach that homosexuality, same sex-marriages, etc. as sin as according to the Eternal Word of God, from the BIBLE!

One of the saddest things in our beloved Land is that liberals/leftist never give up, while conservatives do give-up. This challenge has proceeded for a number of weeks already.

REMEMBER that righteousness exalted a nation, but SIN is a reproach to any people!

This is Urgent as the struggle is not over yet as we battle not against flesh and blood; but the evil forces of the air. Christians who are truly on scriptural praying ground; should intercede immediately if not sooner in specific PRAYER for our people of this great USA and our elected Leaders.

Biden Administration Denies Request to Hold July 4 Fireworks at Mount Rushmore

President Joe Biden's administration has rejected an attempt to hold a fireworks show at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in July to celebrate Independence Day.

Herbert Frost, a regional director for the National Park Service, cited the COVID-19 pandemic in making his decision.

In response to the decision, Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-S.D.) and Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) said in a joint statement: "Lets be clear, this decision is political, not evidence-based. President Biden just said himself that American can safely gather by July 4 –what's changed in a day? Last year millions watched the celebration in awe, and its a shame the administration is denying Americans that opportunity this year."

3/17-23/21, The Epoch Times

Unilever Company Dropping "Normal" to Be More "Inclusive"

Unilever is set to drop the term "normal" from its beauty products in a bid to become even more inclusive.

According to a ...report from the BBC, Unilever – which owns popular brand Dove – said the word "normal" would be struck from marketing in order to craft a "more inclusive definition of beauty."

The news organization noted that the term will be removed ... and will impact the branding of at least 200 products...

In a statement, Sunny Jain, the firm's president of beauty and personal care products, said, "...it is an important step forward." Shampoo – or skin care – for "normal to dry" conditions will be labeled for dry and damaged" hair going forward, for example.

...The New York Times reported ...using the word "normal" on products "makes most people feel excluded."

Sarah Taylor, theblaze.com

Bethany Christian Services Now Allowing LGBTQ Couples to Foster, Adopt

On March 1, (2021), Bethany Christian Services, a Michigan based group, announced it will begin placing children in LGBTQ families nationwide. In a statement to the Christian Post, Nathan Bult, senior vice president of the historically evangelical organization ... (said) they are "not claiming a position on the various doctrinal issues about which Christians may disagree." ...

The international agency said it will begin training all its employees, including those at locations that have not worked with gay couples.

The announcement represents a shift for Bethany, an evangelical organization that has the stated aim of demonstrating "the love and compassion of Jesus Christ by protecting children, empowering youth, and strengthening families through quality social services."

According to its website, Bethany facilitated 3,406 foster placements and 1,123 adoptions in 2019 and has offices in 32 states ...

Though Bethany previously referred LGBTQ prospective foster and adoptive parents to other agencies, the organization began placing foster children with same-sex couples in 2019 after a legal battle in Michigan.

Leah Marie Ann Klett, christianpost.com

Editors Note: Maybe we can call it as a result of Peer-pressure! Regardless, it is sad, sad, indeed and brings about the realistic factor IF it is truly a Christian-functioning organization? Certainly not a truly BIBLICAL PRACTICE!

Not Ashamed

“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.”
(II Timothy 1:8)

Paul had steadfast faith. He was also a very faithful encourager for the saints to *“hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering.”* (Hebrews 10:23) In the text verse for today, he encourages Timothy to publicly express his faith in several tangible, but risky, ways.

Timothy is exhorted to not be ashamed of the Lord. The Bible’s message is both very different from and also very convicting of the world’s thinking. Thus, many outside of Christ react to His messenger with ridicule and personal intimidation. It is hard to stand against this tide, and the believers embarrassment may manifest itself in silence. It could have been dangerous in Timothy’s day to claim “I am a Christian,” as is still the case in some places around the world.

But Paul’s exhortation also includes not being ashamed of *“the testimony of our Lord,”* which is His Word. Every day in schools, on TV, or other media, the Bible and those who believe it are ridiculed. These attacks can be so scornful and relentless that even many evangelicals find it difficult to not be ashamed.

Next, Paul adds himself to Timothy’s list when he says *“nor of me his prisoner.”* Fellow believers faithfully and accurately proclaiming God’s Word – especially those in a firestorm of resistance – need other believers to support them, not back away in embarrassment. Paul is actually urging Timothy to move beyond not being ashamed and to actively *“get in the fight”* with him as he says, *“Be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel.”* Paul knew that Timothy would feel a deep and lasting shame if he withdrew out of fear to the “safety of silence.” Watching others boldly proclaim the gospel in a world that can be very hostile to the message.

