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Honoring the WORD of the CREATOR

By Lawrence E. Ford

Leaving a legacy is often said to be the labor of presidents and rulers. How they govern their subjects and citizens will determine just how favorable their legacy will be judged. Some leaders work hard to ensure their contributions rise to prominence in the annals of history. This is called “legacy building.”

Parents also leave a legacy to their children and grandchildren. Whether it is a good one or not depends on the manner in which they raised their children, but more importantly it rests on the principles and convictions they established within their home.

This can be true of organizations, too, particularly those like the “Institute for Creation Research” that were founded by a visionary leader. And for ICR founder Dr. Henry Morris, his one certain foundation was the Word of God.

A gifted scientist and researcher, Dr. Morris was admittedly much more in love with the Scriptures than with the disciplines of science. And so it is no surprise that any compromise of the Bible, by scientists or others, affected him deeply.

Determining Authority

Is the Bible trustworthy or not? More importantly, is the Author of the Bible – God – trustworthy or not? If so, then God is supremely and exclusively authoritative on all matters about which He writes.

In other words, since God is the Author of all truth and

no untruth, then the very test of Scripture is purposefully and supernaturally inspired and trustworthy, even on matters of science.

Man, when faced with truth, must decide whether he will submit to the Author of truth or reject both truth and God. There is no middle ground or compromise.

More particularly, the Christian must decide what constitutes his authority when reading and communicating the truths of Scripture. The Bible or science? The Author of the Bible or the experts in science? Again, there is no neutral position.

Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, founder and long-time president of Dallas Theological Seminary, wrote in the opening pages of his eight-volume *Chafer Systematic Theology*:

Certain well-defined articles of faith concerning the Scriptures have been and are held by the orthodox Protestants:

The Bible is the infallible Word of God.

The Bible is the only rule of faith and practice.

Human reason and knowledge should be wholly subject to the Scriptures.¹

Chafer continues with his list and defense of the integrity and authority of the Scriptures, in which he stated that while the Spirit of God may lead believers in matters of conduct, He does not do so “in the formulating of doctrine which might be superimposed upon the Word of God.”²

Enough said. Don’t tamper with God’s Word!

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An Unwavering Commitment

Several years before his passing, Dr. Morris published a devotional article based on Acts 4:24: "*And they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is.*"

Commenting on the issue of Christian unity and the fact of creation, he stated emphatically: "...Christians do not speak with one accord today, even on this most basic of all truths, the fact of creation. Instead, many choose to dissemble and equivocate and compromise, inventing such self-contradictory concepts as theistic evolution, progressive creation, process creation, and such like, wistfully seeking approval from those who deny that the God of the Bible created all things and thereby doing great harm to the faith of many. Like the men-pleasers of old who "*loved the praise of men more than the praise of God*" (John 12:43), they seek academic approval rather than Biblical authority and scientific factuality. Being of one accord with the intellectual establishment carries more weight than unity with Christian brethren who believe the Bible means what it says.³

Years later, Dr. Morris reminded believers that God will require an answer for one's words and works on earth.

We suggest that those Christians who question the truth of any portion of the Bible or who try to "wrest" the Scriptures (2 Peter 3:16) to make them accommodate some current scientific claim or some "private interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20) ask themselves if they are prepared to explain to the Lord their reasons for doing so. Remember that "*every one of us shall give account of himself to God*" (Romans 14:12). Would it not be better in that day to have believed and taught what Christ believed and taught? With respect to

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the great historical records of early history, we need to remember His rebuke of the religious leaders of the time when He was on Earth. *“If ye believe not (Moses’) writings,”* He said, *“How shall ye believe my words?”* (John 5:47).⁴

No Middle Ground

When it comes to biblical authority, there is no middle ground. Either the Christian places his unwavering trust in the Scriptures or else he elevates himself above the Author of the Bible. Muddling the interpretation of the Creator’s words with a man-made template called “modern science” denigrates God’s ability to compose and communicate His message in a clear and consistent manner that demonstrates absolute integrity from Genesis through Revelation.

Question the creation account because of man’s discoveries and one might as well question the virgin birth or resurrection or even the deity of Jesus Christ.

As ICR “rounds the corner” with renewed vigor in research, education, and the dissemination of truth, the foundation upon which this ministry was established more than 35 years ago remains solid.

New “movements” may continue to rise up, garnering temporary popularity and “success,” only to fade away as quickly as they appeared – often due to their weak scriptural foundation.

Some attempt to add to the Scriptures based on natural revelation. But God’s creation cannot contradict God’s Word. Others refuse to name the One who designed it all in order to gain acceptance among men. Jesus had a few direct word in Luke 9:26 about those who are “ashamed” of Him.

While the generation of Dr. Henry Morris is passing, the legacy he has left to his family and his ministry continues in the tradition of unashamed commitment to the Word of the Creator.

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Taken from *“Acts & Facts”*
Institute for Creation Research

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL. (Eph. 6:11)

GOD’S Word tells us very impressively that we must count Satan as a real person, a fallen chieftain, who burns in anger because he lost the battle against Christ, and who stops at nothing in order to destroy the people of God. He is the father of lies, and uses all possible means to cause God’s people to fall. He can meet us as a roaring lion, as an oily serpent, and as an angel of God.

All you who think that Satan is only an idea that simple-minded Christians have conceived, you just choose Christ and the cross as the only ground of your salvation, then follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and you will learn from experience that Satan exists.

No one can meet God in the robe of his own righteousness, and neither can anyone dressed in his own clothes be victorious over Satan. We must wear the armor of God. IF, at some point in our lives we rely on ourselves, we will be defeated. Wherefore many a time we had the distasteful experience that when we thought we were at our best, we got the worst wounds.

Satan dares not touch Christ and the cross, and therefore he tries to get us away from them. At the cross we receive the white robe of righteousness in which we can meet God, and there we also get the strong steel breastplate that no dart of Satan can penetrate.

