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

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Hauge's Activity

(Continued from October issue of Morning Glory)

For a closer understanding of Hauge's activity and how a man in so short a time could accomplish so much, we must first emphasize his conversations with the individuals.

As mentioned before, Hauge began his activity with individual conversations, and this was also very essential in his mission. Hauge must have been especially gifted in this respect. He had great spiritual experience and his spiritual vision was penetrating. His speech was lively, and he made everything intelligible by examples, illustrations and pictures. His words seemed to carry the weight of eternity, even when he spoke only a couple of words in passing, so it is exemplified that a few words from him stayed in the souls of some for 40 to 60 years without losing their power, and above all he had a glowing, burning love, which pervaded his heart, and against this his quiet, strong love could almost no weapon hold its own. There are examples also that he with almost magic strength held his most enraged opponent only by a friendly word or a kind pat on the shoulder.

He generally started his conversation with worldly-minded people about temporal things and went from there easily over to the spiritual. In entering a house his first words were as a rule: "Do you live well here?" a question which often awoke earnest thoughts. Time and again he talked to the individual like this: "***Will you become a brother in Christ?***" or he laid his hand on the person's head and asked: "***Will you love God?***" etc...

His friends often came from afar to talk with him, and they always found guidance and consolation with him in the Word of God. One writes about this: "*As I arrived at*

the said place, I talked with the man whom I a long time had wanted to meet. I became much confirmed in his edification as he knew both in teaching and in living how to lead the weak and convince the recalcitrant." Another says: "*The Word of God bore testimony to me that he spoke the truth, and I felt I absolutely could not resist, and he was also very friendly towards everybody, even the lowliest, so that clearly gave evidence that he must have Christ's disposition, as I never before had seen such a person.*"

Hauge's Edification Speeches

Hauge's Edification Speeches were flowing freely from his deep and fervent life in God, not according to scientific rules, but there were in them the abundance of such faith and love which rendered effect. Hauge never studied his sermons, for if he had there would have been less warmth and fervency in them but not more light and serenity, as it was the power of life that worked. He himself tells that when he had figured out how he should preach in order to convince the wicked and edify the faithful, it nearly came to a stop for him; but when he resigned himself unto God and asked Him to control his tongue, it always came easy for him to talk about the walks of life. That is why he held to the promise: "*It shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.*"

One of his listeners says: "His word and speech were over my heart as a double-edged sword. As he began to speak the Word of God, my heart became so agitated with astonishment over his love and gentle mind, as I had never heard anyone speak as he did." His speeches were very vivid and well suited to fascinate the listeners' hearts.

Hauge's edifications were attended by many people;

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often large crowds gathered on the highways to follow him to the place where he had appointed edification. Old people have said that when such precessions went by, one would almost be moved to go along...

Hauge's Co-Workers

Hauge's co-workers were the many who either affected by Hauge personally or by his publications felt the urge to go out and bear testimony for their fellow men about the one thing needful. These co-workers were called "lay-preachers." Hauge admonished his friends to pray God to awaken teachers of truth who would proclaim the Word of God in spirit and truth, He says in part: *"As Christ with divine strength has emancipated us from the power and domination of sin, then we are anointed with the ointment of Christ of God's love. We have oil in our lamps, shouldn't we then preach his Word and confess his will even to the wicked race?"*

Gradually there was a great number of these lay-preachers around the country, and their work was of much blessing, so sinners were awakened from their indifference and began to love Jesus.

Taken from Hans Nielsen
Hauge: *A Short Account of the Life And Work Of Hauge* by C.
B, 1890.

To be continued in the December issue of the Morning Glory.

Editor's Note: Martin Luther said, "A Layman armed with Scripture is mightier than the mightiest Pope without Scripture!"

A Soul Winner's Joy

By Dr. John R. Rice

In Toronto, after I had preached one night to a tremendous crowd and some fifteen adults had come weeping to trust Christ as Savior, I stepped out of the pulpit and the great crowd filling the building filed out so that hundreds of others could come in for a second service.

A man stepped up to me to ask, "Brother Rice, have you been baptized with the Holy Ghost?"

I told him that by God's loving mercy, I had some measure of the breath of Heaven upon me, the fullness of the Spirit. I told him it would be folly and presumption for me to suppose that human education or any human talent or human industry had resulted in tens of thousands who had come to Christ under my ministry.

"I didn't mean that," he said, "I mean, have you talked in tongues?"

I replied that I had talked in the English tongue, the tongue that the people I preached to could understand, and that God had blessed it. I had not sought nor had I ever had any jabber in some language I did not know and which would do no one any good, nor did I understand that we were commanded to seek such.

"Oh, but you don't know how happy you would be if you just turned everything loose and said things you didn't understand or know anything about," he said.

And with deep emotion I answered him: "If God will just give me enough sinners coming down the aisles turning to Christ and if I can see enough drunkards made sober, enough harlots made pure, enough infidels made into believers, enough sinners made into saints of God; that is all the happiness and joy I ask for!"

Selected

HEAVEN IS BEAUTIFUL!

William E. Biederwolf

It is beautiful. ***God made it beautiful!*** The BIBLE doesn't go into detail, but it tells us enough to let us know that beauty in Heaven has reached its perfection.

God loves beauty, or He wouldn't have put so much of it in this world.

Who painted the butterfly's wing with all those gorgeous hues and threw around the evening sun her drapery of a thousand colors?

Who put the red on the robin's breast?

From whose pastel were the colors mixed that gave the rose its blushing charm and touched the lily with its

dreamy white?

Who taught the raindrop to take a ray of light from heaven's shining orb and pencil it on the sky in one huge arch of bewildering elegance?

God did it all! He made everything beautiful, and only sin has marred it. In Heaven you'll find God's beauty at its best. The fairest visions on earth, all of her enrapturing scenery, all of her matchless music, and all of her sweetest fragrance are but the faintest indication possible of the ineffable and entrancing beauty that shall greet us everywhere as we enter and dwell in that celestial city whose Builder and Maker is God.

John got a glimpse of it one day from his lonely island and tried to tell us about it, but the best he could do was to use a few symbols our poor little minds could understand; and he said, "***The walls are of jasper, the foundation is garnished with precious stones, every gate is a pearl, and the city is of pure gold.***"

One day when we go sweeping through those gates of pearl and catch our first vision of the enrapturing beauty all around us, I think we'll hunt up John and say, "John, why didn't you tell us it was so beautiful?"

