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

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Tolerance – the Last Virtue of a Depraved Society

By D. James Kennedy, Ph.D.

As Christians we believe in tolerance toward others – in the traditional understanding of that word. Just as Jesus said we should treat others as we would want to be treated, we should tolerate others. But today, there’s a new and insidious meaning of “tolerance,” which essentially means forced acceptance of things that the Bible calls evil.

Tolerance (in this sense of the word) is the last virtue of a depraved society. When you have an immoral society that has blatantly and proudly violated all of the commandments of God, there is one last virtue they insist upon: tolerance for their immorality. They will not have you condemning what they have done as being wrong, and they have created a whole world construct in which it is not, and in which they are no longer the criminal or the villain or the evil person, *but you are!* And so they call evil good, and good evil....and believe me, that is just the beginning.

I was told about a totalitarian nation where they would not even allow the mention of homosexuality on television or radio. If anybody read Romans 1, or any of the many other passages in the Bible where God condemns homosexuality, that person would go straight to jail. What benighted nation would have such an immoral law as that? It is found in deepest Canada.

You see:

If it is true that there is no standard by which we can condemn any judgment of right and wrong or good

and evil as better or worse,

And if it is true that the only thing that matters is our feeling,

And if it is also true, as they say, that you cannot separate what a person does from what the person is,

And since Christians for 2,000 years have believed that we are to love the sinner, but hate the sin,

And since polls have repeatedly shown that students in this country believe you cannot criticize anything anyone believes without criticizing that person...

...*Therefore*, if you have a discussion about atheism with an atheist, you are finding fault with that man by criticizing his views; you cannot separate the two.

So, too, if you criticize a thief for his stealing (though as a Christian we would want to love him), then you are finding fault with him, not merely with what he does. The same thing is true of a homosexual. You cannot have a rational discussion of the rightness or wrongness of homosexuality, because if you find any fault with it, you are finding fault with that person who will tell you that “what I do is what I am,” and you cannot distinguish between the person and his behavior.

The overwhelming majority of students in America believe this. They believe it passionately. They have been thoroughly indoctrinated with that idea.

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IF & WHEN

If and when we experience a ‘Heaven-sent-revival’, we will experience the following:

1. More of the presence of the Holiness of God

2. More sensitivity of SIN in the Christian’s life and the worldly sins

3. More LOVE among those who are the ‘household’ of faith and desire to get together around and under the Inspired Word of God

4. More of a burden for the unsaved – the ‘lost’

5. More ‘boldness’ in sharing the Law and Gospel, both to the saved and the unsaved.

Tragically, many middle-age and young people have never seen nor experienced a “Heaven-Sent REVIVAL!”

I share these facts to remind you and me how desperately we NEED a “Heaven-Sent-Revival” in every direction of the United States of America and Canada and beyond.

A “Heaven-Sent-Revival” can be experienced, when we draw a circle and step within that circle and earnestly and pray to the SENDER of the same and ask specifically: HEAVENLY FATHER – REVIVE ALL THAT IS WITHIN THAT CIRCLE! – Editor

Singing We Go

By Daniel Cox

George Matheson was born on March 27, 1842 in Glasgow, Scotland, yet the events of 1882 are a thing of great remembrance! He said, “on the evening of June 6, 1882, something happened to me which was known only to myself and which caused me the most severe mental suffering.

“The hymn was the fruit of that suffering. It was the quickest bit of work I ever did in my life. I had the impression rather of having it dictated to me by some inward voice than of working it out myself.

“I am quite sure that the whole work was completed in five minutes and equally sure it never received at my hands any retouching or correction. I have no natural gift of rhythm. All the other verses I have ever written are manufactured articles; this came like a dayspring from on high. I have never been able to gain once more the same fervor in verse.”

What was this “severe mental suffering,” however, that led to the writing of his great and timeless hymn?

Late in his ten years Matheson was engaged to be married, but he was also in love with Jesus and planned to be a missionary to the foreign field. He asked his fiancée if she would be willing to do missionary work, and she replied, “I am willing to go because I love you but not because I love Jesus—my love is not that strong!”

In months to come, Matheson found spots upon his eyes. Going to the doctor, he was informed that he would be totally blind within six months. His physician suggested that Matheson go to his fiancée and ask her if she would be willing to lead a blind man around for the rest of her life.