Thy love, O God, embraces all,
And Jesus’ merits cover

The guilt of all, both great and small,
The world of sinners over.

Thy Spirit doth Thy light afford
To all who will receive it,

And from Thy knowledge bars Thy Word
No soul who will believe it.

Taken from *“Thy Kingdom Come”*
by Ludvig Hope

Wise Sayings:

“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble Is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.”

“As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country. Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken down, without walls.” Proverbs 25:19, 25, 28.

Assurance

Rev. Maynard Force

Editor's Note: This is the second chapter from Rev. Maynard Force's booklet entitled, "*Assurance.*" The first chapter was printed in the September, 2007 issue of the *Morning Glory*. If you would like a copy of that issue, please write to the editor.

"Those Who Lack Assurance."

There is much confusion on the subject of lack of assurance. There are those who preach and teach that some are saved, but only lack assurance. Assurance to them seems to be something extra, something that some Christians have and others do not have. I personally believe that such preaching is one reason why our Lutheran Church is what it is today. It is upon the pillow of this teaching that many people are sleeping. Year after year passes by and still they sleep on. Let us pray that God's Word will awaken them before it is too late. Let us turn to see what God's Word has to say about those who lack assurance.

Lack of assurance is serious. Something is wrong with anyone who lacks assurance. Paul writes to the Romans, "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God" (Rom. 8:16). If this were the only verse in the Bible to prove that a person should know he is saved, it would be sufficient. The Lord never makes a statement and then disproves it. Whenever "the Spirit himself" cannot bear this witness, something is standing in the way. The Holy Spirit has been hindered in His work of grace and can go no further. The individual may be awakened, to be sure, but that is not salvation. It is only the beginning. The individual may even be a seeker, but a seeker is not saved. "For many ... shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Dr. C. F. W. Walther, in his book **Law and Gospel**, writes, "There are people who regard themselves as good Christians although they are spiritually dead. They have never felt a real anguish on account of their sins; they have never been filled with terror on account of them, have never been appalled by the thought of the hell which they have deserved, have never been on their knees before God, bewailing with bitter tears their awful, damnable condition under sin. Much less have they wept sweet tears of joy and glorified God for His mercy. They read and hear the Word of God without being specially impressed by it. They go to church and receive absolution without feeling refreshed; they attend Holy Communion without any inward sensation and remain as cold as ice. Occasionally, when they become inwardly agitated because of their indifference in matters concerning their salvation and because of their lack of

appreciation of God's Word, they try to quiet their heart with the reflection that the Lutheran Church teaches that the lack of spiritual feeling is of no moment. They reason that this lack cannot harm them and that they can be good Christians notwithstanding, because they consider themselves believers.

"However, they labor under a grievous self-delusion. People in that condition have nothing but the dead faith of the intellect, a specious faith, or, to express it still more drastically, a lip faith. They may say with their mouths 'I believe,' but their heart is not conscious of it. No, indeed; a person who cannot say, in accordance with Psalm 34:8, that he has **tasted** and seen that the Lord is good must not regard himself as being in a state of true faith. Moreover, the apostle Paul says, Rom. 8:16: 'The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God.' Can the Holy Spirit bear this witness in us without our feeling it? The witness in court must speak loud enough for the judge to hear. The same is necessary in this case. According to God's Word any person who has never felt the testimony of the Spirit that he is the child of God is spiritually dead. He can offer no testimony in his favor and does wrong by considering himself a Christian nevertheless."

Lack of assurance is a sign of unbelief. Faith and assurance go hand in hand. "Faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Notice the first three words from this quotation, "Faith is assurance." Then it is clear that if we do not have assurance it is because we do not have faith. If that be the case, we are unbelievers. This same truth is clearly brought out in I John 5:12. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son. And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son **hath** the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life" (1 John 5:10-12). Notice that he that truly believes "hath the witness in him" and "hath the life." Notice also that he that believeth not "hath made him a liar." That is a serious offense. Furthermore, it is evident from this Scripture that such an unbeliever is not a Christian, for he "hath not the life." That is God's own word and that should be final.

The unbeliever is given a serious classification in God's catalog of sinners. "But for the fearful, and **unbelieving**, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8). Notice that the unbeliever is put in the same

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class as “murderers and fornicators.” They are together doomed to eternal damnation.

Quoting again from Dr. Walther, we read. “It would be awful if any of you would have to retire this evening with the thought in his heart: ‘I do not know whether God is gracious to me, whether He has accepted me as His child, and whether my sins are forgiven. If God were to call me hence tonight, I would not be sure whether I should die saved.’ God grant that not one of you will retire in that frame of mind; for he would lie down to rest with the wrath of God abiding on him.”

Lack of assurance is bondage. It carries with it fear and unrest. Paul writing to the Romans says, “For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father” (Rom. 9:15). If then we lack assurance, we are dominated by the spirit of bondage. There is no joy to a soul who does not know whether or not he is saved, but rather a “fearful expectation of judgment.” The opposite is true of a child of God. “Ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” Note the wording. “Ye received,” not something you might get, or something only a certain few have, but something you have already received. “The spirit of adoption”— what a beautiful description of the Holy Spirit! Moffatt’s translation reads, “The spirit of sonship.” That is as different from the spirit of bondage as day is from night.

Martin Luther writes, “‘Ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.’ This crying (Abba, Father) is felt when one’s conscience, without wavering and questioning, conceives a staunch boldness to be quite certain, not only that his sins have been forgiven, but also that he is a child of God, assured of his salvation, and may with a cheerful and assured heart and with all confidence call God his dear Father and cry to Him. Of these things he must be more certain than his very life, and must be ready to suffer every kind of death, and hell in addition, rather than allow this assurance to be taken from him by yielding to doubt.