John will say, "I tried to tell you when I wrote chapter 22 of the last book in the Bible after I got my vision, but I couldn't do it."

This is the Heaven God has prepared for you and for the poorest of them that believe on Him. He had made it beautiful.

The Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: Heaven is a prepared Place for a prepared people, and personally, I want to see JESUS for HE paid it all for ME!

As you know it is God (The Holy Spirit) writing through John!

My Brother and Sister

For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Mark 3:35

It appears on this occasion that the Lord's mother and brothers came to where He was preaching. For whatever reason, they did not join those gathered to hear the Lord, but rather sent for Him to come to them. Even His listeners were surprised that He ignored their request. What was the reason? Normally, the Lord would have gladly met with His family, but He was engaged in His Father's business and could not be disturbed. Instead, He told His audience that those who did His Father's will were His true brethren. Let us be careful not to let loved ones keep us from doing what God calls us to do. W. A. H.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever 1 Peter 1:25

The wreck of Flight 93 on September 11, 2001 left little behind. The burning jet fuel incinerated virtually everything. However, one of the items discovered was a fully intact copy of a well used Bible, complete with a prayer list – the possession of a dedicated Christian aboard the doomed aircraft. Almost everything else from that flight was destroyed or burned – nearly everything that is, except the Word of God! Heaven and earth will pass away, but not God's Word. It will last forever. Let's read it today, so that we can enjoy its truth throughout eternity. Mark Kolchin

*The Bible stands though the hills may tumble,
It will firmly stand when the earth shall crumble;
I will plant my feet on its firm foundation,
For the Bible stands. – Haldor Lillenas*

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He (Nabal) hath (repaid) me evil for good. 1 Samuel 25:21

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19

David was tempted to “get even” and had it not been for the gracious intervention of Abigail he would have carried out his plan. The believer is often tempted to try to rectify the injustices done to him by the unconverted, yet our God asks us to leave that responsibility with Him. He may not balance the record as quickly as we would, but He will act. Only then will justice be properly served.

Wm. H. Gustafson

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For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them. Isaiah 59:12

This will be the language of all who stand before the Great White Throne of God's judgment. The books will be opened and the dead will be judged by what is written in them, according to their works. Unsaved friend, then you will weep as you see your multiplied transgressions. Then your sins will testify against you. You did not trust in the Lamb of God as your sin-bearer, therefore your sins will still be with you and on you. On that terrible day you will fully know them and you will know God's wrath when you could have known His love. Delay no longer. Trust Him now! Carl Knott

What will you do without Him, when He hath shut the

door,

And you are left outside because you would not come before?

F. R. Havergal

Editor's Note: Or because you have ‘left your first love’, as God is also a God of Justice and Justice demands SIN has to be paid for sooner or later! That is why JESUS shed His very own Blood for you and me, so that ‘we’ can experience the ‘free Gift of Salvation’ because JESUS paid it all on Calvary! **“It is finished”!**

VERY INTERESTING: Medically ‘they’ believe that everything YOU experience is recorded in your and my brain; and IF I am not mistaken ‘they’ believe EVEN while you were in your Mother's Womb! REVELATION 20:10-15.

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“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” (II Chronicles 7:14).

Please note: 4 Conditions & 3 Promises!

As our Savior/God has promised, prayer will transform our Nation by transforming individual lives, one life at a time.

PRAY FOR:

1. The people and Leaders of this great Nation; that they would remember again the blessings of God (Romans 2:4) and walk in obedience to HIM. (As you already know, we are to pray for ‘our’ Leaders and one another)!

2. For a ***return of respect for law enforcement personal*** and safety for all that serve Freedom!

3. For ***God's hand of protection and Guidance*** over the Nation and people of ISRAEL, and about the deteriorating relationship between the United States of America's Administration and Israel.

4. That ***in the presidential election of 2016***, American (especially Christians) people will seek God's best in the voting booth and vote by conscience, not pocketbook, and what is best for we the people, not just for me/myself & I.

5. For a Heaven sent/prayed down REVIVAL in our Land.

6. Definitely for the ***defunding of Planned Parenthood***.

7. For the ***persecuted ‘brethren’*** (household of faith) ***in the USA and around the world!***

PRAY SPECIFICALLY AND EXPECTANTLY WITH THANKSGIVING!

For those of YOU who reside in other countries, you can pray basically the same!

Editorial

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First Fruits of Agape (Divine) Love

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

IN our beloved ‘Republic’/USA, we are experiencing, on a world level, ‘nation against nation’ racial divisions: which is not only but literally also meaning ‘race against race’ and ‘our’ present ‘Administration’ has been very helpful in this division.

I am of the age where I can very vividly recall the slogan “United we stand, divided we fall,” and a picture of the ‘bust’ of ‘Uncle Sam’ pointing with his index finger stating “I need you!” This is very true in the Christian’s realm also!

As it was in ‘Noah’s time’, so shall it be in the latter days, which has become so evident. One of the out-standing “sins” in Noah’s era was **lawlessness!** IN other words, ‘I will do my own thing regardless of what others might think’; even in the *Christian realm*.

Likely most of ‘us’ pay close attention to the *propheting/prediction* of “Meteorologists”, which is certainly *okay*; but I am amazed how quickly their ‘forecasts’ change in a very short period of time. Notice what JESUS says: “He answered and said to them, ‘When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.” Matthew 16:2-3, Luke 21:25-28. YES, **JESUS is a very accurate METEOROLOGIST** 100% of the time.

IN the little ‘book’ of JUDE we find many ‘truths’ as God’s Word, the Bible, is TRUTH. It states “*Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. These are spots in in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;*”

BECAUSE “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” Matthew 15:14.

Stop, look & listen to what the Perfect Meteorologist says in Matthew 24:12: “**And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold**”.

The national & world ‘leaders’ are promising PEACE, PEACE, but there shall be no PEACE; especially in the latter day or during ‘Perilous Times – II Timothy 3; even to the point of ‘Global warming/Weather change’ when God says “*“While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”*” Genesis 8:22 – **II Peter 3:10**

Now some ‘theologians’ (A ‘Theologian’ is one who studies the Scriptures) make a distinction between iniquity and transgressions, while both are definitely SIN which separates ‘us’ from God; but ‘iniquity’ is more the sin of omission and transgression the sin of commission. James 2:10 & 17.