Matheson prayed, steadied himself, and stood eye to eye, heart to heart, with the woman that he so tenderly loved. He told her of the news of his impending blind-

ness as well as his continuing desire to serve the Lord as a missionary. Shockingly, she shouted, “No! No! No! I am not willing to live my life leading a blind man around! I do not love you that much!”

Years later, and still unmarried, George sat at the wedding ceremony of his sister. While he was there, memories of the woman that he had loved and the sorrow regarding the wedding that he had never enjoyed echoed painfully through his heart and mind.

The love that his fiancée could not give because she could not “see her way clear to go through life bound by chains of marriage to a blind man” was replaced by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ whose love “will not let me go!”

In those five minutes of time Matheson’s pain gave way to glory, and his sighing was turned to cheer.

Matheson’s four-verse classic revealed a deep, abiding relationship—the relationship enjoyed between saved sinner and Saviour. Each verse starts with one of Christ’s attributes and compels us to embrace the Saviour whose love will never let us go!

As we think upon Matheson’s experience and the brokenness of our own lives, we rejoice in a Saviour whose love will never forsake us! (Editor: Even the ‘lost’ who are on the road to hell are ‘loved’ with an ‘unconditional’ love to the very last; *except for a very few*). What a song! What a story! What a heritage of hymns!

*O love that wilt not let me go,
I cast my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe
That I Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray
That in Thy sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee,
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

The Sword of the Lord

**A Christian is in the
‘world’, but the
‘world’ must not be
in the Christian!**

The POWER of ONE

Most of us may not feel significant. The abilities we have and the things we possess may not seem very important. Yet today, as in the past, **God can do much with who He created us to be**, if we let Him.

One act of kindness can brighten the whole day for several other people. Those who were helped come into contact with others and can multiply the effect of that one kind deed. One work of forgiveness or encouragement sometimes sets the direction of an entire life.

Let us remember the power of one person – the influence for good that each of us has if we are willing to be available when God wants to use us. Through ONE PERSON God can bless a whole family, change a community for the better, and inspire an entire congregation.

Selected

Editor's Note: Little is Much When GOD is in it!

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TAPS – A Story OF Two Soldiers

It all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The captain lit a lantern. Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock in the dim light, he saw the sack of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the south when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, the heart-broken father asked for permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was granted. The captain had also asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

Out of respect for the father they did say they could give him only one musician. The captain chose a bugler

to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as "Taps" that is used at all military funerals.

Selected

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For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

ACCORDING to this Word the heavenly places are residence of spiritual powers. As God sends His angels out, so Satan sends his out. The angels of God are sent out to do battle for us, and the spiritual host of Satan to fight against us. These invisible powers live and work round about us and over us. They strive for lordship over nations and over every individual man, but first and last the battle is about the people of God.

The Christian's wrestling is therefore not man against man with steel and lead. The battle is between spiritual powers. Wherever a child of God is, he must be prepared to meet the spiritual hosts of wickedness. They tempt us to hatred, anger, and evil words. They set passions on fire, and incite one person against another.

It is not only the sin in us that leads astray. To be sure the enemy inside the fort is dangerous, but the enemy that slips into our souls from without is still more dangerous. The Word of God tells us that when Satan and his forces are bound and cast into the abyss, then the good will triumph on earth, even though human nature remains the same.

The Christian, who desires to get through the world well, must be on his guard against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

*I walk in danger all the way;
The thought shall never leave me,
That Satan, who has marked his prey,
Is plotting to deceive me.
This foe with hidden snares
May seize me unawares
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;
I walk in danger all the way.*

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Editorial

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HEALTH FOOD ISSUES!

“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.”

(3 John 2-3)

I just ran-off a recipe of what appears as a very delicious dessert; which goes by the name “Delicious Raspberry Oatmeal Cookie Bars”!

Most certainly today we are living in a time when many folk are becoming more health-food conscious – which most certainly is okay, for which we are to take care of this physical body! So recently a Christian friend just sent us a long list of food, that could be bad or dangerous to our health welfare; as this person definitely cares!

In this listing, some of the concerns are: what ‘country’ does this product come from? Most seriously what are the ‘ingredients’?

There are a lot of diets available; which are of your choosing and just walking is a good practice if the body is capable!