“True there may come a strife in a Christian causing him an anxious feeling, leading him to think he is not a child of God, and to imagine and feel that God is an angry, stern judge, as happened to Job and many others. But in a conflict of this kind, childlike confidence, though trembling and quaking, must conquer in the end or everything is lost.”

Lack of assurance is a sign of a reprobate. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, admonishes them, “Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate (not approved)” (II Cor. 13:5). What a solemn statement! If this warning was fitting for the Corinthians, surely it would be in place for us also. Paul asked them to check up on themselves. “Try your own

selfes, whether ye are in the faith.” Then he asks, “Know ye not as to your own selves, that Christ is in you?” He is surprised if they do not know. He does not add, “Of course, you are saved and do not know it.” No, he quickly reminds them, “Unless indeed ye be reprobate.” Reprobates, or outcasts, do not have Holy Spirit assurance. Therefore, now is the time to “try your own selves” and “prove your own selves” to see whether you are in the faith.

Lack of assurance is a sign of blindness. Those who lack assurance have failed to lay hold of one of the most blessed truths in all of God’s Word. Satan is still holding them in darkness, “and even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them” (II Cor. 4:3, 4). Notice the seriousness of the statement. “It is veiled in them that perish.” Lost people are blind. They just cannot see what God’s children see. It is Satan’s desire to keep them in this darkness until it is too late. Therefore blind people should never be comforted to believe all is well. It were far better that they might become conscious of their terrible state. It is only when people realize they are lost that they begin to seek Christ in dead earnest. As Martin Luther puts it: “God never comforts any but the afflicted, just as he never quickens unto life any but the dead. Nor ever justifies any but sinners.”

Lack of assurance is a sign of no testimony. Peter writes that we should be “ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear” (I Pet. 3:15). One who lacks assurance has no hope. It would be embarrassing for such a one to be asked a reason concerning the hope that is in him. Before I found peace with God, I had an inward fear of the question, “Are you saved?” Now that same question gives me a great joy. It offers an opportunity “to give answer to every man that asketh” a reason concerning the hope that is in me. This hope is not one that is to come, but rather “the hope that is in you,” something you now have.

These are only a few verses that show the seriousness of not having assurance. Yet there are those who are deceived into believing they are saved when they are still in darkness, unbelief, bondage and blindness. How it must disturb Satan to have any of these souls wake up and earnestly seek salvation. He must do all he can to keep this truth from those in darkness, or he will lose many of his captives. We therefore see from God’s Word that it is a very serious matter not to have assurance.

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A Rock & Roll Band in Church?!?!

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Heb. 12:28)

It is the latest rage to sweep through Christian churches. Out with the stately organ and piano, and in with the loud drums, amplified electric guitars and bass, and services that are more like going to a rock concert than to church. Some churches are even using flashing, psychedelic lights, strobe lights, and some even using fog machines. Even conservative churches that once held the line very strictly against any false teaching from coming in through the music, have now let down their guard and accepted the rock music style.

Saints can now stand and gyrate to the beat of the music, swaying their hips around. Youth groups and youth ministries now use this for evangelism. It is nearly impossible to find churches and ministries which won't use rock music. "It attracts the young people" is one reason given for using it. "After all, the Bible instructs us to praise the Lord with loud percussion in Psalm 150:5, which says, 'Praise Him with loud cymbals, praise Him with clashing cymbals!' We are only doing what the Bible commands, and music style is neutral, it can be used for good or evil, depending on the words. Rock music is the music of today, and we are simply using the music of today to bring God's Love to today's people, just like evangelists did in the past (including Luther)."

This would be the line of reasoning used by most people using rock music. Does this make it right? No.

Reverence and Godly Fear

In the Scripture at the top of the page, we are instructed on how to serve God acceptably, and that is with reverence and godly fear. If we do not have a reverence for God, we are not serving Him acceptably. "God is to be greatly feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him." (Ps. 89:7)

Do you see any reverence for Almighty God in "Christian" rock music? Do you see people who know that God is a consuming fire, and that is reflected in all that they do, say and sing? The fear of the Lord means that we acknowledge that He is absolutely holy, pure and righteous, and that in His holiness He must and will punish each and every sin in an eternal retribution. When the prophet Isaiah saw the Lord in His holiness, he cried out, "Woe is me, for I am undone."

(Isa. 6:5) He recognized that God was holy and that he was not, and he had a fear of God and His punishment. Only after he confessed his sin and was cleansed from God's altar did he find peace with God. Is this the ear mark of "Christian" rock music? The answer is obvious: "Christian" rock music is actually producing an attitude of irreverence toward God and is an unacceptable way of serving Him.

This one fact alone would eliminate most rock-style music. It is not a question of one person's musical taste versus another, it is a question of what is acceptable to God according to the Scriptures.

Fruit of the Spirit

We are told specifically in the Scriptures what godly life and character are like. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23) Is not this list opposed to the very nature of rock music? Take for example, the godly character of peace. Do you see any peace in "Christian" rock music? A loud, pounding beat, sometimes so loud that it is deafening, should tell you that there is anything but peace in it.

Another fruit of the Spirit is gentleness. "But the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness . . ." (Galatians 5:23) The Holy Spirit will come in power to change you to be like Jesus. Jesus Himself said, "Come unto me, all you who are weary and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am gentle and humble in heart: and you shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my load is light." (Matthew 11:28-30) In both of the above verses (Gal. 5:22 and Matt. 11:29), the root word which is translated "gentle" means "gentleness, mildness, meekness"¹ and Reineker defines this as "the humble and gentle attitude which expresses itself in a patient submissiveness to offense, free from malice and desire for revenge."² Thus this fruit of the Spirit and character of Jesus Himself is one that is gentle and humble and not one to rise up in aggression, violence or revenge.

Jesus is stating that His very heart (His very character) is to be gentle, lowly, and humble. Therefore, this fruit of the Spirit is one that conforms us to the very nature and charac-

1 Joseph Thayer. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*. (Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1977), p. 534.