While I was in full-time Parish Ministry, I liked to ask new-weds-to-be: give me a definition of LOVE! What is your definition of *love*? Are YOU practicing it?

Most certainly keep in your heart and mind that ALL Scripture is in total harmony; the Old Testament with the New Testament and visa versa! But figuratively consider the entire Bible as a Battery as we NEED both the LAW and the GOSPEL in the heart and mind of both the saved and the lost sinners! For example: the *Positive post* gives no ‘battery’ current charge in itself – but need the negative post connected also: correct???

YET the entire BIBLE is **Agape Love!** YES, where the LAW is not presented/shared in ‘love’, it does not accomplish its full intended purpose and SIN will move in the individual’s life as well as the Congregation’s! As you know the deeper the conviction of SIN is in your life, the deeper the JOY will be also for JESUS came to seek and save the lost! Following is a true story as a six year old girl was misbehaving at church and finally the Dad asked this six year old, “What should I do with you?” AND she answered, “**I NEED GRACE.**” NOW **God’s Grace** is not given as a “pillow” to sin upon, but to obey HIM and for our undeserved benefit!

THUS if you do not ‘long’ for Christian Fellowship, there is SIN in your life, and YOU have a serious reason to question your personal Salvation! “**We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.**” 1 John 3:14. In other words, you enjoy hearing

and sharing/testifying what JESUS is doing (Holy Spirit/Word) in & through your heart/life – also in Christian Fellowship!

GOD does not intend for us to be “*Lone Ranger Christians*”, for the way God created us is in NEED of FELLOWSHIP! Marvel of all marvels GOD even created us to ‘fellowship’ with HE, Himself!

One ‘ear-mark’ of being a member of the ‘Family of God’ (Communion of Saints) is we **know & experience** –1 John 3:14!

Please prayerfully read again: Hebrews 10:24-25.

ONE of the present/current *signs of the times* is lack of practicing Hebrews 10:24-25 & Matthew 24:12.

To exhort ‘one-another’ is not only to a strong admonition, but ‘exhorting’ also includes ‘advice & appeal’. To do less is to sin, the sin of omission. As “***As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.***” Proverbs 27:17. **Because** ‘our’ Triune God has promised to be in the ‘midst’ of them who are gathered IN HIS NAME! VERY SPECIAL: **Marvelous GRACE:** *If you truly* know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior: even though Jesus has given you a NEW heart, and yet we still

have the old nature; But “***Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.***” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Notice: Hebrews 10:24-25 is not only suggestive, an option, but a command, by the ONE who LOVES you most!

There are ‘many’ biblical things a born-again person can participate in this present ‘world’, for example: Birthday Parties, Anniversaries, Weddings, Music, Sports, etc.; BUT what is your priority as God sees what is in YOUR heart?

“Christian Fellowship” was one of the very basic concerns/convictions (Pillars) why the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation was officially organized in 1920 and is ongoing TODAY!!

Is Biblical Christian Fellowship one of YOUR priorities TODAY?

IS HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER true in your life?

Just Take It!

So long as we determine to serve our Lord faithfully and bear witness to His saving grace, we may be sure we will incur the wrath of Satan.

Should we let this discourage us? Not at all! Warfare in a righteous cause can be most rewarding, “***Fight the good fight of faith***” I Tim. 6:12. The way to get the most out of the Christian life is to stand boldly for the truth.

Paul wrote to Timothy, “*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ*” (II Timothy 2:3). He is a poor soldier indeed who cannot “take it.” With the power of Christ working in us and through us, we can withstand the attacks of our adversary, the Devil, and do a real work for God.

M. Parker

*Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?
Sure I must fight if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord.
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain
Supported by Thy Word.*

Isaac Watts

It seems to me that as a Christian you should:

1. Take the challenge! Get prepared. Go to boot

camp. Wear the uniform. Listen to orders. Fill your place in the troop. When the enemy draws near, don't shrink back. Be militant, meet them, confront them, and fight as needed.

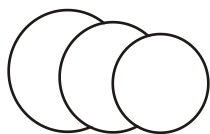
2. Take up the cause! “The good fight of faith” is the cause. Whining, waffling and wimping out are not the expressions of our faith that befit our cause. Christ the Gospel, the Word of God, preaching, soul winning, local churches, and a holy lifestyle are worth of our maximum, militant effort.

3. Take the heat! Anyone who thought it would be easy just wasn't paying attention. If you serve the Lord, you're going to invoke the anger of Satan and his minions.

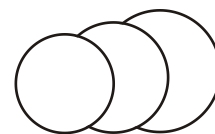
“*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. “But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of.”* II Timothy 3:12 – 14.

So be prepared; if you do right, the stress will be forthcoming. Don't let it throw you. Just take it. Don't let the ship of discouragement sail into the harbor of your soul. Don't faint! Don't quit! Continue! Press on! Keep up the fight! Amen!

Dr. Oswald Smith, Sword of the Lord.



From our Fellowship Circle



A. & K. T.

Livingston, NJ

We thank you and God for the blessings received through the *Morning Glory*. Thank you also for those who receive it. Please add another name to your mailing list: ...

It has been a real blessing to us for many years!

May God continue to bless your ministry.

I. & P. F.

Osage, IA

We would like to have the *Morning Glory* sent to the following people ...

We have family members who would benefit from the *Morning Glory*. We are sending checks to help with your expenses as it is one Christian magazine that tells it like it is, no compromise. Keep it that way as Jesus is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever!

T. S.

Kasson, MN

Please find \$... enclosed for the *Morning Glory*. Truly a great Christian magazine.

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SUNDAYS (The LORD'S Day) HAVE BECOME DESECRATED

Sundays have become **so busy** that many Congregations/Churches NOW HAVE (across the board) **WORSHIP SERVICES** during the 'work-week'!

MY Question is: **'busy' doing what** – on what we call the LORD'S DAY???

I know EVERY 'day' is a gift from God and every day should be lived for HIM!

GOD says REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY – in Luther's Small Catechism Explained it states:

"How is this done?" "When God destroys and brings to naught every evil counsel and purpose of the devil, the world, and our own flesh, which would hinder us from hal- lowing His Name, and prevent the coming of His kingdom; and when He strengthens us and keeps us steadfast in His Word and in faith even unto our end. This is His good and gracious will."