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No Higher Authority

The BIBLE is to be the highest authority among all human beings – not even the Pastoral Leadership or other Leaders in the assembly as a congregation. Even if the leader of your congregation, together with others took a specific action; the BIBLE is the alternate, which is crystal clear of what is right and what is wrong; as the Holy Spirit, who is given to every believer, is to be your Teacher. It is the Holy Spirit Who is to lead YOU into and unto absolute TRUTH, not some hierarchy in the church.

“But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”
(I Corinthians 2:14)

“For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. But we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and the Greeks foolishness” (I Corinthians 1:21 & 23)

Now prayerfully read 1 Corinthians 2:15-16.

JESUS CHRIST IS:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6b)

The Apostle Thomas asked a very serious question of the Creator, Redeemer & Preserver and this Bible verse is HIS response very clearly stated; so, no-one who especially exposed to the WORD of GOD has to wonder if they are on the way to Heaven or not! The BIBLE clearly states that all-other religions are false and lead to a horrible abyss for all Eternity! JESUS is the way, the truth, the life and that no one can come to the Father except through HIM. It is totally and fundamentally dishonest to state any other religious ministry is OK; suit yourself. As a born-again believer cannot embrace ANY other beliefs, as sincere of any other form of reaching Heaven any other-way; practice. IN other words ALL other religious teachings/practices false and their leadership is a fraud.

“Therefore, hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us. For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.” (Isaiah 28:14-15)

What about Hell?

“And he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’” (Luke 16:24)

This is the first in a series of messages on the denials of Hell by the modern church, some of their reasons behind them and a biblical response to each one.

The teaching on Hell just sort of went away and many people are glad that it did. People have never wanted to hear about Hell and today’s preachers are earnest to make sure that never happens. Some preachers today flat out deny the traditional view of hell, while others may believe it in part, but never talk about it.

Jesus said more about Hell than He did about Heaven. Are we being true to the Master when we eliminate a key element of His teachings; especially when only a few people ever make it to heaven? *“For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.”* (Matthew 7:13)

Christian people today talk about making “poor choices” or “mistakes,” but not those things as being sin. Christian people today talk about God having “Tough Love,” but not having Wrath. So let’s stack up 9 statements that modern Christian leaders are saying about Hell versus what the Bible says about these statements.

False ideas presented about Hell

1) Universalism – All people will be saved in the end

This says that all people will be saved in the end regardless of who they were or what they did or what they believed. Jesus covered the sins of all people of all time and God will therefore receive all people at the end, even despots like Adolf Hitler. (One pastor actually put a mural on his church which specifically showed Hitler in heaven!) After all it says in 1 Timothy 4:10, *“For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.”*

Biblical Response

We are already told in advance in the Scriptures what the final judgment will be and not everyone will be saved in the end. *“And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life,*

but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.” (Dan. 12:12) Salvation belongs only to people who have faith in Jesus. *“and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Timothy 3:15) All men do not have faith in Jesus. *“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”* (Hebrews 4:2) This is the reason people are not saved in the end because they have no faith in Jesus. At the final judgment, there will be some who will be saved and some who will be lost. *“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels’; ...And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* (Matt. 25:41, 46)

The thought that God will be gracious to erase all the sins of all mankind and receive everyone at the end is wishful thinking that isn’t supported in the Bible. It denies the holiness of God and His judgment upon those who will not come to His means of salvation. If you do not come to God the way that He has prescribed, then you do not come.

2) There will be a second chance for salvation after death

This popular view has many supporters and you can listen to numerous testimonies of people who say they died and called upon Jesus after death and were saved and then sent back to earth. Some even claim that they were in Hell and *then* called upon Jesus and were saved right out of the fire! After all it says in I Peter 4:6, *“For the gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as men, they may live in the spirit according to the will of God.”* It also says in John 5:25, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live.”*

Biblical Response

I Pet. 4:6 refers to people who heard the Gospel when they were alive, but were dead when Peter wrote his epistle. It doesn’t refer to some evangelist in Hell giving people a second chance. John 5:25-26 describes people who are spiritually dead **NOW** (v. 25 – and now is) and become spiritually alive when they hear the voice of Jesus. vv. 28-29 is the final bodily resurrection of both spiritually dead and spiritually alive people to be reunited with their bodies. Their eternal destiny is de-

terminated by what they did in this life, not by what they would do in the after life.