NOW how about ‘spiritual food’? How much do you hear in regards to that: which definitely is even more important for it has a direct effect of where you will spend Eternity: HEAVEN OR HELL? AS you know there is a ‘hell’ to shun and a ‘Heaven’ to gain. Hell is a place of Eternal torment and total separation from God, where there is ‘weeping and gnashing of teeth in outer darkness and a ‘lake of fire’” and it continue as long as Heaven continues – ETERNALLY. (By the way: When is the last time you heard a sermon or read an article on Hell?) OUR Triune God most certainly does believe in the same! For a vivid example: God’s Incarnate Person/Son, **JESUS, paid** the full price/penalty on Calvary’s Cross for your SINS and mine, that we could/can have (experience) the FREE GIFT OF SALVATION (Deliverance)! As an example: Some very wealthy person gave you a check with NO limits, as a ‘gift’; but you have to personally endorse it. As a lost/repentant sinner, you need to receive the benefits; which is by Faith Alone, Word Alone, Grace Alone. IF you are not willing to acknowledge/confess/repent of your own personal sins, basically the BIBLE will be a closed Book to you! The Bible is God’s receipt for your sin (desperate spiritual situation) and His **Free GIFT** to all who are willing to

come to HIM by the way of the CROSS – Jesus Precious Shed BLOOD, as Spiritual Health Life is in and through Jesus finished sacrifice for your sin and mine.

NOW back directly to the title of this article. NOW which is the most important to YOU? Physical health OR Spiritual health? (*Most certainly not against YOU trying to preserve/protect ‘physical health’, but keep in mind/heart that ‘Spiritual Health’ is beneficial for both time and Eternity*). **“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.”** (3 John 2)

Just What Are Some of the Spiritual Health Dangers?

1. SACRAMENTALISM. Most certainly we believe in and adhere to the Two Sacraments that JESUS, Himself instituted: BAPTISM AND THE LORD’S SUPPER. But keep in mind and heart they are not eternal Salvation. AT a (*supposedly*) conservative and evangelical ‘assembly’ TODAY, my wife and I were told to consistently go back to our Infant BAPTISM! Please give me a few Bible verses that states that? Today many are being deceived from behind the sacred desk (pulpit) in this gross untruth; which is inspired very likely from the very pit of Hell – Satan.

Some well-meaning folk will say, “Just wait until they (Pastor, Missionary, Teacher, etc.) meet God”! BUT it is too late then and think of the many who are being deceived in the meantime.

May I remind you that we of the MG/HLIF most certainly believe in an “experienced Salvation”, as you will note the heading of each issue of the *Morning Glory*. YES, we definitely believe in the biblical practice of “Infant Baptism”; as whom or what is more open/receptive to receive ‘nourishment’ than a helpless ‘Infant’ from a loving/caring Provider! Keep in mind/heart that a living-faith is a GIFT from God! But such a person needs to come to a personal *conscious* relationship with Jesus or else this person is on the broad and easy road that leads to Hell; regardless of their life-style.

2. The danger of adulterating the Word of God!

The scriptural context this word means to be ‘mixed’ with an inferior substance – which is basically ‘man’s’ opinion/conviction. God’s Word the BIBLE (Law & Gospel) are eternally settled (“**Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.**” Psalm 119:89, Proverbs 30:5-6, II Timothy 3:16-17) is relevant for ALL people, All places and ALL TIMES! One Essential: WE need the Holy Spirit’s enlightenment/guidance to correctly understand HIS Eternal Word. Example: Which would you rather have Deadly poison in your ‘Spiritual health food’, a little gradual *deadly poison* or a lot of *deadly poison*? The END RESULT IS THE SAME – only the process one might be more painful than the other.

There are many signs that likely the Trumpet Sound (which will be heard ONLY by true believers in Jesus Christ as their person SAVIOR), regardless IF a person is physically dead or alive! ONE of the outstanding signs is found in II Timothy 4:1-8 – *itching ears*. So personally, each person who cares where they are going to spend Eternity; needs to exercise the ‘Spiritual discernment’ that God has given to you; both for yourself and for the benefit of others. Make sure you are digesting healthy Spiritual Food: both in your Spiritual devotional life and at church – *healthy food*! WHEN an amber flag comes up before in your conscience/mind/heart, don’t “dabble” with it! When a red flag comes up; be sure it is Spiritual poison! The Holy Spirit who is gentle (like a dove) is faithful in wanting to be your personal ‘tutor’ and HE knows best!