2 Fritz Reineker. *A Linguistic Key To The Greek New Testament*. (Grand Rapids, Zondervan Publishing House, 1980), p. 12.

ter of Christ Himself. What is more, Jesus admonishes us to learn of Him in this so that we might be conformed to the image of the Son of God (Rom. 8:29).

Jesus is meek, lowly and humble. If “Christian” rock music is marked by this fruit of the Spirit, the music and the performances would be marked by humility, gentleness, and lowliness. Gentleness is not a characteristic of any rock music. Rock music in and of itself stirs up aggression.

As we have looked at some of the fruit of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 and compared it to what we see in “Christian” rock music, we can see that the two are opposites of each other. It is the very nature of rock music to be this way. The Holy Spirit is not behind this music even though they might mention the name of “Jesus.”

Are we to say that this is the character of life which the Holy Spirit produces in a believer, and then turn around and crank up a music that is diametrically opposed to it, and still call it from the Spirit of God? Hardly!

Even the secular rock musicians recognize that rock music and church music are complete opposites of one another. Female rock musician Lita Ford said,

“Listen, rock ‘n’ roll ain’t church. It’s a nasty business. You gotta be nasty too. If you’re goody, goody, you can’t sing or play it. Kids don’t pay to see nice. They want aggression, they want anger—and some sleaze, too. They want rebels.”³

Dr. David Noebel noted the complete opposites of rock music and the Godly character of love:

“Christian Rock, like its progenitor secular rock, manifests a characteristic doubleness. Although its lyrics may respect, for example, the concept of true love, the music itself expresses the unspoken desire to smash it to pieces.”⁴

It is obvious from Scripture that rock music, by its very nature, is the opposite of what God has told us His nature is.

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What does the Bible say about percussion? What does the Bible say about drums in Christian music? This will be addressed in the December issue in an article entitled, “*The Valley of Slaughter.*”

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

HERE Jesus tells us that He knows His own. He knows whether or not all we who sit here together in our home today are His.

Do you know if you are one of His?

Jesus knows. Would you like to know what Jesus thinks of you and your relationship to God ?

Listen here to the way Jesus describes those who are His sheep!

They “hear my voice.” That is the first thing He mentions.

Does that apply to you? Do you hear anything that Jesus says from day to day?

Many will answer happily in the affirmative. Jesus speaks and they hear Him. Every day. It is the joy of their life to “hear the voice of Jesus in the Word and in prayer, while at work and at rest, every day, yes, sometimes even at night.

He speaks to them in many ways.

Oftentimes He speaks with harshness and severity, and they become frightened at His words. But they know His voice also when He chastens them for their unbelief, disobedience, and unfaithfulness. Moreover, they thank Him when He, with the voice of authority, puts holy fear into their lukewarm and indifferent hearts.

They hear His voice when He comforts His weeping and sorrowing children. A word from Him banishes all their sorrow and distress and brings sunshine and joy into their grayest week-day.

“They follow me.” That is the other thing He says about His own.

Yes, those who have seen the Lamb of God, those who have been privileged to hide themselves with all their shame and distress in His wounds and stripes, they follow Him. They never feel happy within unless they walk in the footprints of the Lamb. It is not *always* easy to walk in them. But all who love the Lamb take up their cross and follow Him.

Taken from “*God’s Word for Today*”
by O. Hallesby

Editor’s Note: This description of the sheep are the ones that Jesus promises “*no one is able to snatch them out of My hand*” (John 10:28). Thus, this “eternal security” is promised to the believer who is hearing, knowing and following the Lord. The Greek text describes all three of these actions as a continual process, not a one-time act.

3 Lita Ford. *Los Angeles Times*, 7 August 1988.

4 David A. Noebel. *Christian Rock: The Strategem of Mephistopheles*. (Manitou Springs: Summit Youth Ministries, n.d.), p. 26.

Editorial

RES *EVER GRATEFUL!*

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable (unspeakable) gift!" II Corinthians 9:15.

(Please read Psalm 19:7-14)

Thanksgiving is really a memory of the 'heart' and not what's in the 'pocketbook'!

We all have things that we 'treasure' in this life and some of the thing(s) we treasure are also very **precious** to us! Jesus plainly teaches that where our 'treasure' is there will our heart be also! Some things we 'treasure' are so 'precious' to us that we might call them 'priceless'. Be 'honest', what do 'you' really treasure? Or is even 'precious' to you? IF you had to 'let go' of everything that has been entrusted to you in this life except one 'treasure', what would be the very last item you would keep? As you know, when you take things for granted, it can easily lead to indifference and indifference breeds or reproduces contempt.

Two questions before we look a little closer at the suggested text above: Can a person be **saved** without some knowledge/portion of the **Word of God**? Second question: Can a Christian grow without the Word of God?

NOW the **Bible** is not only inspired by God, errant and infallible; but it is also UNIQUE, as it is also the only BOOK that God wrote (through godly men) in which HE says what HE means and HE means what HE says! **Listen/read carefully and prayerfully what HE wants to tell YOU!** Basically, what you think of the Bible tells what you think of JESUS and what you think of JESUS tells what you think of the Bible. How seriously you take God at His Word (the Bible) tells the value you place upon your soul – God says: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matthew 16:26.

The **Bible** is also 'unique' in that it translates/reveals into a Person and this Person is the only and very SON of GOD! NOW we do not worship the Book in itself, but the Person it reveals! John 1:1, 2, 3, & 14.

IN a condensed way let us take a look at what God says about His Book through the Psalmist in Psalm 19:7-14. In verse seven HE states that His Law is perfect, which means there is absolutely no error in it at all, for it is 'perfect'. Then HE instructs 'us' that it is HIS Law that shows 'us' our sin and is also our schoolmaster (tutor to bring us to JESUS). **Galatians 3:24, Matthew 5:17 & on, Romans 7:7-12, 11 Timothy 1:12.** For His Word is forever settled in Heaven – Psalm 119:89, Proverbs 28:9, 1 Peter 1:23, & Isaiah

55:10-11.

