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Preaching From The Print Shop

If Luther hadn't used the new printing technology, would there have been a Reformation?

Perry Brown

Without printing, would there have been a Protestant Reformation? Would Luther have even survived?

Only a century earlier, both John Wycliffe and John Huss spawned movements of intense spiritual fervor. Wycliffe and Huss wrote prolifically also.

But the absence of adequate printing technology limited the distribution of their works. As a result, their ideas did not spread as rapidly or as far as they might have. Wycliffe was condemned, Huss was burned at the stake, and history casts them as only harbingers of the Reformation.

Would Martin Luther have joined their ranks without access to a “modern” press? Would his revolutionary ideas have been contained? John Foxe, sixteenth-century author of the famous *Book of Martyrs*, would probably have said yes. “Although through might (the pope) stopped the mouth of John Huss,” he wrote, “God hath appointed the Press to preach, whose voice the Pope is never able to stop with all the puissance of his triple crown.”

Luther himself understood that books and pamphlets spoke long after he had left the pulpit. He referred to printing as “God’s highest and extremist act of grace, whereby the business of the Gospel is driven forward.”

Young technology

It was only in the 1450s that Johann Gutenberg introduced technical printing advancements that made mass reproduction practical. When Luther posted his 95 Theses

some sixty years later, two dozen printing centers dotted Europe. Wholesale booksellers had developed distribution centers, and legions of raveling book hawkers crisscrossed the continent.

Ironically, Luther’s introduction to the press’s effectiveness may have been haphazard. Within two weeks of the posting of his *95 Theses*, they were printed, without his permission, and distributed throughout Germany. Within a month, they had flooded Europe. Six months later Luther explained to Pope Leo X, “It is a mystery to me how my theses ... were spread to so many places. They were meant exclusively for our academic circle ...” In a letter of March 1518 he admitted he “had no wish or plan to publicize these Theses,” and that he had left it up to his friends to decide whether they would be “suppressed or spread outside.”

Flooding Germany

Even if the printing of Luther’s Reformation “manifesto” was unintentional, Luther quickly grasped print’s potential for soliciting grass-roots support. He began writing prolifically — more than four hundred works, including commentaries, sermons, and pamphlets that attacked Catholic doctrine and promoted Reformation distinctives. Between March 1517 and the summer of 1520, thirty of his pamphlets ran through a total of 370 editions. If each edition was one thousand copies, then almost four hundred thousand of his pamphlets alone flooded German during the first crucial years. From 1517

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through 1523, the first six years after Luther posted the *95 Theses*, publications in Germany increased by seven times. Half of these writings were by Luther.

Luther's opponents knew the impact of his printed works. A nervous Charles V banned Luther's works in May, 1521. In a letter that September, Catholic theologian Johann Cochlaeus complained, "Nearly all printers are secret Lutherans; they do not print anything for us without pay and nothing reliable unless we stand beside them and look over their shoulders."

Journalistic Savvy

Luther has sometimes been called the first great journalist. Why did his writings succeed?

1. *He spoke in the common language.* Luther, a highly-trained academic, was fluent in Latin, the academic's language. Most writings of the era were printed in Latin and thus reserved for society's scholarly elite. Indeed, in 1500 probably only 5-10 percent of Europeans could read at all.

But Luther's passion to promote the priesthood of even the most common believer could be satisfied only by appealing through the common language.

The church has gone from preaching about sin, righteousness and judgment, to preaching about attitudes, feelings and relationships.

He insisted on writing many of his works in German, particularly his monumental translation of the Bible. Soon shoe-makers, tailors, and peasants could read the Scriptures and Luther's writings in their own tongue.

2. *He used a common format.* A second element in Luther's success was his use of the pamphlet format. He expanded the existing single-page "broadsides" to multiple pages in quarto and octavo sizes. His pamphlets also featured some of the finest woodcuts and engravings of the times, so that even the semi-literate could catch the gist of his message. And in keeping with the need to reach all strata of society, his pamphlets were inexpensive. Like the broadsides popularized decades earlier, Luther's pamphlets were snatched up (or shared) by those of even the most humble means.

3. *He was known by common people.* Luther's crowning achievement was a German New Testament. Although it was not the first German translation of the Scriptures, Luther's fame apparently secured its success before the ink dried. Three thousand copies were printed in the fall of 1522 with a second edition following in December.

In the words of adversary Johann Cochlaeus, Luther's work was "so propagated and widely spread by the book printers that even tailors and shoe-makers, indeed women and other simple idiots, who had accepted this new Lutheran gospel ...read it eagerly, as if it were a fountain of all truth. Some carried it in their bosoms and learned it by heart."

Ultimately, Luther's message of justification by faith filled a longing in the German people that the established church's teaching did not satisfy. His common pamphlets in the common language ignited hope among common people. Martin Luther spoke to Europe from two pulpits – one in the church, and one in the print shop.

Christian History

Editor's Note: Surely Martin Luther would say, 'Give the Credit to my Savior/God' as I watered, planted and HE gave the increase. Luther was a forgiven channel/vessel -sinner – (under the BLOOD of the crucified and risen ONE)!

No doubt you notice in this issue especially of the *Morning Glory*, that both Martin Luther & Hans Nielsen Hauge utilized the opportunity of the printed page. 'We' of the HLIF/Morning Glory are seeking to do somewhat the same thing with Christian literature and the MG. Let's see IF 'we' can get the Morning Glory and Christian Literature into the hands of more awakened, hunger hearts and lives!

Earnestly pray about: sending in names and addresses of folks you care about for subscriptions to the *Morning Glory*!

Fortunately 'we' reach into almost every state of 'our'

great USA and into a few foreign countries with the *Morning Glory*; but there is a 'tremendous amount more' that 'we' could do with your prayer, finances. – *In His Grace this is a 'ministry' of TEAM WORK!*

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Hope For Tomorrow

In spite of all the challenges America faces today, one cannot help but be encouraged as we see so many people praying and working for America's restoration. Even more impressive is the growing number of young people whose lives and testimonies bear witness to their love and commitment to Jesus Christ. Their hearts have been captured by Christ and they have yielded up themselves to a lifetime of service for their Savior. What joy to see these young people walking on higher ground.

Today's Christian youth should be our reference point and inspiration when we become discouraged by those in the present generation who believe God no longer has any place in their lives or in the life of this nation. These committed Christian young people bear witness that God is not finished with us yet, nor has He given up on us.

Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address said "this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom." That can still be the outcome for America if we pray and work for the restoration of the nation. Even more importantly, we need to bear witness in the new birth that comes to all who truly believe in Jesus Christ. The new birth in Christ not only changes minds, it changes the attitude of the heart. Herein lies America's hope!

Finally, we also find encouragement in the men and women who serve in our nation's Armed Services. These brave men and women put their lives on the line every day to keep America free. From the Revolutionary War to the War in Afghanistan, we will never fully know what great sacrifices have been made so that we might enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May their sacrifices inspire us here on the home front to do everything possible to keep America strong and free.

Excerpt/Selected.

"What the country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds."

Will Rogers

Editorial

RES TACTFUL!

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

AS ALWAYS be open to the prompting/leading of the *Holy Spirit in compliance/harmony/openness* to God’s **eternal WORD, the BIBLE!!** The Holy Spirit will NEVER lead you contrary to God’s Infallible Word.

Just briefly let ‘us’ take a look in the dictionary and get a definition of the word **tactful**: = (having or showing tact) – tact, ‘a keen sense of what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others or avoid offense.’ It implies delicate and considerate perception of what is appropriate when remarks were untimely. Skill and grace in dealing with others. **BUT** the word ‘tactful’ is not found in the Bible nor even in a Bible dictionary! Still ‘we’ need the ‘skill’ to avoid needless offense; but make sure that ‘we’ are not so ‘tactful’ that ‘we’ make no contact!

Fairly frequently you hear folks say ‘we are in this world, but not of the world’, seemingly ‘trying’ to quote Scripture, which is not found verbatim. Worldly living has had a very definite influence in the ‘Christian church’ and in our vocabulary in most instances we are unaware. We hear so often preached/shared, ‘be sure you build a ‘friendship’ before you seek to win them for Christ’! YES, be *kind, honest, loving, but caring*. Actually you can not experience ‘Calvary’s LOVE (Agape) without not being involved.

NOW let ‘us’ get down to the ‘nitty gritty’ of what God tells ‘us’ in His Holy WORD.

“And do not be conformed (squeezed) to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” Romans 12:2.

WHY? Well we are a ‘light’ in this sin darkened world and the world loves ‘darkness’ rather than light. Light reveals/exposes! So let ‘us’ look at JESUS first who wants to be ‘our’ personal Savior and secondary ‘our’ example. “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” 1 John 2:6.

FIRST of all let me clearly state in regards to the *false idea*, that as you are led of the Lord; the recipient(s) will always be receptive to God’s Word – how ridiculous – almost ALL of the time, it is a subtle dart/arrow from our enemy! (For example: Remember the ‘four’ types of soil).

Now as a ‘berean’ (searching the Scriptures) you will

clearly notice in the life of Jesus that many folks were offended at Him and hated Him. (John 15:18-25) HE was called numerous disrespectful ‘names’, chased out of town, and many wanted HIM killed before HIS appointed time. (Galatians 4:4). **BECAUSE JESUS always** spoke/speaks the *truth in Love!* He tells things exactly as they are; both for time and in the light of eternity! For example: *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?’”* Matthew 3:7. (Matthew 12:34). *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea”* Matthew 18:6. (Please read the entire 23rd chapter of Matthew).

Other examples: Jeremiah, Jonah, Elijah, the twelve Apostles; Apostle Paul – possibly the greatest ‘missionary’ ever, other than the person of JESUS.

Think of how Martin Luther was treated after 1517 A.D. or Hans Nielsen Hauge who was put in jail/prison 28 times for sharing the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ (Law & Gospel). And basically the sole reason for their stand and testimony was the benefit of fellow human beings – not for things done ‘wrong’ but for doing that which could liberate fellow citizens. (John 8:31-36).

Relating only one experience of Hans Nielsen Hauge at this time, but in his travels in sharing the Living Savior, he found lodging in a home for the night during a hazardous winter storm and another gentleman also found lodging in the same home. The other lodger did not appreciate Hans Nielsen Hauge – neither Hauge’s stand nor the message God had entrusted him with and hit Hauge with his fist. Hauge responded ‘I have fists too, but I do not use them’! So Hauge took his few belongings and left the house out into the night’s winter storm. Jesus says: *“And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet”* Matthew 10:14. (Luke 10:1-16).

Many times situations are somewhat similar in the household of ‘faith’, e.g.: Psalm 39:11, Proverbs 29:11, 19:25, 25:12, Ephesians 5:11-13, 11 Tim. 4:2, 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, James 5: 19-20, Proverbs 3:11-12 & Hebrews

12:1-11.

AS 'believers' the real danger in our day and society is that 'we' become so *tactful* that 'we' make **no contact at all**. Please read **Ezekiel chapters 3 & 33**. At times 'tolerance becomes treason'! Be sure as you are led to share your personal testimony that you definitely quote/read SCRIPTURE with it for the WORD of GOD is not bound. **Romans 1:16**. YES, do so in LOVE, but be not ashamed. Matthew 10:32-33 and move as the Holy Spirit leads!

Just think if Phillip had not been obedient to the Holy Spirit in going to the barren desert and there meeting the Treasurer of Ethiopia: What a blessing and opportunity would have been missed and maybe another soul would have gone into Hell! (By the way wouldn't it be embarrassing to ask the 'treasurer' IF he understood what he was reading)? OH, how 'we' need to ask the Lord to take away 'our' jelly-fish back bone (spiritually) and replace it with iron in our blood. God tells 'us' to tell the 'truth' in love.

I am reminded of a 'mission board' that had the following practice that when a candidate would want to become a 'missionary'. They would ask the person why he desired to be a missionary: love and was not enough. BUT obedience to the Word of God was the deciding factor to be accepted or not. Our love for JESUS is tested by 'our' love/obedience to His Word.

Please prayerfully read/mediate on the following: Jeremiah 33:3, 9:1, Matthew 4:17, Romans 9.

I hold firmly to the conviction that Satan nor the world (as a whole) will not prompt you to testify with God's Word and invading his wrongfully held territory – thief that He is!! **Under the BLOOD of the crucified and risen ONE Satan is defeated!**

Paul (naturally under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) shares in the first chapter of Romans that he (we) are indebted to share the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ and that His Word is the power (dynamite) unto salvation. To be in debt there is a *legal* obligation (His Grace empowered by the Holy Spirit). What a privilege & responsibility!