Thus a number of other prominent signs are: the Middle East, nation against nation (racism), weather, nature, lack of love – especially for the ‘brethren’, “*For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*” Matthew 24:24. **IF there is very little time for JESUS AND HIS SHED BLOOD for you and His Eternal Word; you** are on extremely dangerous ground – your Spiritual Health Food diet is laden with spiritual *poison* and IF not corrected, equals eternal separation from a loving Savior/GOD for all of eternity!

Apostasy is becoming rapid today! IN a Lutheran, Conservative Congregation (Assembly), from the Pas-

tor we supposedly received wholesale ABSOLUTION today. (Please give me a few of God’s Eternal Bible Verses that declares such teaching) Wholesale absolution is FALSE/Heresy!

Many years ago a Pastor wanted to set me theologically straight and during the discussion his main point was that many of his parishioners recited (*the Lord’s Prayer*) before retiring for the night of sleep, using the petition of “forgiveness” as their confidence. BUT he failed to start at the beginning of what we call the ‘Lord’s Prayer’, **OUR FATHER**; so a person must be adopted in the family of God; before they can be and going to the Lord’s Supper; as for a true believer the assurance ‘forgiven’!

It is because we care here of the *Morning Glory* and Hauge Lutheran Innermission Federation that we seek to continue to publish the *Morning Glory* and sponsor Hauge Bible Conferences – as so much is at stake. We are first accountable unto God and you along with others. IF we didn’t care that you receive good spiritual nourishment, the *Morning Glory* wouldn’t seek to be a trumpet-bearer by the GRACE of God.

It isn’t news to you that in both the secular world and in the realm of Christianity that Isaiah 5:18-24 & 59:9-16 is vividly being experienced in many areas. How we who are of a biblical, pietistic, evangelical Lutherans NEED your specific prayer support and financial support as the Lord leads.

Following is a prayer request for this the Lord’s Ministry: “**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints – and for me, that utterance may be given to me (us) that I (we) may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am ...**” Eph. 6:17-20a.

WAKE UP STAND UP SPEAK UP

For the Spiritual Battle is Very Real!

What we need is to forsake the “junk foods” of distraction, which leaves our souls close to empty, and feed heartily on the Word of God!

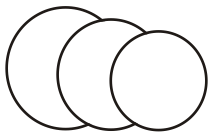
WE need to be eating solid, nourishing Christianity’s health food – **the Law & Gospel!**

HOW IS YOUR APPETITE?

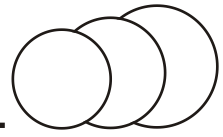
ARE YOU INCLUDED?

“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God, For He has clothed me with the

garments of salvation. He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10



From Our Fellowship Circle



B. O. **Viroqua, WI**

I think about you often and pray you are staying well.
I was well all winter, but in March I received a terrific cough that bugged me and I got all played out as I was coughing hard for two weeks, and then my dr. put me in the Hospital for a couple of days with Med in the views; which definitely helped me... the LORD is always good!
It is a joy to have better weather and etc.
I am praying for you and the work and I enjoy the magazine and I read it from cover to cover and then pass it on to someone.
Thelma was talking about getting a letter out way back...

G. R. **Kildeer, ND**

So sad to hear – we’re all too lazy to send a few \$ to keep this wonderful newsletter going.
I am now in a nursing home and thus my income becomes more limited for me. I do so hope and pray this will not stop being printed though and I look forward to it so much. Makes me feel close to my Lord.
Isn’t it wonderful that GOD has compassion for us sinners!

E. S. **St Paul, MN**

Enclosed is my check ... for \$...
On June 1, 2016, my husband, Marvin ... went to His Heavenly Home.
Thus my new address is ...

H. W. **Fergus Falls, MN**

Elwin was an avid reader of your publication. He died at the end of January.
We wanted to send something to people he supported.

C. K. **Forest City, IA**

May the Lord continue to bless the ministry and message of the *Morning Glory* paper.
A clear light in a dark world.

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Morality Misses the Mark!

By Theodore Epp

The moralist or so-called good person agrees with the judgment upon those described in Romans 1:18-32. But while the moralist is judging the heathen world, God is saying to him, “You too are guilty and condemned by your own words for you do the same things.”