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.

"What does this mean?" **"Answer:"** "We should fear and love God so that we do not despise His Word and the preaching of the same, but deem it holy, and gladly hear and

learn it."

"Which day is the day of rest among Christians? Sunday, the first day of the week, on which Christ rose from the dead."

"How should we keep the day of rest holy?" 1. We must rest from our daily labor, that the time may be used for our instruction in the fear of the Lord. 2. We must earnestly hear and study the word of God, both in our homes and in church.

"And He said, 'More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!' **Luke 11:28** "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." **James 1:27**

SUNDAYS have become sleep-in-day, sports, fun-day, catch-up-day, mow the lawn, wash the car, laundry, work day; a day to do just what (I) want to do; other than obey the Word of God.

Sundays have become so desecrated and IF we want a Heaven-sent-revival, we are going to obey HIS WORD!

NOW let us look a 'little' deeper into His Eternal Word: **Nehemiah chapters 7 & 8** for example:

NOTICE: First of all the vital importance of 'believers' to assemble together in 'Worship' of our Living Savior! **8:1.**

Secondly: Affirming The Authority of the Eternal, Inspired Living Word of God, the BIBLE with a child-like fear as we 'should fear and love God' with REVERENCE/AWE = **"I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name"** Psalm 138:2.

Thirdly: IN Adoring of the God of GRACE – **"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple: The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether, More to be desired..."** Psalm 19:7-10.

Fourthly: The empowering, in and through and with the Eternal Word of God in **8:18**. This is putting the Word of God into ACTION through vessels to His Honor and Glory! *Church and the Assembly of 'believers'* is not a DRUDGERY! The Word of God is the Primary Focus and that is why we don't resort to using secondary means. God does not (*necessarily*) want to use "US" as Long (lone) Ranger Christians.

Believable ...Yet Unbelievable

Forty-One Companies That Donate Directly to Planned Parenthood

In the wake of two videos allegedly showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing the sale of aborted fetal body parts, Republicans in Congress are working to ensure that Planned Parenthood is stripped of its federal funding

However, it's not only the government that fills Planned Parenthood's coffers. According to 2ndVote, a website and app, that the flow of money from consumers to political causes, more than twenty-three percent of Planned Parenthood's \$1.3 billion annual revenue comes from private donations which includes corporate contributions.

2ndVote researched the corporations and organizations to find which ones supported Planned Parenthood and found that more than three dozen donated to the group. Some companies donated directly, while others matched employee gifts.

Forty-one corporations and organizations directly contribute to the group...

The first video...showed Planned Parenthood senior executive Dr. Deborah Nucatola meeting with actors portraying buyers from a "human biologics company." The "buyers" discussed the sale of fetal body parts with Nucatola over lunch.

In the second video (Ed. NOW: Number of more 'videos' confirming same basic reality), released (July 21), Dr. Mary Gatter, president of Planned Parenthood's medical directors council, is seen negotiating the price of aborted fetal body parts.

Here are the forty-one companies that have directly funded Planned Parenthood:

Adobe, American Cancer Society, American Express, AT&T, Avon, Bank of America, Bath & Body Works, Ben & Jerry's, Clorox, Coca-Cola, Converse, Deutsche Bank, Dockers, Energizer, Expedia Exxon-Mobil, Fannie Mae, Ford, Groupon, Intuit, Johnson & Johnson, La Senza, Levi Strauss, Liberty Mutual, Macy's, March of Dimes, Microsoft, Morgan Stanley, Nike, Oracle, PepsiCo, Pfizer, Progressive, Starbucks, Susan G. Komen, Tostitos, Unilever, United Way Verizon, Wells Fargo, Xerox.

Melissa Quinn for dailysignal.com

P. S. After this report came out, LifeNews.com is reporting that Coca-Cola, Ford and Xerox have asked to be deleted from the list, saying...

Must Christians Always Submit to the Governing Authorities???

Does Romans 13 forbid any form of Christian Resistance??? – *Matthew 22:21, Acts 4:2, 20; 17:6-7; 5:29; 4:19; 1 Peter 2:14; Exodus 1:15-16; 17, 20-21; 2:3, 7-9; Daniel 3:12, 25; 6:7, 10.*

From these references, we can see that there are times when resistance to the governing authorities is biblical.

Submitting to the government authorities is not always the biblical thing to do!

Stand with FRANKLIN GRAHAM and declare, "*I have hope for America because of Jesus Christ.*"

"The nations will put their hope in (Jesus) name." Matthew 12:21, HCSB

Did you ever think it would come to this in the United States: marriage redefined, religious freedom in danger, gender confusion, and restrictions on free speech in the marketplace? America is in trouble.

The picture is bleak, but there is hope — not in any political party, but only in Jesus Christ. He can change our nation by transforming lives, one heart at a time. ...

In 2016, Franklin will hold prayer rallies in all 50 states called *The Decision America Tour*, to proclaim the Gospel and challenge Christians to boldly live out their faith and pray fervently for our nation...

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

News Briefs

** "America is becoming less Christian, more secular" according to the Pew Research Center study released May 19 (2015). A lot of the media got all over this and seemed to enjoy it. Actually, their research just documented what was already glaringly obvious. Secularism, Islam and a variety of other anti-Christian influences are demanding and getting a hearing. The "fun and games" church schemes so popular now are also contributing heavily to the downgrading of American Christianity. The alarm is blaring, and it is past time for all of us to wake up and get up. (SWORD PRESS SERVICE)

** Irish Regan reports in USA Today that according to the Pew Research Center, the American marriage rate hit a rock bottom of 50.3 percent in 2013, down from 50.5 percent the previous year. Compare that with 1960, when

72.2 percent of American married. A new finding by the forecasting firm Demographic Intelligence suggests marriage rates will continue to fall into next year.

** Starting this fall, New York City high schools will offer visual demonstrations in the use of a common contraceptive device. (New York Post, June 2, 2015)

** Remember the promises we were made? “If you like your doctor, you keep your doctor,” the President said. He also told us that premiums would go down and that “the average American family would save \$2,500 a year.” That was 2008! Here we are in 2015, and premiums have been on an increasingly escalating scale.

We have just been advised that our plan for our Sword employees with Of Tennessee will go up 31 percent in September.