Paul (God inspired, infallible Word) further states in Romans 9:1-3, *"I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh."*

'WE' are in a spiritual warfare (battle) over the souls of men, women, boys and girls (yours & mine, as well) for time and ETERNITY! In this warfare there is absolutely *no hint of being tactful!* IN *Ephesians 6*; I understand that the battle is so fierce/intense; that it is like bayonet combat. We have a friend who was in the Second World War and

shared that in one battle; they never took their 'combat boots' off for 37 or 38 days! (I am not suggesting that 'we' are to be rude, cruel, argumentative, etc. – but be sure we are making contact = that the INCORRUPTIBLE SEED comes in contact with the SOIL!) (*IF* you are under the BLOOD of Christ, you and I are intended to be the *vessels* and GOD makes no mistakes!) **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so! Jeremiah 9:1, Psalm 126:5-6.** GOD tells 'us' to go into the highways and by ways and compel them to come in! Also to pray to the Lord of Harvest to send forth (thrust) 'laborers' into the Harvest field. *Romans 10:9-10, 11 Timothy 3:12 & Acts 4:12 – 13*; because of *John 14:6 & 3:18 & 36*.

Remember *if you are a citizen of HEAVEN*; you are now living in a foreign land, just journeying through.

As you study the book of ACTS (not resolutions), you will notice that those 'vessels' who were filled (controlled) with the Holy Spirit, spoke the **Word boldly!** No wonder that Paul asks for this in *Ephesians 6:18-20*.

I know this is getting to be a 'lengthy editorial' but I want to close with part of the testimony of Hans Nielsen Hauge and a few more Bible references.

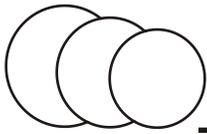
Hans Nielsen Hauge was being ridiculed as a farmer who was led by God to preach. His response was that God called 'fishermen' to follow Him, so God could use an unlearned farmer to at least plant the SEED; and he further stated that he had promised obedience to the Holy Spirit and that he wanted to try to fulfill the same.

As you evangelize and nurture fellow 'humans' that before you had a personal testimony & the **Word of God**, you were on the broad road that leads to Hell (**Amazing GRACE!**) By the Grace of God, I am on my way to Heaven and being richly blest in this journey, ARE YOU??

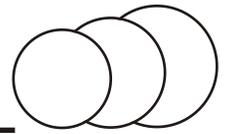
You know that really 'we' should not be so very concerned about what people think; but that they can see Jesus in and through us? When 'we' get this concern in proper biblical perspective, we will not surrender the Authority of Jesus Christ! WHEN the pulpit went silent, 'our' Nation went downward on its skids very fast (morally & spiritually). Isn't that *also* true when 'Christians' became so tolerant that it became treason, and 'we' lost contact with a very needful society! What should be shared from the 'sacred desk,' is also true of 'our' individual Christian lives as well.

Before 'we' lay ALL THE BLAME on another person's shoulders; let 'us' examine 'ourselves' in the **light of Scripture and remember: 'judgment must begin at the house of God!'**

Phil. 3:20, Eph. 2:19, 11 Corinthians 5:18 – 20



From Our Fellowship Circle



D. & N. F. **Rudd, IA**
Thanks for your inspiring publication! We rely on it to keep us informed on what is happening in the world.

D. L. **Badger, IA**
We sure had a rich blessing at the Annual Conference at Stavanger Lutheran at Garden City, Iowa.

Also enjoyed seeing you also.

Enclosed is money from our church at ...

T. G. **Mayville, ND**
I just finished reading the *Morning Glory* from front to back! Wow! So many good readings.

Bless you all for getting all that good news together.

Am praying that you folk are fine. To God be the Glory.

H. H. **Forest City, IA**
I would like to be receiving the *Morning Glory*; so please send the same to the following address...

The Lord bless you kindly. Thank you.

R. T. **Boca Raton, FL**
Enclosed is a check for the wonderful *Morning Glory* that I get.

I am the Widow of Rev. T. T. of Fergus Falls, MN. I recall the times my husband spoke and attended the meetings of the Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation.

As you see, I now live in Florida near my daughter as I am now 96 years old.

I read the *Morning Glory* from cover to cover and pass it on to our Pastor down here.

Keep up the good work – eternity alone will reveal the blessings that this magazine has brought to thousands! (Editor: Thank you so much for the very encouraging letter and to God Be The Glory!!!)

V. & L. B. **Newfolden, MN**
For us it has been a long and difficult summer. We left for my wife's surgery on July 18th and we just got home today; but as always the Lord answers prayer. Actually I have been staying home most of the time; but stayed some of the time in the area of the different caring facilities.

She (my wife) is still on the recovering list; but the Lord is always good!

Most certainly we would appreciate your continued

prayer support. (Editor – gladly). It would be so great if she would experience complete healing on this side of eternity, also.

We are sending a gift for the ministry of the *Morning Glory* and thanks to all who have a part in it. It is a wonderful paper that points us to the Lord. May God richly bless.

A. J. T. **Seattle, WA**
We just returned from SD where we have had our annual family reunion and it was such a blessing and encouragement to fellowship with so many born again Lutherans; with a personal testimony of the saving grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. By the way I was saved in 1961 at a Lutheran Brethren Church in Bottineau, ND and the Lord has been so good, we have been so blessed, praise God.

Thank you for the good work.

We are six brothers and three sisters in my family and we are still living on this side of eternity and six of us are over 80 years of age. We most certainly have been richly blest and are definitely praying for those who do not know Jesus as their personal Savior.

Aim in Preaching

A sailor just off to a whaling expedition asked where he could hear a good sermon. On his return from the church, his friend asked him, "How did you like the sermon?"

"Not much. It was like a ship leaving for the whale fishing; everything shipshape – anchors, cordage, sails and provisions all right – but there were no harpoons on board."

Making A Difference, And Making It Last!

Hans Nielsen Hauge

By Pastor David R. Barnhart

The Lutheran Church in Norway desperately needed revival when God sent Hans Nielsen Hauge, a humble farmer, to labor in the fields of the Norwegian Lutheran Church that were overgrown with traditionalism, formalism and dead orthodoxy.