But what is a moralist? The moralist of Romans 2 is one who judges others on the basis of his own moral standards. He does not understand God’s righteousness and condemnation of all people as sinners. He sees sin as only a matter of degree and justifies himself on the basis that his conduct is not as bad as that of some others.

God’s standard of righteousness, however, is not based on what people think but on who God is. He is holy and His standards must be equal to his character. God could not have a standard of righteousness that is less than His own righteousness.

Those who reject God’s righteousness are like this: *“for they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God”* Romans 10:3.

The Bible

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, and the Christian’s charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

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Unbelievable ... Yet Believable

Unbelievable

In the two months of May and June, 2017 alone, Approximately 30 USA Republican Congressmen were either attacked OR threatened with death messages!

Texas Governor Protects Pastors' Sermon From Subpoenas

Pastors in Texas will no longer have to fear government officials showing up at their church doors. Governor Gary Abbott signed Senate Bill 24... protecting pastors from subpoenas demanding they turn over their messages...

The law... will go into effect immediately and mandate that a government cannot "compel the production or disclosure of a written or audio or video recording of a sermon delivered by a religious leader during religious worship or compel the religious leader to testify regarding the sermon."

The legislation became necessary after five Houston pastors were ordered to surrender their sermons in 2014, at the demands of liberal Houston Mayor Annise Parker.

Townhall.com

Twenty-One Abortion Clinics Have Closed in 2017; Planned Parenthood Has Shut Down Twenty Since 2010

For the first five months of 2017, abortion clinic closures continue to outpace the opening of new abortion businesses.

This continues a national trend that shows the abortion industry is imploding. So far in 2017, there have been 21 closures of abortion and abortion referral facilities, while only five have been known to open...

"Planned Parenthood has grossly overestimated the demand for abortion, which is their most profitable endeavor," said (Operation Rescue president Troy) Newman. "Abortion numbers are decreasing each year; and now with the threat of federal defunding, Planned Parenthood is rushing to reorganize in order to remain financially solvent. We expect to see more of this reorganization trend as the federal government works to redirect tax money to women's clinics that do not conduct abortions." Cheryl Sullenger, lifenews.com

Israeli Researchers Disprove Transgender Propaganda

A recent study released from Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science refuted propaganda from LGBT activists who detach gender completely from sex and promote that men can become so-called "women" by merely "identifying" as female, and vice-versa.

Professor Shmuel Pietrokovski and Dr. Moran Gershoni, both researchers from the Weizmann Institute's Molecular Genetics Department, "looked closely at around 20,000 protein-coding genes, sorting them by sex and searching for differences in expression in each tissue. They eventually identified around 6,500 genes with activity that was biased toward one sex or the other in at least one tissue, adding to the already major biological differences between men and women..."

...Said Mat Staver, founder and chairman of Liberty Counsel, "The saying 'I think, therefore I am' is best left to philosophy and not science. Gender confusion is mental, not physical or biological. God made male and female, and no amount of protestation will change the natural created order. The fiction that a person can choose... gender does not help those who are confused. These Israeli scientists identified over 6,500 genes with activity that was biased toward one sex or the other in at least one tissue. That clearly validates the genetic differences between men and women."

LIBERTY COUNSEL

Bold Words on Islamic Terrorism

In a speech to Arab and Muslim leaders in Saudi Arabia in May, President Donald Trump urged them to get serious about stamping out terrorism. "That means honestly confronting the crisis of Islamic extremism, and the Islamists and Islamic terror of all kinds. And it means standing together against the murder of innocent Muslims, the oppression of women, the persecution of Jews and the slaughter of Christians," he said. It was significant that President Trump delivered the words on Arab soil, while President Obama refused to link terrorism and radical Islamic ideology even when speaking at home. Selected

Boy Identifying as Girl Beats Girls in Athletics

In Connecticut, a boy who identifies as a girl handily defeated all opponents in the girls' finals of the state's Class M 100-meter and 200-meter sprints. Transgender student Andraya Yearwood was allowed to compete as a girl, despite having been born a boy and having male chromosomes and organs. A supportive columnist for the *Hartford Courant* described Yearwood as, "clearly more powerfully built than the others," and noted that, "the integrity of the state competition for these two races.... was compromised." Still, Jeff Jacobs of the *Courant* asked and answered a question. "Should Yearwood be allowed to participate with the girls? Yes." It seems things get very confusing for people who believe one's perceived gender self-identity trumps obvious reality.