And we are hearing more and more about doctors who are just walking away and quitting medicine altogether. Their reasons are almost universally government related. Sad! SWORD PRESS SERVICE

** Colombia’s first legal euthanasia has just been carried out. That makes four countries with currently legal euthanasia: Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Colombia.

Canada will soon join that list once the Supreme Court’s imposition goes into effect next year. The Province of Quebec currently allows euthanasia.

** Top reasons women gave for having abortions (they) could pick more than one) according to the most recent information: 74 percent said that the baby would change their life too much; 73 percent said that babies were too expensive; 48 percent didn’t want to raise the child alone; 32 percent did not want another child; less than one percent for rape or incest.

(Sara Terzo for LifeNew.com)

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Jesus Christ Our Creator

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him.” Colossians 1:16

Before one can really know Jesus Christ as Savior or Lord, he must acknowledge Him as offended and rejected Creator, because He was our Creator first of all. This is

such an important doctrine of the New Testament that it is remarkable how rarely it is emphasized in modern evangelicalism.

Creation by Jesus Christ is the doctrine with which John begins his great gospel of salvation. ***“In the beginning was the Word, ...All things were made by him; ...and the world was made by him and the world knew him not”*** (John 1:1, 3, 10). It is the foundational message of the book of Hebrews: *“God...hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds”* (Hebrews 1:1-2).

The apostle Paul said that he had been called specifically to preach *“the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”* (Ephesians 3:8-9). When a person becomes a believer in Christ, receiving His very life by the new birth, he is said to be *“renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him”* (Colossians 3:10).

In the final book of the Bible, Jesus Christ is called ***“the beginning of the creation of God”*** (3:14). But of all the biblical passages identifying Jesus Christ as Creator, the most definitive of all is our text for today. Everything in heaven and Earth was created by Him, and for Him! ***“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen”*** (Romans 11:36)

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Divide The Sea

But lift up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. Exodus 14:17

The Lord, through Moses, made a passage for His people through the Red Sea. It is a lovely picture of our salvation, a passage from death to life. Some day the Lord will make a passage through the air for His people (1 Thess. 4:17), and it will result in our glorification. From beginning to end it is all His blessed work. Are you living in the expectation of that great meeting in the air?

W. Ross Rainey

*Soon the “trump of God” will call us,
Soon we’ll meet Him in the air,
He, the altogether lovely,
And the fairest of the fair: – J. Booth*

The Unity of the Book

By Dr. Curtis Hutson

The Bible consists of sixty-six books – thirty-nine in the Old Testament, twenty-seven in the New – written by forty different men over a period of sixteen hundred years. These men varied widely in their backgrounds and accomplishments.

The pages were penned in the wilderness of Sinai, the cliffs of Arabia, the hills and towns of Palestine, the courts of the temple, the schools of the prophets, the palace of Shushan, on the banks of the river Chebar in Babylon, on the lonely isle of Patmos, and in prisons and dungeons where Paul was inspired to write some of the books in the Bible.

Yet in all the Bible, in this wonderful conglomeration, is an absolute unity of thought and not one contradiction.

How could a herdsman, a tax collector, a statesman, a learned man, and an ignorant fisherman – living centuries apart – write down their thoughts, bring them together, and find that there was complete unity and harmony with a single contradiction?

I could choose forty like-minded men today, hand each a pad of blank paper and say to one, "Write a book of about eight chapters"; and to another "Write a book of about sixty-six chapters; and to another "Write a book of about forty chapters."

If I gave assignments to forty different men and they went off and wrote on their own, when they brought back their writings, it would be such a confusing mess that we would never be able to get it all together. There would be contradictions all the way through.

The only way it could come back having unity of thought would be to have a mastermind behind it, telling each one what to write.

There is perfect harmony and unity all the way through the Bible. As a matter of fact, there is such unity that you can't fully understand Hebrews without under-

Most people don't realize how little alcohol it takes to affect the body. When you have even one drink, some of your brain cells temporarily stop functioning. Alcohol definitely inhibits your driving abilities. Legally, you're driving under the influence with a .08% blood-alcohol level. However, your visual perception is affected with only a .02% level. With a .05% level, a driver has already increased their accident probability by 100% as compared to driving without any alcohol in the blood. Put your brain cells to work before you take the first sip.

The Scotsman, March 14, 1994

standing Leviticus, and you can't fully understand Revelation without understanding Daniel.

There is such harmony in the Bible that you can't fully understand Ephesians without understanding Joshua. Despite all the differences in the writers, their works fit together like two hands. We have a miracle Book in the Bible – complete unity of thought and not one contradiction.

Sword of the Lord

Seeking and Speaking

For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews...seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed. Esther 10:3

In these days of selfishness and greed, it is refreshing to read of a man who used his elevated position to bless others. God's hand protected Mordecai and saw him saved from what seemed to be certain death and lifted to a place of political power and influence. Instead of using it for his own benefit, Mordecai sought the wealth of his people. May God help us to be generous and selfless with God's blessings to us! G. S.

As we receive, so let us give, with ready, generous hand,

Rich fruitage from the lives we live, to bless our home and land.

P. A. Chub

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James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. Luke 5:1

The word "partners" is from the word *koinineia* which means "fellowship" (Acts 2:42). In this setting in Luke we get more of an idea of what fellowship is. It is far more than just sitting in a meeting together. Men who do that every week have little fellowship with one another. James and John were in fellowship with Peter. They helped with the rowing, handling the catch and mending the nets. They shared the good weather and the bad, the profits and the losses. Their lives coincided much more than once a week for a couple of hours. What can you do to actively fellowship in the work of the local church? (Which adheres to the Bible) Be a partner in the Lord's work!

Carl Knott

*To the work! We are servants of God;
Let us follow the path, that our Master has trod.*

Fanny J. Crosby

All Men Saved

**Who will have all men to be saved, and to
come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

1 Timothy 2:4

Here we have a glimpse of the expansiveness of the heart of God – that all men should be saved. There is no one on the face of the earth, however distant from God, who is beyond the pale of the great salvation that God offers. Sir Robert Anderson wrote “There is no deception in it. If forgiveness is preached to all, it is because all may share it... It is impossible that election can ever limit the value of the death of Christ, or the power of that name to save and bless.” May we continue, in accord with the mind of God, to preach the “*whosoever*” Gospel, and to have the expectation that many hearing it can be saved.