Hans Nielsen Hauge, born April 3, 1771, in Tune Parish, Norway, was reared in a devout home and nurtured in the Word of God. Even so, his conversion to Christ came at age 25 while working on his father's farm. That very day he led his sister Anna to the Lord and a short while later he led his brothers and parents into a living relationship with the Savior.

Hauge's passion to win people to Christ caused close friends to wonder about his state of mind. He struggled with God's will for his life, questioning why God should not send "a bishop or other high person to convert people." Out of that struggle came the sure conviction that the call of God to preach the gospel was upon him.

Hauge walked about Norway witnessing the gospel of Christ in homes and on the streets. Shortly before Christmas of 1797, he was arrested by the order of a parish pastor and thrown into prison. A law dating to 1741 had banned lay preaching in Norway. While in prison Hauge led several prisoners to Christ. Upon release he was ordered not to preach again. He refused to follow that order.

Hans was arrested and imprisoned several times in 1798 and 1799 for proclaiming the gospel. After a lengthy imprisonment in Trondheim, Hauge walked 300 miles to his home in Tune Parish. People followed him along the way so they might hear him talk about Christ. Revival broke out in one town requiring Hauge to delay his homeward journey. Soon revival fires were burning across Norway, bringing no end of consternation to pastors in the State Church of Norway who referred to the revival as "the Hauge movement."

Eventually Hauge crossed over to Denmark where he preached for awhile, but letters from Norwegian clergy were sent to Denmark to dissuade people from attending his meetings. After preaching several weeks in Denmark, Hauge returned to Norway where he was arrested again. This time his imprisonment would last 10 years.

At his trial in 1804, Hauge was offered his freedom if he would promise to stop preaching. He responded: *I cannot promise to discontinue my devotional meetings and my prayers, and I cannot see that these should be detri-*

mental when so many gatherings are permitted where people carouse, get drunk and swear."

Hauge was first jailed in Housund; then transferred to an Oslo prison. His treatment in prison was severe and conditions were cruel. He was permitted no books, no writing materials and no visitors. He lost his teeth and hair, and eventually his health weakened to the point of death. In the space of nine years, Hauge was subject to 28 trials. He was set free December 23, 1814, broken body but not in spirit.

Friends helped Hauge purchase a farm just outside Oslo where he lived his last 10 years in very poor health. Though he was never able to publicly preach again, his house was continuously filled with people who wanted to hear him share the gospel. Even church officials visited him, having come to recognize his contribution to the churches in Norway.

Hans Nielsen Hauge died at age 53, on March 28, 1824. At the time of his death, lay-fellowship groups and prayer meetings had been organized in every one of Norway's 600 parishes. Hauge was buried in a cemetery near Oslo. On his tombstone is the following:

"Until his last breath he held fast to the faith, hope and love he had spread among others by word, deed, writings and Christian life. He lived in the Lord; he died in the Lord; by the grace of Jesus does he receive eternal salvation."

The influence of Hans Nielsen Hauge continues to this day in Norway and throughout the world. Norwegian immigrants to Europe and the United States faithfully witnessed the gospel, encouraging people to have a personal conversion to Christ and to live out their lives in holiness before God and man. Many Lutheran congregations today highly esteem their Haugian heritage.

The Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation publishes a magazine The Morning Glory, conducts spiritual-life seminars and sponsors tent-evangelistic meetings.

Editor's Note: What a blessing and honor to read the above 'article' in 'The Vine and Branches'; which is a very good clear "Trumpet Bearer" in these dreadful days of "Apostasy". I heartily recommend that you get on the mailing list, if you are not already on it and **remember this 'ministry' in PRAYER also!!!**

ALSO maybe a good 'reminder' during this month of the 'Reformation' is that God so mightily used His vessel, Martin Luther. **SALVATION IS: BY GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE, and THE WORD ALONE!!!**

Believable ... Yet Unbelievable

Massachusetts Town Levies Fines for Public Profanity

One Massachusetts town has decided to make it easier for police to enforce a no-swearing by-law in an attempt to cut down on cussing in public.

According to Chief of Police Bruce Gates, the people of Middleborough, Massachusetts, voted by a five-to-one margin in favor of the change at a town meeting on June 11. A by-law against public profanity has been on the books in the town since October 1968, but because it is considered criminal offense, it has been difficult for police to enforce...

The town's decision...means using swear words in public will become a civil offense and will no longer require perpetrators to go to court over such a crime. The decision was also applied to six other by-laws as well, including one involving the use of marijuana in public.

ChristianPost.com

Editor's Comments: No doubt these folks will be hearing from the ACLU, but we tip our hat to salute them. Sword of the Lord

Editor's Note: AMEN!

Wisconsin Church Faces Court Battle

Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI passed its second vote, 316 - 0, May 30, 2012, to leave the ELCA. The next day they went to court asking that a lawsuit filed by dissidents within the congregation be dismissed.

The dissident group is suing over property, assets and the Grace Foundation which controls a large sum of money. The judge ruled against the dismissal motion and ordered the two sides into mediation.

The dissident group, comprised of about 70 persons, formed Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, a new congregation loyal to the ELCA. The group is being led by a former pastor at Grace, Gordon Thorp. Grace Foundation funds and operates a licensed daycare, retirement housing, assisted living programs, skilled nursing care, community based residential facilities for the care of the elderly, and adult day services for old adults all across Chippewa Valley.

Selected

Numbers Show Changes In The ELCA

An editorial in *The Lutheran*, June 2012, described

the plummeting rate of bequests received by congregations of the ELCA. In the year 2004, ELCA congregations received 8,409 bequests; in 2004 bequests dropped to 2,991, totaling \$83.9 million, but rose to 3,517 in 2010, totaling \$94 million in that year. Not revealed are the scores of bequests the ELCA will never receive from members of the 1,000 or more congregations that left the ELCA since its formation in 1988.

Since 2009, 915 congregations have taken a first vote to leave the ELCA. According to the editor of *The Lutheran* 684 first votes passed and 231 failed. He reported the total of congregations actually leaving the ELCA through May 2012 stands at 631. Of those, 621 have been removed from the ELCA roster.

The Vine and Branches, Mid Summer, 2012

Obama Holds "Gay Pride" Reception at White House

President Barack Obama is telling "gay" supporters that they will have a friend and "fellow advocate" in the White House as long as he is president.