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Wails of the Damned

"So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take the wicked from among the righteous, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt. 13:49-50)

In 1984, Geologists working somewhere in remote Siberia had drilled a hole some 14.4 kilometers deep (about 9 miles) when the drill bit suddenly began to rotate wildly. A Mr. Azzacov (identified as the project's manager) was quoted as saying they decided that the center of the earth was hollow.

Supposedly, the geologists measured temperatures of over 2,000 degrees in the deep hole. They lowered super sensitive microphones to the bottom of the well, and to their astonishment they heard the sounds of thousands, perhaps millions, of suffering souls screaming.

They only got about 17 seconds of audio before the microphone melted, but it was 17 horrifying seconds of the screams of the damned.

Convinced that they'd heard the sounds of hell, many of the scientists quit the jobsite immediately, so the story goes. Those who stayed were in for an even bigger shock later that night. A plume of luminous gas burst out of the borehole, the shape of a gigantic winged demon unfolded, and the words "I have conquered" in Russian were seared into the flames. As a final touch of weirdness, medics were reported to have given everyone on site a dose of a sedative to erase their short-term memory.

Though it's impossible to pinpoint when the news story about a well in Russia transformed into a story about scientists breaking into Hell or who was responsible for that transformation, we do know that in 1989 the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) aired a "Scientists Discover Hell" story and placed the event as happening in the Kola Peninsula. A Norwegian schoolteacher visiting California heard that broadcast and took the story back to Norway with him. He then mailed it to a Christian magazine in Finland. In the form of a letter from a reader, it reached a Finnish missionaries newsletter. From there it returned to the United States, reaching both the TBN people and other evangelists who then claimed they had gotten it from a respected Finnish scientific journal.

In the spring of 1990, the legend as we now know it appeared in both *Praise The Lord* (February) and *Midnight Cry* (April). Debunkings of it showed up in *Christianity Today* (July) and *Biblical Archaeology Review* (November). Even so, the *Weekly World News* tabloid ran the story in 1992, this time setting it in Alaska and claiming thirteen oil rig workers were killed when the Devil came roaring up out of the ground.

Some evangelicals and Biblical literalists cited the incident as proof of the existence of a physical hell, an interpretation that seemed to be the consensus among the publications that ran the story. The story acquired the popularly conferred title of "The Well to Hell."

Selected from various sources

Editor's Note: Is this story real? It has been widely debated since its inception in 1984. Some claim it is real and some claim that it is a hoax that was manufactured. Why would Russian geologists manufacture such a story as this? Where did they ever come up with such a recording as this?

One thing is for certain: We can go to the Scripture to see what the truth is. Hell is repeatedly alluded to as being in the earth; "Though they dig into hell" (Amos 9:2), "Hell from beneath" (Isa. 14:9), "I will cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit." (Ezk. 31:16) Another thing for certain is that hell is a place of punishment and torment in fire. "And in hell, [the rich man] lifted up his eyes, being in torment, ...and he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'" (Lk. 16:23-24) One other thing is certain, everyone who is outside of Christ will go to this place of torment in flames forever. That is the most important thing necessary for everyone reading this: Make sure you don't go to this place of torment, regardless of where it is.

P.S. You can go to YouTube.com and type in "Well to Hell" and listen to the recording yourself.

Faith is a Gift from God

“For by grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.”

(Eph. 2:8-9)

This is the eighth in a series of articles about the conversion of Martin Luther. The year 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and we want to emphasize how Luther was converted, for you will see elements in Luther’s conversion that are lacking in most Christian circles today.

Luther discovered that salvation was a work of God upon the heart of man and that faith came from God as a gift to be received, not earned through religious works. But before the Holy Spirit can bring the glorious faith in Jesus to a person, He must first bring the conviction of sin unto a broken and contrite heart. Luther reflected upon this as well, even after his conversion.

“What God first worked in Christ, that He must work also in us. If He who had done no wrong was forsaken on the cross, we who are truly alienated from God must suffer a deep hurt. We are not for that reason to upbraid, since the hurt is for our healing.