W. H. Burnett

*Sinners Jesus will receive, sound this word of grace to
all,*

*Who the heavenly pathway leaves all who linger all
who fall.*

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**“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by
faith.”** Ephesians 3:17

BEYOND measure it is desirable that we, as believer, should have the person of Jesus constantly before us, to inflame our love towards Him, to increase our knowledge of Him. I would to God that my readers were all entered as diligent scholars in Jesus’ college, students of Corpus Christi, or the body of Christ, resolved to attain unto a good degree in the learning of the cross. But to have Jesus ever near, the heart must be full of Him, welling up with His love, even to overrunning; hence the apostle prays “*that Christ may dwell in your heart.*” See how near he would have Jesus to be! You cannot get a subject closer to you than to have it in the heart itself. “*That He may dwell;*” not that He may call upon you sometimes, as a casual visitor enters into a house and tarries for a night, but that He may **dwell**; that Jesus may become the Lord and Tenant of your inmost being, never more to go out.

Observe the words – that He may dwell in your heart, that best room of the house of manhood; not in your thoughts alone, but in your affections; not merely in the mind’s meditations, but in the heart’s emotions. We should pant after love to Christ of a most abiding character, to a love that flames up and then dies out into the darkness of a few embers, but constant flame, fed by sacred fuel, like the fire upon the altar which never went out. This cannot be accomplished except by faith. Faith must be strong, or

love will not be fervent; the root of the flower must be healthy, or we cannot expect the bloom to be sweet. Faith is the lily’s root, and love is the lily’s bloom. Now, reader, Jesus cannot be in your heart’s love except you have a firm hold of Him by your heart’s faith; and, therefore, pray that you may always trust Christ in order that you may always love Him. If love be cold, be sure that faith is drooping.

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Put Up or Shut Up

Dr. John R. Rice

No church ought ever to support a program which includes known modernism (liberalism, disloyalty to Christ and the historic faith and the Bible).

1). It is absolutely contrary to the Word of God, as Ephesians 5:11, II John 9-11 and many other Scriptures.

2). It is absolutely insincere for Bible believers to support infidels because they are in the denominational program. To do so is to draw nigh to God with your mouth and honor God with your lips while your heart is far from Him.

3). No denomination can ever be cleaned up of modernism by those who are supporting the modernism. If you get one snake out of a nest, as long as you go on feeding snakes, you will have snakes.

No man need to look for an excuse to support modernists. The Lord has plainly commanded us, “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them*” (Eph. 5:11).

The Bible has plainly commanded that if one comes and doesn’t abide in the doctrine of Christ, he “*hath not God*” and we are not to receive such a one nor even bid him Godspeed (II John 7-11).

So nice talk doesn’t change anything if a man is not willing to obey the plain command of God.

And you know good and well that it is always a sin to help support infidels while you pray against them, but it is the program of “our beloved denomination.”

Nobody has a right to put his denomination ahead of Christ and the Bible, and loyalty to a denomination that leads one to disobey the Bible is still a kind of idolatry which is a sin.

Sword of the Lord

Fortified

“And they fortified Jerusalem unto the board wall.” Nehemiah 3:8

CITIES well fortified have broad walls, and so had Jerusalem in her glory. The New Jerusalem must, in like manner, be surrounded and preserved by a broad wall of nonconformity to the world, and separation from its customs and spirit. The tendency of these days is to break down the holy barrier, and make the distinction between the church and the world merely nominal. Professors are no longer strict and Puritanical, questionable literature is read on all hands, frivolous pastimes are currently indulged, and a general laxity threatens to deprive the Lord’s peculiar people of those sacred singularities which separate them from sinners. It will be an ill day for the church and the world when the proposed amalgamation shall be complete, and the sons of God and the daughters of men shall be as one: then shall another deluge of wrath be ushered in. Beloved reader, be it your aim in heart, in word, in dress, in action to maintain the broad wall, remembering the friendship of this world is enmity against God.

The broad wall afforded a pleasant place of resort for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, from which they could command prospects of the surrounding country. This reminds us of the Lord’s exceeding broad commandments, in which we walk at liberty in communion with Jesus, overlooking the scenes of earth, and looking out towards the glories of heaven. Separated from the world, and denying ourselves all ungodliness and fleshly lusts, we are nevertheless not in prison, nor restricted within narrow bounds; nay, we walk at liberty, because we keep His precepts. Come, reader, this evening walk with God in His statutes. A friend met friend upon the city wall, so meet thou thy God in the way of holy prayer and meditation. The bulwarks of salvation thou hast a right to traverse, for thou art a freeman of the royal burgh, a citizen of the metropolis of the universe.

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A Day of Thanksgiving

(Please read Psalm 107:1-43)

Please take the time to read this entire psalm and meditate upon the goodness of our God. Today, the United States of America observes a Day of Thanksgiving. Our Canadian neighbors observed a similar day in October. It

is a great blessing to live in countries where such a day is still recognized each year even though, for most people, Thanksgiving Day is just another holiday with little time, if any, given to thanking God for His many blessings. As Christians, however, we have so much for which to be thankful. Our text places great emphasis on the goodness and lovingkindness of our God. *“O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good”* (v. 1a). And again, *“Oh that men would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!”* (vv. 8, 15, 21, 31). The final verse of this blessed psalm of thanksgiving says, *“Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD”*

It is sad that on this national Day of Thanksgiving, so few in our nation will pause to consider God’s goodness and say, “Thanks.” We have so much for which to thank the Lord – our freedoms of worship, speech and the press and also the material blessings God has showered upon us. But Christians have much more to be thankful for in addition to these material blessings – our salvation, forgiveness of sins, eternal life and God’s many great and precious promises. Every day should be a day of thankfulness for the believer. But on this Thanksgiving Day, let us *“sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing”* (v. 22). M. H. Reynolds (1919 – 1997),

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The Slogan of the Hour

By Pastor Warren Roy, Stephens City, VA

We are in a day and age when the U. S. A. Constitution is being treated worse than ... paper! Homosexuals are forcing their agenda down our throat against our wills! Who cares if the First Amendment does protect our religious freedom!

Plus every time someone is shot they try to grab guns which are CLEARLY protected by the Second Amendment! Which not only are used in committing crimes but often are used in stopping crimes too!