In verse eight HE tells us that HIS Book is a Book of absolutes and that a converted sinner also enjoys the "Law" of God, as such a sinner knows that all of God's Law/Word are written in His GRACE & LOVE and for our benefit. Thus it 'rejoices the heart; and 'is pure enlightening the eyes'.

There are two kinds of fear in this world, either a slavish fear or childlike fear OR a 'fear' that paralyzes or motivates. Deuteronomy 32:3b – 4, Hebrews 12:28-29.

With verse 10 I am going to remind you what God has penned in 3 John 2 "*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers*". "*Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious*" 1 Peter 2:1-3.

Warnings usually, at first, are something we do not appreciate for it usually means a change of plans and priorities!!!! But in verse eleven God shares that 'warnings' are not only necessary but beneficial, if heeded, and *obedience* is a test of our LOVE to HIM.

In verse twelve and elsewhere in His Book of GRACE, let us remind ourselves that EACH of "US" will one day stand before this *thrice Holy GOD*. Even at this very moment HE knows **everything** that transpires in our lives and that our 'life' is a open Book before HIM! The searching question then is: What shall I do with my SIN as no sin will ever enter HEAVEN? "*For though you wash yourself with lye, and use much soap, Yet your iniquity is marked before Me, 'say the LORD GOD.*" (Jeremiah 2:22). "*But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin*" (1 John 1:7). *Praise God!* OUR desire then becomes "I don't want to SIN against my Saviour in any manner, shape or form, sins of omission nor commission." (verses 13-14).

D. L. Moody said, "A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next six months, or take sufficient air into his lungs at once to sustain life for a week to come. We must draw upon God's boundless stores of grace from day to day as we need it."

THE BIBLE

One has beautifully written about the Bible: “This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the door of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are true, its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe; practice it to be holy.”

It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword and the Christian’s charter.

Here in this Book the portals of Heaven are opened and

gates of Hell are slammed shut. Christ is the grand subject; our good, its design; and the glory of God, its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given to us in life, it will be opened in judgment, and it will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its sacred contents.” AMEN!!! “For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven” Psalm 119:89.

NOTE: The Scripture quotation in last month’s “Editorial” was referenced as Isaiah 54:2. It should have been Isaiah 59:19. Sorry for the error.

Seeking Worshippers

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him” (John 4:23).

Here is an amazing revelation – that the omnipotent God of creation should actually be seeking those among His creatures who would freely come to love and worship Him! How could He possibly have to *seek* anything?

Yet Jesus said He does! In some inscrutable way, it satisfies the infinite heart of God when we respond to His sacrificial love in gratitude and worship.

We see this also in the experience of the ten lepers. All ten had been cleansed of their leprosy, but only one, a Samaritan, returned to give thanks to Jesus. Note the wistfulness in Jesus’ reply to the cleansed leper: *“Were there not ten cleansed?”* He asked, *“but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger”* (Luke 17:17-18). The Lord indeed takes note both of the few who truly appreciate Him and also of the many who take His blessings for granted.

In the house of Simon the Pharisee, for example, the Lord Jesus took special note of the woman who washed His feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair, anointing them with the precious ointment in her alabaster box. But He also noted that self-righteous, critical Simon had provided no such services at all. Then He said: *“Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little”* (Luke 7:47).

Whether or not we fully understand, the Lord does *seek* those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. Therefore, *“Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* (Matthew 6:33).

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Taken from “Days of Praise,” Institute for Creation Research
Santee, California

Imitation

Read Acts 19:8 - 20

Despite great opposition, all Asia heard the gospel (vv. 8-10). But did all believe? Certainly not (v.9). Do not be perplexed when your witness is rebuffed. Satan is still hard at work, blinding minds and closing hearts to the Light (2 Cor. 4:1-5). Here in Asia, Satan devised a new technique for hindering the work of God – imitation. The sons of Sceva coveted the glory they assumed the apostle Paul was receiving in his ministry. The thought they also could receive glory if they imitated what God’s man was doing. The miracles wrought by the hands of Paul (vv. 11-12), however, vindicated his apostleship as well as opened the door for witness to the unbelieving Jews and Gentiles. This attempt by religious opportunists to mimic the work of the Lord met with dire consequences (vv. 13-16). Pious pretenders will, in God’s time and way, be made painfully aware of the dangers of trifling with spiritual things. Satan is a stern taskmaster; he does not treat his subjects kindly (vv.15-16).

We can see this same deceptive imitation in the unbiblical movements of our day. They boast of great works in the name of Jesus (v. 13), but they sorely lack genuine fidelity to the Word and one true faith. These religious counterfeits are like the sons of Sceva and are headed for a similar end (Rev. 18:4-8). The imitation may indeed have a “form of godliness” (2 Tim. 3:5) – perhaps even supported with supernatural power by the God of this world – but if it is not identified **in truth** with the “Jesus whom Paul preacheth” (v. 13), then we must avoid it and warn against it. Test all things by the Word (v. 20). Be wary – Satan, the arch deceiver, is seeking to destroy you!

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Publish His Praise

Psalm 26:6-8

Few today seem concerned about fidelity to the Lord when it comes to their Christian testimony before others, and even fewer feel the need for steadfastness in telling others of God's goodness and faithfulness. Often the believer's testimony lacks consistency in making Christ known by word as well as by deed. We who know the Lord have a wealth of firsthand knowledge of His "wondrous works," and we continually should be sharing our testimony with others – how we were saved, God's transforming power, truths from His Word that work out in our daily lives, etc.

David exemplified the faithfulness of God, both in his wholehearted attendance to proper worship in the house of God and in his desire to "publish with the voice of thanksgiving" the "wondrous works" of the Lord (vv. 7-8). Herein lies another key to what is necessary if the believer's life is to be pleasing to God and free from backsliding – a love for the Lord and for the things of God. If we give proper attention to our calling to praise and glorify God at all times, the flesh will not gain the advantage.