The teaching of Purgatory leads people to believe in a second chance after death. They believe that they get entirely cleansed from sin in purgatory and then enter heaven after death, regardless of their faith in this life. The Scripture is explicit that this isn't the case. *"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."* (Hebrews 9:27)

In Luke 16:19-31, the rich man's soul was brought into account. The rich man's eternal destiny was fixed, even though he wanted to change it or even to warn his brothers. His destiny was sealed by what he did in this life, not by what he wanted to do in the next – no second chance was given. Even when he begged for Lazarus to be sent back to earth from the dead to warn his brothers, he was denied. *"And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'"* (Luke 16:27-29)

In Rev. 20:11-15 – The final judgment is based upon what people did in this life, not on what they would do in the next. *"And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds."* (Revelation 20:12) *"And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."* (Revelation 20:15) The person's name had to be written in this Book of Life while they were alive on earth. There is no chance given for people to have it written then.

Jesus described the punishment of hell as eternal punishment. *"And these will go away into eternal punishment ..."* (Matt. 25:46) If people had a second chance for salvation after death, then their punishment is not eternal, just temporary.

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Can Two?

It is one thing to recognize that some Roman Catholics are truly saved in spite of the system and doctrine; but another thing to accept them entirely in forming a UNITY – which is being promoted in our time! We most certainly love the Roman Catholic folk, just as we love all mankind and want them to know JESUS CHRIST as

their personal SAVIOR; as each person will spend Eternity in either Heaven or Hell! But in order for them to be saved, they acknowledge God's Law and Gospel for Jesus came ONLY to save the LOST! But to be saved, they must certainly deny the false teachings of their religion.

Roman Catholicism will really never change as they keep their people bound by fear and not "LOVE"! All religious teachings are false and must accept GOD'S pronounced way OF SALVATION or continue in their present STAGE of being LOST (spiritually).

Therefore, any religion that does not preach/practice the Truth of God's Word should not be "united" with them now or in the future.

ALSO, these truths are very valid when it comes to marriage! God "intends" for believers to marry believers. Sadly, to say there have been many female Christians that have learned the difficult way by thinking, "I am in love with so-and-so even IF he is not a true Christian and I will win him over to Christianity," but have failed and have been on a very slippery slope themselves! Why insist on having your own desire and neglect God's plan for your life?

As an Example:

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"
(Amos 3:3)

"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely"

The water of life is the water which bestows strength for life's conflict, for sanctification and for labor, it is the water which bestows perseverance and joy, which, above all, puts an end to the destructive powers of sin and raises up what is fallen. The water of life really contains all that man needs in order to live an abundant and victorious life.

But if this water is so valuable, we are constrained to ask: How do we acquire it? And is it available to all?

YES, thank GOD, all may obtain it. Whosoever will. The only condition is that we desire.

Whosoever will may take this water and drink as much as he desires, forgiveness, strength, joy, victory, peace, and all that he needs. For this water is to be had without price. The access to the Fountain is open, and the FOUNTAIN is never exhausted.

Rest a While, By Fredrick Wisloff

The Creator of Marriage

“Have you not read, He which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? ...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:4-6)

With these clear statements, the Lord Jesus settle forever (for those who believe His words, for the unsaved, lost also!) the question of human origins and the historicity of the Genesis account of Creation. GOD created Adam and Eve as a full-grown man and woman in the beginning, united as husband and wife – not a population of primates slowly evolving into people over millions of years. The multitude of skeptical scientists and liberal theologians who have insisted that the “two” accounts of creation in the first two chapters of Genesis contradict each other here stand sharply rebuked to the Creator, Himself, for Christ quoted specifically from Genesis 1:27 and 2:24, thus accepting both of them as valid, historical, and complementary accounts of the same event.

Furthermore, He as the heavenly Bridegroom confirmed the Genesis teaching that the first and most basic of all human institutions was the home, and that marriage was designed by its CREATOR to be monogamous and permanent.