Obama spoke to lesbian, "gay," bisexual and transgender guests during a White House reception marking LGBT Pride Month. He touted his administration's work on homosexual rights issues, including repealing the military's ban on openly homosexual service members. He said even though it may have taken more time than they would like, homosexuals have seen progress and lasting change under his administration.

The president also referenced his recent public embrace of same-gender "marriage." He said that while some Americans may still be "evolving" on same-sex marriage, he and wife, Michelle, "have made up our minds on this issue."

OneNewsNow.com

Denmark Forces Churches To Perform Same-Sex 'Marriages'

The government of Denmark has voted to force churches in the established Evangelical Lutheran Church to perform same-sex 'marriage' ceremonies, although one-third of all the denomination's pastors say they will not participate in such rituals.

The vote in the Danish Parliament was 85 - 24 to compel churches to carry out 'marriage' ceremonies for same-sex couples that are identical to heterosexual marriage celebrations. Under the law, a pastor may opt out of

performing the ‘wedding’ service for theological reasons, but the bishop must arrange for a replacement. The Danish people oppose the legislation, as do 8 out of 10 bishops. The Evangelical Lutheran Church is Denmark’s official state church. Selected

Sixty-Six Members of Congress Confront Attacks on Faith in the Air Force

Congressman Randy Forbes, founder and co-chairman of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, along with Congresswoman Dian Black and Congressman Todd Akin, sent a letter signed by 66 members of Congress urging Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta to investigate a pattern of hostility toward faith in the United States Air Force. The letter calls on Secretary Panetta to issue clear Department of Defense policy guidance, consistent with our Constitution, to preserve the place of religious expression in the military at large.

...Congressman Forbes stated: “The Air Force has repeatedly capitulated to demands from groups that seek to remove all traces of faith from the military and the public square. When viewed individually, any of these actions is concerning. But taken together, they highlight an alarming pattern in the Air Force that we do not see in the other branches of the military. Those who sacrifice so much for our nation must be assured that they need not leave their faith at home when they volunteer to serve.”

Press Release, Congressman J. Randy Forbes

According to: “*Vision to America*” – President Barack Obama suggests a Constitution Amendment to silence Free Speech of Wealthier People & Corporations.

Vision to America – 8/29/12

Editor’s Note: Just passing this information along – take it for what it might be worth. Check it out!!

Conceived, Birthed, Sustained by Prayer

The Second Continental Congress called for a day of public humiliation, fasting and prayer throughout the Colonies on Thursday, July 20, 1775. From the time of the Pilgrims, colonial governors and legislatures issued hundreds of proclamations, calling upon Americans to repent, fast and pray. Now, the Colonies were at war. Fellow patriot James Warren wrote Samuel Adams, “Three millions of people on their knees at once, supplicating the aid of Heaven, is a striking circumstance, and a very singular one in America. May the blessings of Heaven follow in answer to our prayers.”

Their prayers were heard. When the Declaration of

Independence was signed in July, 1776, Samuel Adams exclaimed, “We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come.”

Ours was not a “revolution” like others. The Founders were motivated by faith and righteous principle. Our Republic, where God is acknowledged as the Supreme Author of our “unalienable rights,” was not just the fruit of brilliant statesmanship or even the shed blood of patriots, but the grace of God. Our Forefathers were led by Providence. America was birthed by the agonizing prayers of men and women who longed for a land where God-fearing people could enjoy freedom in their homes, churches, businesses, schools and private and public associations, where private property and religious liberty would be protected by just laws, where political liberty would allow faith to flourish.

Faith Research Council

Editor’s Note: Oh, how ‘we’ NEED to return to the same as we live in very serious times (11 Timothy 3); not only for ‘our’ upcoming ELECTION: But ongoing! As you know, our beloved USA is in a terrible **erosion: morally, religiously and spiritually**. Most definitely keep in mind that the USA is made up of ‘individuals,’ - including you and me.

PAUSE A MOMENT!!

Pause frequently a ‘moment’ and consider what it means for a person to die without being saved OR falling away from Jesus (*Apostasy*)? They will be eternally separated from God and in great torment in hell for all eternity. The Lord has given us the privilege and responsibility of sharing the Good News with our neighbors and loved ones, as well as people throughout the world.

However, many times it seems that those closest to us are the hardest for ‘us’ to share the ‘Good News’! Not only does this cause ‘us’ to quench, but also remember that even Jesus had difficulty in His own hometown – Matthew 13:53 – 58. A *Morning Glory* subscription is one reliable way to share His Word with those you love.

What Does Your Church Need?

A great man people are thinking that we need new measures; that we need new churches, new organs, new choirs, and all new things. This is not what your church needs today. It is the old power that the apostles had – that is what we want; and if we will have that in or churches, there will be new life. Then we will have new pastors – the same pastors renewed with power, filled with the Spirit. D. L. Moody

Colorful Sayings Of Colorful Luther

A sample of the reformer's wit and wisdom

On humility:

God creates out of nothing. Therefore, until a man is nothing, God can make nothing out of him.

If you perhaps look for praise and would sulk or quit what you are doing if you did not get it – then taken yourself by the ears, and if you do this in the right way, you will find a beautiful pair of big, long, shaggy donkey ears.

Affliction is the best book in my library.

On the Bible:

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me, it has hands, it lays hold of me.

I'd like all my books to be destroyed so that only the sacred writings in the Bible would be diligently read.

On marriage and family:

Think of all the squabbles Adam and Eve must have had in the course of their nine hundred years. Eve would say, "You ate the apple," and Adam would retort, "You gave it to me."

People who do not like children are swine, dunces, and blockheads, not worthy to be called men and women, because they despise the blessing of God, the Creator and Author of marriage.

On faith:

Faith is the "yes" of the heart, a conviction on which one stakes one's life.

The truth is mightier than eloquence, the Spirit greater than genius, faith more than education.

Our faith is an astounding thing – astounding that I should believe him to be the Son of God who is suspended on the cross, whom I have never seen, with whom I have never become acquainted.

On human nature:

Nothing is easier than sinning.

Human nature is like a drunk peasant. Lift him into the saddle on one side, over he topples on the other side.

God uses lust to impel man to marriage, ambition to office, avarice to earning, and fear to faith.