David also loved "the habitation of (God's) house" (v.8). It is strange when Christians lack a devotion to spiritual things and a heartfelt desire to assemble with others of like precious faith. If such is the case, then something is definitely wrong. David was faithful concerning the things of God, just as his Lord had proven His faithfulness time and again. Notice, too, the cleansing from the defilement of sin that preceded the psalmist's worship (v. 6). Do we prepare our hearts before we come to God? We should. Sin robs the saint of true joy in worship and faithfulness in witness.

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Hymn History

*This is the account of the writing of the hymn,
"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"*

While walking through an alley not far from his home in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, James M. Black noticed Bessie, teen-age daughter of the local drunkard.

"How would you like to come to our Sunday School?" he asked kindly.

"Sure, I would love to, but..." And she glanced sadly at her ragged dress and torn shoes.

"I understand," Mr. Black assured her, and walked on, deep in thought.

The next day, a parcel of new shoes, a dress and a hat arrived at the dilapidated house where Bessie lived. She was overjoyed!

The next time Mr. Black walked by and asked, "Now would you like to come to Sunday School?" she replied enthusiastically, "Oh, yes, indeed!"

During the weeks that followed, Bessie became a faithful member of the Sunday School and also joined the young people's society at the church.

One evening, the roll call at the young people's meeting was being taken. Each young person was to answer by a favorite Scripture verse.

When Bessie's name was called, there was no answer! No one seemed to know why she was not there. All sensed Mr. Black's concern.

He stood to his feet and commented briefly about Bessie's absence, then asked the young people to think about that day when the names are called from the Lamb's Book of Life. "When my name is called up yonder, may I be there to respond!" he said emphatically.

By the time he reached his home, he had formed the first verse. The other two verses followed in just fifteen minutes of time.

Later, he learned that Bessie had been too ill to attend church that night. The illness continued, and in a few days, the teen-age girl went into the presence of the Lord whom she had so recently met in a personal way.

James M. Black found comfort in knowing that when Heaven's roll of the redeemed is called, Bessie would be there to answer sweetly, "Present."

Taken from "Hymns of Faith"
Northwestern College Radio Network

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
and time shall be no more;
And the morning breaks eternal
bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over
on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there.*

Believable... Yet Unbelievable

Opposition to “Gay Marriage” Increases

Opposition to “gay marriage” and same-sex civil unions is on the increase, according to a new Pew Research poll.

The survey of 1,010 adults shows that by a margin of 57-32 percent, Americans oppose allowing homosexual couples to “marry.” The last time opposition was this high and support this low was in December 2004, when Americans opposed “gay marriage” by a margin of 61-32 percent...

Democrats oppose “gay marriage” by a margin of 48-42 percent; while Republicans oppose it, 78-14 percent.

Additionally, a plurality of American adults now oppose giving homosexual couples “many of the same rights as married couples” (also known as civil unions) by a margin of 46-45 percent...

The current Pew poll conflicts with a May Gallup poll, which showed Americans having increasingly liberal views about homosexuality. In that poll, opposition to “gay marriage” stood at 53-46 percent.

—Baptist Press

Worldly Music Ties to Bible Studies

The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, the Eagles and George Strait—not exactly what you’d expect to find on the covers of newly-released small-group Bible studies.

But with discussions ranging from “Yellow Submarine,” “Hotel California,” “Check Yes or No” and “Satisfaction,” that’s exactly what you do get with the new small group series called *Tuning In to God* (Standard Publishing, 2007)...

Each study uses an album of classic songs from one of four pop icons to prompt discussion of biblical truth...

“The *Tuning In to God* series is an innovative approach to topical Bible study,” said Steve Couture, vice president of marketing and sales for Standard Publishing.

—ChristianNewswire.com

EDITOR’S COMMENTS: The naivete of a project like this is right in line with the mind-set of today’s contemporary crowd. You only legitimize the worldly music crowd in the thinking of your people when you use rock music as a springboard. This is not a wise course, and in our view it will not produce fruit that “should remain” (John 15:16).

Sword of The Lord

Hindu Appointed to Head of Religion at ELCA College

St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has appointed a practicing Hindu to head its religion department. Anantanand Rambachan, who has taught religion at St. Olaf since 1985, was appointed to head the school’s religion department starting in the fall of 2007; he is the first non-Christian to hold the post in the school’s history.

Taken from “*The Vine and the Branches*”

Harry Potter Outsells the Bible

A few weeks ago, the final edition of the Harry Potter series sold 8.3 million copies in a single day here in the United States, and 2.65 million copies were sold in Great Britain over the same 24 hour period. People stood in line all night to purchase the book based on witchcraft and the occult. Customers paid an average of \$34.99 per copy.

An estimated 325 million Harry Potter books have been sold worldwide. The Potter series is now printed in 65 languages. As a result of the profits from her Harry Potter series, the author, J.K. Rowling, is said to be the richest woman in the world.

The Bible remains the Most Read Book of all Times

Over the past 10 years, 250 million copies of the Bible were sold worldwide, falling well below the sales of the Harry Potter books. Yet the Bible remains the best selling book of all times.

The Bible was first [commercially] printed in 1454 by Johannes Gutenberg. Since then, an estimated 1.3 billion copies of the Bible have been sold. The Bible has been translated into over 1,000 languages and several thousand dialects. No book in history has been so widely read as has the Bible.

In the midst of life’s raging storms and troubles, few people will reach for their Harry Potter books to find solace and comfort. Those who do so will come away empty handed. People whose lives have been broken can instead turn to God’s Word to find sweet consolation and hope. They will never be disappointed.