[In Luther’s own words:]

“Repentance which is occupied with thoughts of peace is hypocrisy. There must be a great earnestness about it and a deep hurt if the old man is to be put off. When lightning strikes a tree or a man, it does two things at once – it rends the tree and swiftly slays the man. But it also turns the face of the dead man and the broken branches of the tree itself toward heaven ... We seek to be saved, and God in order that He may save rather damns ... They are damned who flee damnation, for Christ was of all the saints the most damned and forsaken.

“The contemplation of the cross had convinced Luther that God is neither malicious nor capricious. If, like the Samaritan, God must first pour into our wounds the wine that smart, it is that He may thereafter use the oil that soothes.”¹

Many people today just skip over this preparatory work of the Spirit of God. I have personally been with so-called “Soul Winners” who will meet people and tell them that all they need to do to be saved is accept the

Lord and then pray with them to do that, regardless if they are under any conviction of sin or even have any knowledge of Christ at all. Those “soul-winners” are picking green fruit – people who are not ready for salvation. People leave that encounter the same way they came, without repentance or faith or salvation. True salvation is a gift from God, a work of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:7-11 tells us what the Holy Spirit does to prepare people to be ready to receive salvation as a gift, – “*But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes will convict the world concerning sins and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; concerning righteousness because I go to the Father; and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.*”

True faith from beginning to end is a gift from God – a work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of man. In the text above from Ephesians 2:8-9, the word “it” means everything listed in terms of being saved, not just the faith to believe. When the Scriptures talk about salvation and faith as a gift to be received, it takes the Holy Spirit working to make all of this produce a living faith that changes people’s lives and transforms them into children of God. When people by-pass the work of the Holy Spirit, then true life and faith are by-passed as well. Just to lead someone in the “sinner’s prayer” or to just baptize someone without the Holy Spirit working in their hearts to prepare them produce nothing.

It’s rather interesting that Lutherans will insist that the baptized are saved as much as others will insist that all who have prayed the “sinner’s prayer” are saved; when, in truth, they both must come to earnest preparation before true faith will be present.

Today, some people will talk about God’s unconditional Love as covering all our wrong and will by-pass any form of conviction and repentance. At one time, Luther might have wished that God would not have brought him through all the despair and turmoil before salvation. Yet, even after Luther had salvation, he still remembered and reflected upon that.

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People will never get saved until they
are first convinced they are lost

¹ *Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther* by Roland Bainton. Abington Press, Nashville, TN, 1978, pg. 48.

Materialism Will Not Answer Man's (Greatest) Need

By Robert G. Lee, D.D., LI.D., Litt.D.

Shall we turn to materialism instead of to Jesus? God forbid! Materialism says that we came up from the lower order. To quote one of the writers who is very materialistic: "We have all come up the long ladder from the invertebrate world." That is what he says, but I did not come that way. "This does not mean," says he, "that man has descended from the monkey. It means, as Sir Oliver Lodge puts it in his catechism, that monkey and man, like dog and jack, or like horse and bear, like boar and snake, have a common father." The materialists says – and he says it rather aggravatingly – that there is no future in store; that when a man dies he is dead, dead for sure, dead as the nails in his coffin lid; that there is no divine Christ, no inspired revelation, no Heaven, no future life, no spiritual reality whatever; that the gray substance of the brain is phosphorous; that thought is atomic friction; that life is nitrous oxide; that God is fable; and that what we call being born again, the religious experience, is a sentimental séance. The materialists says that the whole Christian fabric rests upon a piece of traditional superstition, and we are soon to witness its complete and crushing collapse. If we go to materialism for what our lives must have to make us heroes for God, we go to a hen's nest for wool, we go to the ice house for warmth, we go to dirt for diamonds, we go to sewerage for food; we go to the ocean in a paper boat! Materialism does not cross the ocean. It takes men part of the way and dumps them into the deep. Materialism, with all its evolutionary nonsense, is an ocean liner condemned and bound for the bottom. ...

We rode along. After a while he said, "How d' y' do?"

We rode about another fifty miles and he said, "What are you?"

I said, "I'm a priest."

He said, "Well, you are not dressed like a priest."

I said, "No, clothes do not make a preacher. Benedict Arnold had on a uniform when he betrayed his country." Then I said, "And I'm a king, too."