Temptations, of course, cannot be avoided, but because we cannot prevent the birds from flying over our heads, there is no need that we should let them nest in our hair.

A lie is like a snowball. The longer it is rolled on the

ground the larger it becomes.

On preaching:

When I preach I regard neither doctors nor magistrates, of whom I have above forty in my congregation; I have all my eyes on the servant maids and on the children. And if the learned men are not well pleased with what they hear, well, the door is open.

It is not necessary for a preacher to express all his thoughts in one sermon. A preacher should have three principles: first, to make a good beginning, and not spend time with many words before coming to the point; secondly, to say that which belongs to the subject in chief, and avoid strange and foreign thoughts; thirdly, to stop at the proper time.

On Church practices:

A simple layman armed with Scripture is to be believed above a pope or a cardinal without it.

What lies there are about relics! One claims to have a feather from the wing of the angel Gabriel, and the Bishop of Mainz has a flame from Moses' burning bush. And how does it happen that eighteen apostles are buried in Germany when Christ had only twelve?

Farewell to those who want an entirely pure and purified church. This is plainly wanting no church at all.

On music:

I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.

On Christian freedom:

Sometimes we must drink more, sport, recreate ourselves, aye, and even sin a little to spite the devil so that we leave him no place for troubling our consciences with trifles. We are conquered if we try conscientiously not to sin at all. (Ed. Keep in mind, Luther is not encouraging SIN nor excusing SIN) ...

Not only are we the freest of kings, we are also priests forever, which is far more excellent than being kings, for as priest we are worthy to appear before God to pray for others and to teach one another divine things.

On prayer:

Oh, if only I could pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish, or hope.

No man should be alone when he opposes Satan. The church and the ministry of the Word were instituted for this purpose, that hands may be joined together and one may help another. If the prayer of one doesn't help, the prayer of another will.

I have often learned more in one prayer that I have been able to glean from much reading and reflection.

On himself:

Next to faith, this is the highest art: to be content in the calling in which God has placed you. I have not learned it yet.

Our Lord God must be a pious man to be able to love rascals. I can't do it, and yet I am a rascal myself.

"(Others) try to make me a fixed star, but I am an irregular planet."

If I rest, I rust.

Compiled by Mary Ann Jeffreys - Selected and Edited.

Editor's Note: Keep in mind that Martin Luther was a 'sinner' saved by GRACE and experienced SALVATION is by **Faith alone, Word alone, GRACE alone!** He is not a 'god' to be worshipped; but consider what tremendous change he experienced from blind spiritual EYES to where I was blind, now I see! John 9. Just 'think' IF 'we' followed his basic example in theology, word and deed – what a difference there would be today in 'Lutheranism', community and beyond! Oh how we 'need' Biblical Lutherans today; who realize the '**just shall live by faith**' (obedience to the Word of God)!

Oh, how we need to pray that God would raise up 'little' Martin Luthers in this late date!!

HORRIBLE – Many Religious 'leaders' are leading millions to Hell!

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Today! Lullaby sermons in a hushaby pulpit – is tragically true!

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God help us to hate hypocrisy!

Open Doors

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds" That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak." Colossians 4:3-4.

This was Paul's prayer request of the Colossian Christians, that God would open the door for His testimony. Paul had written earlier: "when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 2:12). The purpose of an open door is thus to preach the gospel of Christ and to speak the mystery of Christ.

Furthermore, these passages indicate that such doors are opened by the Lord, not by human devices. In fact, Christ Himself is "he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth" (Revelation 3:7). Doors of testimony are opened by the Lord in answer to prayer, but He also specifies three criteria for keeping the door opened. "I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." (Revelation 3:8).

These conditions mean, literally, having little strength of one's own and thus depending only on God, jealously guarding the integrity of God's Word, and upholding the name of Christ as Creator, Savior, and coming King.

Even when the door is kept open by God, there is no assurance of ease in entering it. Paul wrote that "a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries" (1 Corinthians 16:9). This is the reason prayer is needed, relying on God, not man!

The Lord is also seeking an open door into churches that think they "have need of nothing...Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him" ... (Revelation 3:17, 20).

HMM

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Institute for Creation Research

Editor's Note: AMEN!! How true!!! **Ephesians 6:18 – 20.** Please pray for the different 'areas' of availability of the **Lord's Work**, in and through the 'Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation/Morning Glory AND that 'we' may be faithful in fulfilling these opportunities! Thank you.

We're people of the light

Pastor Jeff Seaver, Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church,
Moorhead, MN

"Pastor Jeff, does our church have a position on Halloween?" That question comes up about this time every year. With all the delights of October and rich experiences of fall and the harvest season, also come the "Halloween dilemmas." What is an appropriate Christian response? In case you don't finish this article, I'll give away my main point early: Christians are people of the light and [have] no business celebrating the deeds of darkness.

What makes this issue complicated for many families is the fact that Halloween has been the source of fun. Family memories have been created making costumes, carving pumpkins, bobbing for apples, and handing out candy to neighbor kids. I have my own collection of warm memories of harmless fun.

So what's the problem? Can't we enjoy the "harmless" aspects of this celebration and just ignore the really dark, evil stuff that some people are apparently attracted to? What's the matter with my little guy dressing up like a cowboy and walking around the block "trick or treating" at the neighbor's homes?

As awkward as it can be to think through a Christian response to Halloween, this can be a teachable moment for our families. This can be an appropriate time to talk about how we are "different" as Christians. We are people of the light. We don't celebrate the deeds of darkness. What does that mean when the culture we're living in has embraced Halloween so warmly? (By the way, Halloween is approaching Christmas in terms of the revenue it generates for the economy.) (*Editor's Note: actually I wonder if it doesn't surpass it now!*)

Where did Halloween come from anyway? Where is it rooted? (Much of the information that follows about the history of Halloween was gathered by Carl J. Moses for a handout to students in schools of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod).

The history can be traced back before the time of Christ to the pantheistic Celtic people of the British Isles and France. On their calendar, the year began November 1, which meant October 31 was New Year's Eve. On that evening they worshipped their god of death to signify the end of the old year. They believed that for this one night this god resurrected the people who died in the previous year. These "zombies" would supposedly attack people, who might be able to escape if they assumed disguises, especially if they disguised themselves as one of the zombies. The resurrected ones would demand food for themselves or they would cast a spell on the house. Some-

times people would hollow a pumpkin or squash, carve a scary face on it, and put a candle inside to ward off the evil ones. For these ancient people with their godless superstitions, Halloween was no laughing matter.