If you outlaw the instrument of crime, you should also outlaw cars, commode seats, knives, and quite a few other things! NO murder is in the heart of the person! Don’t blame guns, blame the evil heart of man! (Jeremiah 17:9). In the light of the fairly recent horrible shooting in Virginia here should be our slogan as freedom loving Americans...

Formula for Spiritual Awakening

“Because a message makes you feel good it is not necessarily from God.” By David R. Mains

Like many ministers today, I would like to regularly bring a message to the people of America about how pleasant things are. Such sermons are well received and are usually generously supported.

But God has laid on my heart the great need for the people of this nation to return to Him, breaking with the world’s philosophy which has proven so unsatisfactory. It is time to call for war on the king of darkness who has cheated us blind as a people – to make a declaration of independence from his lies, his robbery, his taking of lives.

My prayer is that God’s people will pick up such a challenge and that somehow their hearts will be stirred by the song of revival. Believers need to have wisdom in discerning the true state of health in our land – a clear understanding that a national turning to God begins with those who claim to be His children. They must be reminded that a truly healthy church is repulsed by sin on the outside and horrified when its very own ranks are invaded.

Above all, Christians should realize that a life lived close to God will be marked by standards entirely different from those of the world. God’s Spirit is not free to work in convicting power without a base of effectual, fervent prayer by righteous men and women. Anointed leaders need the backing of supporters who believe God’s message. You see, there’s great difference between the present, commendable efforts at evangelism and past times of repentance and revival. When God’s presence is

**His mercy is on them that fear
(godly/childlike) Him** Luke 1:50

*In vain the trembling conscience seeks
Some solid ground to rest upon;
With long despair the spirit breaks,
Till we apply to Christ alone.*

**Ye that (godly/childlike) fear the
Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help
and their shield.** Psalm 115:11.

restored, *“spiritual entertainment”* is no longer a satisfactory substitute for spiritual growth, and the believer is aware that just because a message makes him feel good, it is not necessarily from God.

If your heart informs you that today is the occasion for making merry, buying and investing, setting up provisions for a long, prosperous season ahead, so be it.

My heart is saying, “David, simplify your life. Spend more time in prayer. Walk righteously before God. Sound a warning. Keep alive the longing for a spiritual quickening in our land.”

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Crying for Which Cecil?

By Pastor Warren Roy, Stephens City, VA

A thought that I have! We heard fairly recently about a lion killed over in Africa named ‘Cecil’! People really got upset (and some still are) over this lion named Cecil! Some folk even shed tears over this “horrible” killing!

Here is my thought. How many men possibly and even some women have the name of Cecil in our Communities? Some spell it differently and some even pronounce it differently. But it is till basically the same name ‘Cecil’.

How many of those Cecil’s are coming to our churches and are actually saved and serving our risen Lord and Savior now? For such, most certainly REJOICE!

However, how many of these Cecil’s are lost and living in sin and are on the way to Hell? Perhaps the *majority* of them (Matthew 7:13-14).

My question: What are WE (I included) doing to reach these lost souls? ***Are we crying tears in prayer to God*** for the lost Cecil’s in our Communities? (Psalm 126:5-6) or are we being indifferent to their lost souls?

Are we trying to witness to the Cecil’s in our Communities (Mark 16:17-18; Acts 1:8)? Are we at least trying to invite them to a Biblical Church or at least giving them Gospel Literature/Gospel Tracts? Or are we letting them die in their sins lost! (Ezek. 33:6)?

Please don’t get me wrong.. We need to reach souls regardless what their name is! But in the light of the news of Cecil the lion, I felt we need to cry out in prayer more for the lost Cecil’s in our Community as well as the others!

John 4:35 – ***Say not ye, There are four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”***

Being Thankful for Grace

"Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Romans 5:20

This is the day which Americans set aside to reflect on the blessings of God which have been showered on us in the previous year. All other holidays, even Christmas and Easter, can be skewed into a non-Christian meaning, but not Thanksgiving. Historically, it was a time to give thanks to God for the bountiful harvest, and experientially, while there are those to whom we should give thanks for particular favors, there is only one to whom we can give thanks for the blessings of life. Nothing else makes sense.

Christians, of course, have much more for which to give thanks than the non-believer, or at least they have the eyes with which to see and the heart with which to recognize God's blessings. Indeed, Paul instructs us that *"in everything (we should) give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18); the tense of the verb implying a habitual, continual thanksgiving.

But specifically, we should be thankful for His grace, which, as explained in our text, completely overwhelmed our sin and instead brought salvation and freedom from guilt. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8).

Note that in our text the word "abound" appears three times. Both the offense and sin exist in abundance. But the abundance of grace comes from a different Greek word which means literally "to exist in superabundance." But there is more. It is further modified by the prefix "much more," implying a grace that is beyond superabundance.

On this special day of thanksgiving, let us not fail to include in those things for which we are thankful the overwhelmingly superabundant grace of God.

John D. Morris, Ph.D.

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A LESSON IN PRAISE

(Please read Psalm 150)

Praise the LORD Psalm 150:1

Psalm 150 is not only a beautiful expression of praise, it's also a lesson in praising the Lord. It tells us where to praise, why we're to praise, how we're to praise, and who

should offer praise.

Where do we praise? In God's "sanctuary" and "mighty firmament" (v.1). Wherever we are in the world is a proper place to praise the One who created all things.

Why do we praise? First, because of what God does. He performs "mighty acts." Second, because of who God is. The psalmist praises Him for "His excellent greatness" (v.2). The all-powerful Creator is the Sustainer of the universe.

How should we praise? Loudly. (Ed. Particularly in the open-air). Softly. Soothingly. Enthusiastically. Rhythmically. Boldly. Unexpectedly. Fearlessly. In other words, we can praise God in many ways and on many occasions (vv. 3-5).

Who should praise? *"Everything that has breath"* (v.6). Young and old. Rich and poor. Weak and strong. Every living creature. God's will is for everyone to whom He gave the breath of life to use that breath to acknowledge His power and greatness.

Praise is our enthusiastic expression of gratitude to God for reigning in glory forever.

Julie Ackerman Link

*Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!* - Watts

Praise is the overflow of a joyful heart.