Although modern (liberals) evangelicals may have differing opinions concerning acceptable criteria for divorce and remarriage, it is obvious that “from the beginning it was not so.” The ideal marriage is even used by Paul as a picture of the loving, permanent union of Christ and His Church (Ephesians 5:25-27). GOD, in His Grace, does forgive sin when it is confessed and forsaken – even sin against the marriage covenant – but this does not eliminate the accompanying suffering and heartbreak (Ed. And there will be scars & wounds that will remain the rest of their earthly journey). How much better to follow God’s creative purpose in all things, especially concerning marriage and the home.

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Editors Note: QUESTION? Where there is divorce, is there truly, genuine forgiveness; IF so, why have a divorce?

Letters

Letters to our Readers from a Wise Elderly Woman in Canada: In the Midst of These Troubles, It Is Well with My Soul.

Needless to say, we don’t like what is happening in governments and Societies today, but as we keep reading the Scriptures, we will understand why things are as they are in the world in our days. God in His mercy is calling all to repent, to turn from our evil ways, and honor Him Who is the righteous Judge and merciful Father. He cares and continues to knock at the heart’s door of every person, including those in authority and positions of power, those for whom we are to pray as it is written.

Repeatedly in Scripture the prophets record that the response in God’s call is, ***“We will not obey You; we will do whatever we want, we will be our own gods, deciding what is good and what is evil.”*** That has severe consequences!

God continues to plead with mankind because He is love and HE is full of mercy, nor is HE willing that any should perish (II Peter 3:9) but that should come to repentance and faith in His Beloved Son and have everlasting life. We all have unsaved persons for whom we pray. That includes national leaders in this world. God uses them to accomplish His purposes... We don’t have rights – we have responsibilities, and we have “privileges”.

Most people do not change even after tragedy but go right back to their “normal” way of life. JESUS WEPT. So do I!

Is GOD trying to get our attention? I ask myself, and others this question often. I keep handing out the Word, tracts, e-mails, and letters. It is possible to have total peace in the midst of great trials and troubles. ***It is well with my soul ...and may that be our song daily.***

We look forward to His appearing...! ***Even so, come soon, Lord Jesus, come quickly.*** Yet, I thank YOU, precious LORD, for being long suffering toward the unsaved for whom I pray. JHD

From *Lighthouse Trails*, & actually found in Hope For Your Heart

The chief CEO of Abortion Clinics and Abortion is the DEVIL!

I Believe...

I wonder if we knew the facts of these horrible events that take place in our beloved USA and around the world; we would be shocked to know how many of these events are actually directed by satanic influence. **Secondary:** What is accomplished by these horrible/tragic deaths; except more division, heart-aches, hatred, sending people into Eternity, loss of loved ones, financial losses, etc. As we the people of the USA Republic want to demonstrate, there is a way of quiet Peace!

IF we the true believers (Christians) do not take a stand individually and together, very likely the *ship* would continue to be sinking and even worse “sunk”!

“...And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death ...having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” (Revelation 12:7-12) Please note at least three things in verse 11, First the blood of the Lamb and on.

OH, how we need to pray that GOD in HIS Mercy might extend the same with forgiveness; IF it is His Will!

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No Middle Ground

The Scriptures clearly teach that if one does not have the Holy Spirit, one is not saved and therefore, one is not a Christian. There is no intermediate state of belief. To state otherwise is once again to add words that obscure both plain meaning and context. As Acts is a historical account (and not a doctrinal book) of what happened to specific people at specific times for our admonition, we must look to the epistles for explanation of why and how and what happened. So many groups have tried to stamp out cookie-cutter Christians by exalting Acts above the witness of the rest of Scripture. In this, they forget that God doesn't stamp out uniform bricks, but HE is building His church with living stones. To make ones experience the determinant of interpretation is a doorway to error. Too many people confront the plain teaching of Scripture and dismiss it with, “So what? I've got a testimony.”

The Berean Call.

“Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” (Romans 5:5) **“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”** (Romans 8:9)

The Bottom Line

The bottom line is that we are told clearly that we are to study the Scripture, letting the Third Person of the Holy Triune GOD enlighten our understanding of using Scripture to interpret Scripture. Study – **“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** (II Timothy 2:15) In other words, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit through His WORD. And to intercede as the Holy Spirit gently lays up our hearts, remembering the *church* is not without spot or wrinkle and that we are living in a sinful world. When the Lord comes for His Own Blood Bought bride, in the twinkling of an eye who are truly HIS; which is the true Church. Putting it another way, we will continue to see apostasy (falling away) and delusion until HE comes. So, we must remain faithful, diligent, watchful, and not grow discouraged in what we see in so many churches and our Country.