A Parents Prayer

*Make them good soldiers of Jesus Christ; let them
Never turn back in the day of battle. Let them be
winners and helpers of souls. Let them live not to
be ministered to, but to minister.*

*Make them loyal; let them set loyalty high
Above all things. Make them doers,
Not mere talkers. Let them enjoy hard work and choose
hard things
Rather than easy. Make them trustworthy. Make them
wise,
For it is written, He hath no
Pleasure in fools.*

*Let them pass from dependence
On us to dependence on Thee.
Let them never come under the
Dominion of earthly things; keep
Them free. Let them grow up healthy,
Happy, friendly, and keen to make
Others happy. Give them eyes to see the
Beauty of the world and hearts to worship its Creator.*

*Let them be gentle to beast and bird; let cruelty be
Hateful to them. May they walk, O Lord, in the light
Of Thy countenance.*

*And for ourselves we ask that we might never weaken.
"God is my strong salvation" ...we ask that we
might train them to say that word and live that life,
and pour themselves out for others unhindered by self.*

—Amy Carmichael

Editor's Note: Most significant and vital, pray for their Salvation; that they may experience knowing JESUS as their personal Savior. *"Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6). *"So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.'"* (Acts 16:31) Pray, Plant, Pray, Water, Pray – expectedly!

GOD never changes nor HIS precious Promises!

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The Heart of Our Understanding

"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men" (1 Corinthians 14:20)..

The wise man wrote long ago: *"With all thy getting get understanding"* (Proverbs 4:7). However, we need to be sure that the understanding we acquire is not perverted by the spirit of this world. When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he emphasized the contrast between a darkened understanding and a spiritually illuminated understanding.

"Walk not as other Gentiles walk," he exhorted, *"in the vanity of their mind. Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart"* (Ephesians 4:17-18). We need an understanding enlightened by the Holy Spirit, not darkened by a hardened heart.

By the same token, as our text commands, we should seek to attain a mature understanding of the things of God, not remaining stagnant at the elementary level of understanding. It is dishonoring to the Lord who called us into His family to remain spiritual children. We should exhibit the faith of a little child, and be as free from malice as a little child, but in understanding we must grow! *"for when ...ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again ...the first principles of the oracles of God ...who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil"* (Hebrews 5:12,14). *"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (II Peter 3:18).

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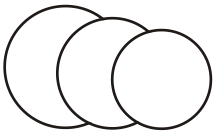
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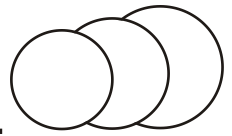
The Very Best – God's Grace!

The 'very best' of all the religions of the world can produce is 'teachings', while 'Christianity' is JESUS as HE shed HIS Life BLOOD for you! "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me'" John 14:6. Acts 4:12. HE is the *only* Saviour of the world! Do you know HIM as your personal Saviour? HE IS ALIVE AND COMING AGAIN! ARE YOU READY?

*Preaching, Practicing,
Proclaiming the "old time
Christianity"*



From our Fellowship Circle



JO **Holmen, WI**
I am 79 years old and I have received 'Morning Glory' for much of my lifetime. It has important reading...I have used some quotes in my Nursing Home ministry. Your friend in Christ.

JN **Elk Mound, WI**
The 'MG' is a great blessing in my life. I have never thrown one away.

C & I **Maxbass, ND**
Enclosed....to help support...your inspiring "Good News" paper... It is indeed uplifting, inspirational and informative.

W & S **Byron, MN**
We are so blest and spiritually encouraged and uplifted after reading the 'MG'. Thank you and we praise the Lord. Enclosed a gift in memory of Wallace Nelson.

H & D **Northfield, MN**
Things are rough out there, Jesus is coming soon. The 'MG' is the best...I do some tract work in the mail and in our Church. It seems people are grateful. Yes, we had our monthly birthday party and we sang 'Victory In Jesus', wonderful!!

AS **Saskatoon, Sask**
We enjoy the 'MG'. Keep up the good work of sending out the Truth of God

MH **Owatonna, MN**
Thank you for preaching Christ – only through Him is our salvation. John 3:16

DS **Fergus Falls, MN**
Enjoy the magazine and wish more people could be informed on what is going on in our world. Time is going by fast. In Christ's Love.

CC **Cathlamet, WA**
"The truth shall set you free." Yes and we should have more magazines like 'MG' that preach the truth. Thank you.

AT **Seattle, WA**
"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Thank you for keeping the 'MG' true to the Word, how we need the precious truth...Many relatives unsaved but no saving messages preached anymore, how will they be saved

now, only by the grace of God. How I thank the Lord for saving my soul July 1961. The Lord has been so good all these years. Keep up the good work. In Christ.

JR **Lake City, IA**
Just a little something to help with expenses. Enjoy your publication very much and look forward to receiving it. Keep up the good work. God Bless your efforts.

JN **Enumclaw, WA**
We have been receiving the 'MG' for several years and do enjoy the good information... Yours in Christ.

AC **Litchfield, MN**
I am an old fashioned Christian 97 years old who believes that old fashioned gospel that we must be born again spiritually, Jesus, in order to get to Heaven ...I look forward to every issue. It helps strengthen my beliefs. I can't get to the conference ...Enclosed is a little gift for the conference.

Editors Note: We appreciate hearing what the Lord has done in your daily life, please share it with our readers.

There may be several ways to Minneapolis, Chicago, New York or any other place you choose; BUT there is only ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me." (John 14:6)

Many have attacked this verse, so that all religions seem to make it to heaven. If you do that, then you just called the Son of God a liar!

Dear Reader, are you living in repentance of sin and true born-again faith in Jesus? That is the ONLY way to heaven!

A Foundation of *FAITH* and *GRACE*

Biblical Lutheranism began, as many great movements throughout history do, with a single person – Martin Luther. Now we do not worship ‘Martin Luther, but thank GOD what HE wrought through a sinner saved by GRACE. This German monk and university professor was unwavering in his conviction in the authority of Scripture and that sinners are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, through the Word alone.