It became horrendously frightful when the Druids (priests and teachers of the Celts) would approach a house and demand a female member of the household to sacrifice that night. Reliable sources indicate that human sacrifice to the god of death was a part of their worship on Halloween. Sometimes people wore costumes of animal heads or skins during the ceremony. After the animals and humans were burned that night, their remains were examined to predict the future.

Witches, Satanists, and modern Druids perform similar ceremonies today. October 31 marks the highest festival for these groups. Some practice the blasphemous Black Mass, which ridicules and reverses things sacred to Christians.

Since the Celtic people did not release such strong superstitions easily, many customs related to the worship of the god of death remained even after the people became Christians. To combat these, in 843 AD the Christian church named November 1 All Saints Day. On that day we remember those who have died in the faith. The evening before was named All Hallow E'en, which has been shortened over time to Halloween. Unfortunately, Christian customs haven't replaced some of these superstitions. The Lord of Life at times seems forgotten on Halloween while the pagan god of death is remembered.

So what do we do? I can't imagine a good reason for Christians to celebrate darkness, witchcraft, death, evil or fear. Real witches aren't funny. The real terror of death is not a joke. Symbols of darkness, including witches, vampires, ghosts, etc. point in a spiritual direction that is as contrary to Christ as darkness is to light.

"So what are you getting at, Pastor? Are you saying we should turn off the lights and pretend we aren't home and save the money we'd spend on candy for the neighbor kids?"

Let me suggest a guideline as opposed to a list of "do's and don'ts." How can I honor Christ, the Light of the World, when my culture is having fun celebrating themes rooted in deeds of darkness?

You may choose to plan an alternative for your kids that is not "dark" and even more fun! When many are darkening their homes and focusing on the "spooky," you may choose to light up the entry way and create a happy, hopeful sense at your door – a moment that is life giving rather than death focused. And if others think you're killjoy, bear it as an honor, because you choose to celebrate the light rather than the deeds of darkness.

What Halloween does is heighten our awareness of

spiritual reality. We believe that the enemy of our souls is no joke. We realize he has used “harmless fun” like Dungeons and Dragons games to draw some into the darkness of demonic possession. We take the reality of deeds and dangers of darkness seriously.

Yet we don’t live in oppressive fear. We live confident in Christ’s victory over darkness for us. And because of Christ, we are called to walk in the light as He is in the light and to put away the shameful deeds of darkness. When we’re surrounded by reminders of darkness, let’s remember who we are in Christ and let His light shine through us.

This would be a great time to review Scripture passages that deal with light, such as: **John 1:1-14, John 3:16-21, Romans 13:12-14, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Ephesians 5:8-21, 1 Peter 2:9-12, 1 John 1:5-7.**

Talk about your response to Halloween with other Christians in your life. Let’s encourage each other! When people ask “Why aren’t you into Halloween?” A good response would be, “We’re celebrating life, not death. We like the light a lot better than the darkness.” Some may think you’re weird. ...but some may be drawn towards the light.

Taken from ‘*Faith and Fellowship*’ with permission.

Editor’s Note: I found this article very intriguing and having it printed not to cause anyone any ‘hardship’ in regards to Halloween; but enlightening. Personally when ‘Halloween’ comes around I often think of the **Reformation**, and then grateful for true Lutheran Biblical doctrine and teachings!

How about when ‘trick or treaters’ come to your ‘door’, prayerfully hand them a good Gospel Tract along with the treat!

“Editorial”

By Bob Jones

IF traitors, seditionists, and revolutionaries let their full purpose and motive be known, they would attract only the kind of warped followers who are moved by the same hatreds and frustrations and who are as much lovers of discord and violence as they themselves are. Lenin pretended to be much concerned for the welfare of the laboring man, yet nowhere are workers more exploited and indeed, enslaved than in Communist countries. A cursory study of what goes on in totalitarian countries should and would disillusion the most ardent Marxists and they would realize the total lack of humanitarian concerns of any sort on the part of Communist governments. There are, however, thousands of gullible people ready to be

taken in by false and lying propaganda; and, there, they become ready supporters of world revolution and Soviet tyranny.

This is a generation that calls good evil and evil good. The basest sort of selfish and evil men are promoted by the news media as heroes and loving idealists. Good men who stand for righteousness, decency, Constitutional liberties, and human welfare are ignored or ridiculed and misrepresented by the news media. Radio, television, and the public press are quick to promote any liberal cause, but biblical Christianity is despised and hated by them. That which is most radical is described as “moderate” while any conservative is described as “an extreme conservative” or as being a member of the “radical right” or the “lunatic fringe.”

Nowhere is the effect of these steamroller tactics more apparent than in the establishment of the national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Senators and Congressmen – either stupid, cowardly, or both – voted to honor in this way a man whose record with the Justice Department may not be opened for a number of years yet. Surely the American people are entitled to know what is in his record that must be hidden from public scrutiny. Nevertheless, we are seeing the sorry spectacle this year and for years ahead of government offices closing to honor him.

Why? Because God has given this country over into the hands of men who love darkness rather than light and who are ever quick and ready to shun truth and embrace falsehood. The Old Testament prophet has something to say about those who offer their dreams as revelations from God. Men are quick to accept a deceiver’s dreams but slow to search for God’s truth or to embrace His Word.

Taken from ‘*Faith for the Family*’, **February, 1986**

Great Swelling Words

“These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.” Jude 16.

This picturesque phrase, “great swelling words,” is the King James Version translation of *huperonkos*, which literally means “super-massive,” with the implied noun “words” added because of the context.

The word is used only one other time in the New Testament, in the parallel passage in 2 Peter 2:18; *“For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in*

error.”

Both apostles, in context, are warning against false teachers who, after somehow obtaining positions of influence among the spiritually immature believers in the body, would then seek to lead them back into worldly ways of thinking and acting. Peter compares those who heed such words to washed sows going back to wallow in the mire (2 Peter 2:22).