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:9-10)

“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (I Corinthians 15:57-58)

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Proof

Death was Proof that JESUS (Incarnate) was like you and me, yet without Sin; so, JESUS was human and HIS Resurrection was Proof that He is GOD!

The bodily resurrection of Jesus is biblical proof that when we reach Heaven, by GRACE alone, Word alone, Faith alone; we too will have a body that is completely new with no afflictions, etc., 1 John 3:2.

The Perfect Law Of Liberty

“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the word, this one will be blessed in what he does.” (James 1:23-25)

The above Scripture tells us that the Mirror is like the perfect law of Liberty.....the LAWLiberty? Sounds like contradiction! Looks! Looks.....goes away....and FORGETS what kind of man he was? Strange.....? A hearer.....but not a doer?

RISE AND SHINE

God has given us the tools and ability in Him, to face whatever a day may bring. I know that and you know that, if you have the Lord Jesus in you. The PERFECT Law of Liberty was given at first to Moses at Sinai (the Hebrew Torah). It was later perfected in Jesus Christ who is the WORD of GOD made flesh. John 1:14. I like the connotation of a mirror. We learn to put on our make-up fast but find it doesn't last long without some repair. That's an interesting word..... "make-up." It implies that it needs doing again and again. Likewise, we need to look into God's Word daily, the earlier the better, to see what it has for us. Maybe we were once very close to the Lord, but have backslidden. Maybe we are carnal Christians – trying to live for the Lord and enjoying the worldly pleasures all around us. Romans 8:7 says that the carnal mind is enmity against God. What are we to do? In sorrow and repentance, we need to go back often to God's Mirror (The Perfect Law) and be refreshed and rejuvenated! (Matthew 11:28) It's the only way to get our best, and blessed, image back so we can truly be a **“doer of the word.”**

THE IMAGE

Christ is the image of God and we are the image of Christ (Ed. Or Ambassador & we little-ambassadors – II Corinthians chapter five) Colossians 1:15 – *“He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn*

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion. It is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.”

Billy Graham

over all creation.” And Genesis 1:26, *“God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, let him have dominion...”* GOD wants fellowship with HIS created mankind and HE planned that HIS own people would be the little lights and mirrors to witness of HIM to our needy world. It isn't just going to happen. We need to make an effort – better, a commitment – to follow the teaching of the Law of Liberty and the new life in Christ, imitating Him before the world. More and more people around us have never read or seen or know who Jesus is!! When you got yourself ready for a new day this morning, did you consider that you might be needed to be a light or mirror reflecting GOD to the world?

Marie's Moment, by Marie Linn found in Hope For Your Heart.

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Held By The Hand

“For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.” (Isaiah 41:13)

We greatly fear some of the experiences of this life, but when we trust Him and His promises we do not fear. He says, *“Fear not; I will help thee.”* When the Lord holds our hands, we can go through all the trials of this life.

A crippled woman in England was waiting in a Hospital ward to be operated – this time for the amputation of part of one leg. She was dazed and numb with dread as she faced a life with part of her limb gone. This woman was young, she loved life and freedom, but now she faced the life of a cripple. All seemed dark to her, she tried to pray but found that she could not.

The hour of the operation arrived, and she was in agony of mind and body. Just as the stretcher-bearers passed out of the ward into the corridor, a young nurse passed the woman on the stretcher. The nurse hesitated a moment, and then, leaning over the woman, said,

“Don't be frightened, dear, Jesus says, *“Fear not, for I am with thee, and I have loved thee with an everlasting love.”* Pressing the patient's hand, she was gone. And the fear and dread had gone, too.

When Jesus holds our hands, we can go through all things, for HE strengthens us. Put your trust in the Savior, today. Dear Lord Jesus, give us the grace that we need to trust Thee more. Help us not to fear. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Altar Steps by R. P. Haakonson. Now please read; Psalm 91:4 & 1 John 4:18-19.

Sin And The Sense Of Sin

(Editor: Were YOU converted when you were awakened?)

...Then he thinks, ...he cannot be saved, that even God cannot forgive a person who secretly clings to sin and will not in earnest break with his past life.

Meanwhile the (Holy) Spirit has been doing His quiet work. (Ed. Prevenient Grace). Without the sinner himself knowing it, the (Holy Spirit) has led him to "knowledge of truth." (I Timothy 2:4) That which the sinner has now been enabled to see with respect to himself is only the simple truth, an exact description of the human heart as set forth in the Scriptures. His heart is not only full of sin, but it is dead, that is, it lacks love toward God and therefore also loves fear of sinning against God, even though it is granted that it can experience more or less of the fear of the pitiless consequences of sin.