October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Thesis (reasons) to the door of Castle Church at Wittenberg, Germany.

January 1521, Luther refuses to cease his teachings and is excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church. In May, Charles V signs the Edict of Worms, declaring Luther an outlaw.

In 1529 Luther pens “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

In 1534 Luther publishes his translation of the BIBLE.

It is the first complete Bible translated from the original Hebrew and Greek into *German*.

February 18, 1546 Died in Eisleben, Germany

1625 Lutheran immigrants from Holland settle in New Amsterdam (later renamed New York).

1721 Bach completes the Banderburg Concertos

1748 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg forms the Pennsylvania Ministerium, the first Lutheran church body in American colonies.

1814 ‘The Star Spangled Banner’ is penned by Francis Scott Key

MARTIN LUTHER EXPERIENCED AND
TAUGHT THAT SALVATION IS BY *GRACE*
ALONE, FAITH ALONE AND THE WORD
ALONE!

The Eternal Faithfulness of the Lord

*OH, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him,
sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice
who seek the LORD! Seek the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face evermore!”* (Psalm 105:1-4)

Congressional Record

This statement was read over the Public Address system at a high school football game in Kingston, Tennessee, on September 1, 2000 by Roane County High School Principal Jody McLoud. This statement was read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Zach Wamp (R-Tennessee) on September 20, 2000

“It has always been the custom at Roane County High School football games, to say prayer and play the National Anthem, to honor God and Country.

Due to a recent ruling by the Supreme Court, I am told that saying a prayer is a violation of federal case law. As I understand the law at this time, I can use this public facility to approve of sexual perversion and call it an “alternate lifestyle,” and if some one is offended, that’s OK.

I can use it to condone sexual promiscuity, by dispensing condoms and calling it “safe sex.” If someone is offended, that’s OK.

I can even use this public facility to present the merits of killing an unborn baby as a “viable” means of birth control. If someone is offended, no problem.

I can designate a school day as “Earth Day” and involve students in activities to worship religiously and praise the goddess “mother Earth” and call it ecology.

I can use literature, videos and presentations in the classroom that depict people with strong, traditional Christian convictions as “simple minded” and “ignorant” and call it “enlightenment.”

However, if anyone uses this facility to honor God and to ask Him to bless this event with safety and good sportsmanship, then federal case law is violated.

This appears to be inconsistent at best, and at worst, diabolical. Apparently, we are to be tolerant of everything and anyone, except God and His Commandments.

Nevertheless, as a school principal, I frequently ask staff and students to abide by rules with which they do not necessarily agree. For me to do otherwise would be inconsistent at best, and at worst, hypocritical. I suffer from that affliction enough unintentionally. I certainly do not need to add an intentional transgression.

For this reason, I shall “render unto Caesar that which is Caesar’s” and refrain from praying at this time.

However, if you feel inspired to honor, praise and thank God and ask Him, in the name of Jesus, to bless this event, please feel free to do so. As far as I know, that’s not against the law ...yet.”

Contributed by John T. Ofstedahl,
Holmen, WI

Update – Enter

“But you, when you pray, go into your room, (*Prayer closet, pantry, storehouse*) and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”
Matthew 6:6 (*read also Luke 12:2*).

Numerous places interwoven throughout Holy Scripture encourage and exhort us to ASK in Prayer of our Heavenly Father. What a privilege and labor of love to pray; because of HIS Mercy and Grace.

ALL can pray and many can give; but not everyone who prays is a Christian; but ALL Christians Pray!

SO those of you who know JESUS as your personal Saviour, would you please *pray* for the following:

1) The ministry of the Morning Glory, that believers be nurtured, edified and made more ‘alert’ in regards to the days/conditions that we are living in AND also that the two added issues of the Morning Glory this next year will become an extra blessing, Lord willing.

2) That those who are unsaved, but receive the Morning Glory, may come to personally know JESUS as their Saviour.

3) The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board Members and their families might be richly blest and directed by the Lord.

4) Those who are directly involved in compiling the Morning Glory and printing/publishing will be kept in the hollow of HIS HAND (cleft of the Rock); both Spiritually and physically.

5) The receiving and reading of the newly printed booklets “Mirror of the Heart” and “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” may be well received and heeded. Our outreach ministry through our newly developed web site: hauginnermission.com.

6) That there may be a renewed hunger for the Word of God itself among the ‘household of faith’ across the beloved USA and beyond.

7) That ‘believers’ would be obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit in support of this ministry.

(It is our will and desire that this “ministry” should continue to be Biblically Lutheran in doctrine, fundamental and evangelistic in nature and truly Biblically pietistic in practice as a ‘free movement’, until Jesus comes.)

8) Pray that believers will have a real **burden, conviction, courage** to seek to arrange for evangelistic meetings, Bible conferences, fellowship groups, etc. (Faith in Action). We do have a ‘gospel tent’ that is available and willing to assist you in the same.

9) That GOD might be glorified through these efforts and don’t forget to thank and praise HIM for what HE has done and is doing through this ministry! Season your prayer life with Praise and Thanksgiving.

10) That possibly God would want YOU to remember this ministry in YOUR last Will and Testament. It might be that God would lay it upon hearts in your congregations that, at your annual meeting, you should include in your ‘out reach ministry’ either monthly or a yearly financial given amount!

As I conclude this ‘challenge’ in this issue of the *Morning Glory*; why not through your congregation or yourself see to it that members, friends, etc. would have a copy of “Mirror of the Heart” and /or “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”. The printed page is like a ‘silent *messenger*’.

Are you considering giving the “Morning Glory” as a Christmas GIFT? Why not?

As you recall, you will ‘remember’ that financially the ‘summer months’ were encouraging; but as you note there is a slacking off in September. A word to the wise should be sufficient!

July Income for the Morning Glory - \$1445.00

August Income for the Morning Glory - \$1755.00

September Income for the Morning Glory - \$1057.00

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