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Live By Faith

The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. Hebrews 10:38

*Grace alone can cure our ills,
Sweeten life with all its cares,
Regulate our stubborn wills,
Save us from surrounding snares.*

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. Hebrews 10:39.

Selected

Batter in the Bowl

(Please read Ruth 2:1-12)

Please let me glean ... after the reapers among the sheaves. Verse 7

My daughter and I consider brownies to be one of the seven wonders of the culinary world. One day, as we were mixing the ingredients of our favorite chocolate treat, my daughter asked if I would leave some batter in the bowl after pouring most of it into the baking pan. She wanted to enjoy what was left over. I smiled and agreed. Then, I told her, "That's called gleaning, you know, and it didn't start with brownies."

As we enjoyed the remnants of our baking project, I explained that Ruth had gathered leftover grain in order to feed herself and her mother-in-law; Ruth 2:2-3. Because both of their husbands had died, the women had returned to Naomi's homeland. There Ruth met a wealthy landowner named Boaz. She asked him, "*Please let me glean...after the reapers among the sheaves*" (v. 7). He willingly consented and instructed his workers to purposely let grain fall for her (v. 16).

Like Boaz, who provided for Ruth from the bounty of his fields, God provides for us out of His abundance. His resources are infinite, and He lets blessings fall for our benefit. He willingly provides us with physical and spiritual nourishment. Every good gift we receive comes from Him.

Jennifer Benson Schuldt

Dear God, thank You for the blessings I enjoy! You minister to Your children out of Your limitless abundance. I worship You as my provider.

**Our greatest needs cannot exceed
God's great resources.**

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**"And the evening and the morning
were the first day." Genesis 1:5**

THE evening was "darkness" and the morning was "light," and yet the two together are called by the name that is given to the light alone! This is somewhat remarkable, but it has an exact analogy in spiritual experience. In every believer there is darkness and light, and yet he is not to be named a sinner because there is sin in him, but he is to be named a saint because he possesses some degree of holiness. This will be a most comforting thought to those who are mourning their infirmities, and who ask, "Can I be a child of God while there is so much darkness in me?" Yes; for you, like the day, take not your name from the evening,

but from the morning; and you are spoken of in the word of God as if you were even now perfectly holy as you will be soon. You are called the child of light, though there is darkness in you still. You are named after what is the predominating quality in the sight of God, which will one day be the only principle remaining. Observe that the evening comes first. Naturally we are darkness first in order of time, and the gloom is often first in our mournful apprehension, driving us to cry out in deep humiliation, "**God be merciful to me, a (Ed. lost) sinner.**" The place of the morning is second, it dawns when grace overcomes nature. It is a blessed aphorism of John Bunyan, "That which is last, lasts for ever." That which is first, yields in due season to the last; but nothing comes after the last. So that though you are naturally darkness, when once you become light in the Lord, there is no evening to follow; "*thy sun shall no more go down.*" The first day in this life is an evening and a morning; but the second day, when we shall be with God, for ever, shall be a day with no evening, but one, sacred, high, eternal noon.

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What Happens to Sins of Saved People?

"I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Isa. 43:25.

The sins of the world are laid on Jesus Christ. He paid the penalty of sin in His death on the cross. Isaiah 53:6 tells us, "*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*" In God's divine plan of making the believing sinner fit for Heaven, He does away with sin by the blood of Jesus Christ.

In Psalm 103:12 and Isaiah 38:17 the words "as far as the east is from the west" and "for thou (God) hast cast all my sins behind thy back" are figures of speech showing that the sins of the world were laid on Jesus and that all who trust Him will never again have to answer to God for sin.

What happens to the Christian's sins? They are blotted out, done away with, cast into the deepest sea, removed, in others words, they are no more. Jesus' death paid for them.

A little fellow asked his mother, "Where are my sins?"

She answered, "They are gone."

"I know," said he, "but where are they?"

Then she asked him, "Where are the words that were on your chalkboard?"

"They're gone."

"I know, but where are they?"

"They're blotted out," he answered; "they're nowhere!"

Mother said, "That's where your sins are. Nowhere!"

UpDate

"Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18b.

The saying goes: 'Talk is cheap'! A student in college realized at the end of the semester, he needed a better grade to participate in sports. He had missed some assignments, so was given two days to complete the challenge to improve his grade and his response was: "Thank you, I'll do it."

Two days passed – and the deadline passed, and NO papers appeared.

Even though it is not New Year's Resolution time; it is so easy to make resolutions in the 'inner person' of promises that the Holy Spirit has prompted a 'believer' to do: but then to procrastinate and the intended thoughts are without action.

Matthew Henry states in a certain context: **"Buds and blossoms are not fruit."** In other words making promises; but not following through is not *lightly* looked upon by God. "Let us not love with words or speech 'only' but with actions and in truth." **GOD** puts it this way: *"When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For he has no pleasure in fools. Pray what you have vowed – Better not to vow than to vow and not pay."* Ecclesiastes 5:4-5.

Just like 'good intentions' get you no-where: for example, witnessing to your 'neighbor or loved one'!

Now the HLIF Board has taken on NEW challenges, besides what 'we' are already seeking to do in the Lord's Vineyard – by FAITH, also financially.

THUS, with the financial 'summer-slump', besides 'new' challenges, let 'us' be found faithful in investing in this 'portion' of the Lord's Work out of "cheerful hearts". By God's Grace, 'we' want to be found 'faithful unto Him' in obedience to His Word until 'faith becomes sight'. Will you give of your prayer time support and financially as the Holy Spirit leads you out of 'obedience' to His Word – out of LOVE?

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"Let the Redeemed of the LORD say So"

The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation Board has prayerfully decided to compile a book with personal testimonies of Jesus' saving grace.

Would you be willing to share your personal testimony of how you came to Jesus as your own personal Savior? If you are willing to do that, you can submit it in writing to the editor: Rodney Stueland, 508 5th St. NE, Dilworth, MN 56529; or by email at: haugerep@midco.net. The editor will then review them.

We would especially like to encourage anyone who came to salvation through the Innermission, or has had close ties with the Innermission, to share their testimony. It is not limited to only those individuals, but we are encouraging those to do so.

WHAT a wonderful opportunity for you to share your personal testimony and to seek to *glorify Jesus* for what HE has done and is doing in your life!

Will you prayerfully consider this and be obedient to the Holy Spirit? Your testimony could be something that can help someone come to the Lord.