Such teachers may appear very intellectual and charismatic, with their “feigned words: (2 Peter 2:3), promises of “liberty” (1 Peter 2:16), and flatteries (see text above), but is a deadly mistake to follow them. Both Peter and Jude give various ways by which to recognize them. They may actually deny the redemptive work of Christ (2 Peter 2:1), or seek to undermine those whom God has placed (Ed. Admitted) in authority (2:10). Perhaps most commonly, they are interested in worldly gain or prestige for themselves (2 Peter 2:14; Jude 11). They also may practice and encourage carnal lifestyles (Jude 4).

Other characteristics of these deceptive teachers are given in these two key chapters and, by all means, young (Ed. ALL) believers need to be alert to this danger, staying close to God’s Word and obedient to His will. HMM

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Strength

By Mrs. Carol (Bob) Dietsche, Amery, WI

“The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills” Habakkuk 3:19.

The annotation in my Bible adds this: “He will give those who live by faith the same confidence that a sure-footed deer has in climbing mountains.” I have always admired these magnificent creatures and the ability God has given them to climb the rocky terrain and not fall. If we have Jesus as our personal Savior, we can have the same sure-footedness in our journey here on earth. Nahum 1:7 assures us, “*The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.*”

The story is told about the California coastal cities that have often experienced the feel of an earthquake. Some time ago, San Francisco and other Bay Area cities suffered tremors. At first it was reported that the Golden Gate Bridge had suffered considerable damage. Then a little later, officials commented that the bridge had taken the

earthquake in stride with no apparent sign of damage to the span itself. A score of plate glass windows were shattered in the administration building and in the tall collector booths on the San Francisco side. Still no one was injured. The big thirty-six inch suspension cables slapped and swayed in the fierce blasts, but the span weathered the tremor with ease.

The bridge towers are anchored in huge blocks of concrete sunk down in the bedrock. The suspension construction of the span gives it considerable flexibility. A number of years ago when a seventy-five-mile-an-hour hurricane hit the bridge, it bent twelve-and-a-half feet out of line under the terrific force of that wind. Its designer, a New York engineer, made this comment: “That bridge bent but it did not break, because it was built to sway at least eighteen feet under wind pressure.”

The same thing can be said about a soul securely anchored in God’s heart of love. When storms attempt to shake us loose, we may bend, but we will never break. There is always a power and strength that comes to us through faith in God. It may seem that we come close to the breaking point, but God is beside us all the while. We are securely fastened to a power that is unchangeable and immovable...

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RELIGIOUS, *But not right with God?*

That may sound strange to you, but there are many religious people “hiding” from God. They may be sincere, but sincerity is not enough; they need the truth of God’s Word.

Some people think that they are Christians automatically because they had Christian parents. Others presume that attending church or being baptized or sharing in Communion makes them Christians. These are all important Christian responsibilities, but if people have never committed their lives to Christ, their efforts are hopeless.

The Bible – from beginning to end – teaches that to be right with God we need a sacrifice for our sins:

“Without the shedding of blood there is no remission (of sins)” (Hebrews 9:22b). God has provided salvation through His Son who “*once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God*” (1 Peter 3:18).

Trying to be religious without Jesus Christ as one’s Savior can be like taking a drug that distorts a person’s reasoning. It is a delusion to think that performing a religious duty can make us right with God. Even leading a respectable life can never erase our sins. We all need a Savior.

The Bible teaches that salvation is God's gift that we do not deserve, nor can ever earn. The Lord taught that salvation is through faith in Him alone: "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life"

(John 6:47). His apostle Peter declared, "Through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). The apostle Paul wrote of his Savior: *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins*" (Ephesians 1:7). The apostle John testifies, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

God's good news turns us from our own vain attempts to earn His pardon to Christ's complete salvation. John Wesley, the great evangelist of eighteenth century England, strove for years to make himself acceptable to God by his own efforts. But he never found peace until he could say, "I trusted Christ and Christ **alone** for salvation. And an assurance was given me that He had taken away all my sins."

Are you religious but not right with God? Then come to Him today – just as we all must approach God, as sinners in need of a Savior. You can pray to God right where you are, believing that Jesus Christ died for your sins and claiming Him as your Lord.

Jesus promises, "He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

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Update

Please read Proverbs 1 – 3

Our loving heavenly Guide, who would lead us to the best in life, addressed this message to My Son (Proverbs 2:1). As to a child who has the utmost confidence in the loving wisdom of a parent, God urges: *Receive My words and hide* (take to heart) *My commandments so that you incline your ear unto wisdom and apply your heart* (and mind) *to understanding.... Yes, if you cry out for knowledge* (Insight) *and rise your voice for understanding, if you seek wisdom as you would silver and search for wisdom as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God* (2:1-5).

The *fear of the LORD* is a primary theme throughout the Old Testament, (Editor: and definitely a 'practice' in the New Testament). It manifests itself in an attitude of reverence which leads one both to worship

the Lord and to obey His Word. We are urged to *receive...treasure....incline...apply...cry out...lift up our voices...seek...search for wisdom as for hidden treasures* (2:1-4). Our choice is of utmost importance. Our Lord is saying "Take My Word seriously." We must be so very careful what we read, for by choosing to read one book, we have thus chosen not to read another book. The Word of God should always come first. *Then shall you understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yes, every good path. When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto your soul; Discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you* (2:9-11). This brings us into a right relationship with God.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths (3:5-6). Our sincere, simple trust in God will put us in direct touch with the wisdom and power of God to keep us from evil.

Spirituality does not diminish the intense energy by which worldly success is gained. On the contrary, it encourages us to invest as much energy seeking the wisdom that God alone can give as we would seeking silver or precious treasures. This means a lifetime of progressive spiritual effort – *studying to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed* (11 Timothy 2:15). Then as we receive the Word and wisdom of God in our lives we need to lift up our voices in prayer that we may accomplish the purpose for which He created us.

Nothing that we gain in this world – *though we gain the whole world* (Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36, Luke 9:25) – can compare to the eternal value of true spiritual wisdom. This wisdom can be gained only as the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding through meditating upon His Word (John 16:8-13).

Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil (Proverbs 3:7).

By John A. Hash, Litt.D. from "Bible Pathway".

As 'we' continue to **press on** in this the Lord's ministry, it continues to call for 'Team Work'! (Your prayer support, interest, encouragement, financial support, etc.) as the 'spiritual battle' **rages on!** Can 'we' depend upon hearing from YOU this month, next – Lord willing. May HE continue to 'bless you' and make 'you' an even 'greater blessing'!

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