The sinner now sees the truth, through the enlightenment of the (Holy) Spirit. He has become poor in spirit, and he hungers and thirsts after righteousness. Now he knows, not only from theoretical knowledge, but from personal experience, that it is *by grace* that he must be saved.

Having observed the necessity of the sense of sin and the mysterious way in which the Spirit produces it, let us now for a moment try to ascertain what such a knowledge of sin *means*, as well as what it does *not mean*, in connection with our salvation.

It *not our sorrow for sin* that moves GOD to have compassion upon us and to forgive us. GOD IS COMPASSIONATE from all eternity and does not need to be influenced by us to cause HIM to show Compassion.

Nor is our regret an oblation which makes it possible for God to have mercy upon us. NAY; it is Christ's anguish of soul for our sins which once and for all made it possible for God to be just and to justify the *ungodly*. Our regret is no atonement for our sins...

But still, it is necessary for us to be sorry for sin. Without such sorrow, no one can have a part in the atonement wrought by Christ. That is what the Scriptures would make clear to us when they speak of *repentance* as the necessary prerequisite of salvation. "**Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.**" (Matthew 3:8, Acts 3:19)

It is therefore a woeful perversion of the truth when our preaching deals with the sense of sin in such a way that our listeners feel that they must produce it themselves.

Here I wish to say a few words about the form which the sense of sin takes, about the *way in which it expresses itself*. Sorrow for sin is really not a matter of our feelings, but of our wills... Not at all; it is a matter of our wills,

whether we are willing to face the unmitigated truth, admit our guilt, shoulder the responsibility for it ourselves and go directly to God and acknowledge our true condition.

This is all that is necessary in order to have a part in the finished salvation of Christ ...All that HE expects, all that HE requires, on my part, in order that I may share in the finished salvation of Christ, is that I acknowledge the truth, and confess what I have done and what I am.... **"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."** (Revelation 3:20)

(Excerpts from *Are You Converted?* by Dr. Ole Hallesby, and a very little addition)

GOD's TEAM

If you are a member of GOD's Team, GOD wants to work in you and through YOU! Regardless if you lack formal training is in itself not a measure of one's calling from the LORD. For example: As a member that is called to rescue the perishing or nourishing the fellow-team members; regardless if such a person is sinking and you reach out to such a one, regardless if you in a vehicle/vessel that is used for the same; it doesn't really matter if the vehicle/vessel is old and unpolished or the latest polished vessel/vehicle model. As long as you are available!

Consider the example of Peter and John, who astounded the religious teachers of their day. "**Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**" (Acts 4:13) Notice the words in this very significant Bible verse, the words: saw, boldness, *uneducated, untrained*, realized, that they had been with JESUS. Of greater concern than a lack of formal training would be a lack of sound doctrine/teaching. By the way; How many of the original Apostles were formally trained in higher-education besides John? "**And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing him were astonished, saying, Where did this Man get those things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!**" (Mark 6:2) Looking at the Old Testament era, how many of the persons that GOD was permitted to work through those individuals in a very exceptional way? No, I am not AGAINST "formal-education" as it is clearly being taught within biblical confines & Freedom! (II Timothy 3:16) — Editor

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10:00 a.m. – Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA
11:00 – Pastor Jim Haga, Shoreview, MN
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1:00 – Pastor Don Greven, Viroqua, WI
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PLEASE pray specifically for the Bible Conference
if you are in attendance or not!

MOST CERTAINLY all are welcome!

May GOD be glorified and Souls nourished!

*If feasible: please bring ‘home-made’ goodies for
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“Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes.” (Isaiah 54:2)

Scripture states that where there is no vision the people perish! Thus we are here to continue to fight to preserve USA’s history of spiritual freedom and prosperity and to seek the welfare of others! By doing so, we seek the glory of God and the advancement of His Kingdom, because God’s Law and God’s Gospel is the ONLY real hope for mankind.

Maybe YOU are unable to attend our Hauge Bible Conference; but will you or are you standing with us in this great important struggle? WE are trying to help folk to think biblically, live wisely and serve faithfully.

Please join us in these perilous times in prayer and finances and may GOD be glorified through the same. **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**