He looked at me popeyed, and his Adam's apple began to bounce up and down like a bubble in a steam gage as though he thought I was one of these coerced abdicators of Europe. He said "Where do you get that stuff?"

I picked up my little Testament, turned over to the first chapter of Revelation, put my finger on the verse that says: "*Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from*

our sins in His own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever," and held it up to him. I want you to notice now what he said. It is rather significant. He said, "Oh, I see! You are a Baptist preacher, and I guess you are one of these 'kiver-to-kiver preachers.'"

I said "Well, if that means believing the Bible to be the inspired, the infallible, the inerrant Word of God without any taint or mixture of error, in-exhaustive in adequacy, inspired in totality, personal in application, regenerative in power, I am a 'kiver-to-kiver' preacher."

Then he said, "well you look intelligent," with emphasis on the **look**. I wish I could have said the same thing about him!

I said, "Thank you." That was about the only "thank you" I said, though.

He said, "You **look** intelligent, but really, do you believe that thing in the Bible about God putting Adam to sleep and cutting a hole in him and taking a rib out and making a woman?"

I said, "Of course I believe it. ..."

Then we crossed swords about this thing of evolution. We had it up and down. I asked him a question that I have been trying to get an answer to for thirty-five years... On the basis of evolution, tell me why it is that everything born in this world has its own clothes except a human body." I said "Answer that on your theory of evolution."

A little old chicken hops out of its shell and says, "Good morning," and then goes off saying "Chick, chick, chick" It is in perfect style. A little old kitten has its soft clothes. A little old pig has its new, shiny bristles. A little old pup has its nice, beautiful hair. The cub of the bear has it fur. Everything that is born has its own clothes except a human baby.

I said, "Now on your theory of evolution as you believe in it, tell me why it is."

He stuttered around and got mad. He never could answer it, and nobody ever can answer it on the theory of evolution. But I can answer it from God's Book. Why is it? God made Adam and Eve in His own image. This book tells us in the 104th Psalm that God clothes Himself in garments of light. He clothed Adam and Eve in garments of light and when they sinned they lost their garments of light. They were naked and ashamed. God had to clothe them. And since that time every human baby that is born has to be clothed...

I dare all the evolutionists in the world to explain the musical scale on the theory of evolution. When did it start? When did everybody evolve from a fish's tail on up to a monkey losing his tail? Where did music start in there? I challenge all the evolutionists on earth to explain

the color scheme of the world on their theory of evolution. It is a piece of nonsense. When I hear these people talking about that it makes me think of a little girl I heard about one time. Her little baby brother was born, and when he was about two or three days old they gently put him in her arms and said, “Honey, how do you like your little brother?” She said “I like him all right, except his head is loose.” I like these evolutionists all right except, it seems their heads are loose!

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Sword of the Lord

Editor’s Note: Every believer is a priest unto God! EVERY believer goes directly unto GOD, in and through JESUS – in His Name; His Blood Atonement; **“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”** 1 Peter 2:9. **“And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”** Revelation 1:5-6.

When You Sense Something’s Missing

By Pastor Brent Joliot, Menomonie, WI

It was the last day for our adult Sunday School Class. We’d been studying a Christian worldview in contrast with other worldviews over the past school year. As the session was ending, one person remarked, “This has been very good. But as we consider a new topic for the fall how about having a good old-fashioned Bible study?” Several others concurred. It was an expression of longing to be filled with the Word of God. Even though we’d been focused on biblical thinking, we hadn’t been in the Word.

Suppose you witness a civil wedding. Something’s glaringly missing. The Word. Or you attend a memorial service, rather than a church funeral. If the Word is absent, it becomes a celebration of a life that conveys no ultimate hope in the face of death.

Once you have tasted the salvation in Christ that God’s Word alone brings to us, you become very aware of the Word in its absence. You long for it. In the most significant or crucial moments of life, you know God has something to say – maybe it’s a blessing, maybe it’s

comfort, maybe it’s wisdom. He should be heard.

Imagine a baptism without the Word! When we receive the sacraments, it is never without the Word. They depend on the Word, because they are meaningless without Jesus. But the Word connected with baptism and the Lord’s Supper always turns our focus to Jesus.

The Apostle Peter wrote, “...like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord” (1 Peter 2:2-3 NASB). The context makes it crystal clear that Peter is appealing to Christians – not just little children or new believers or immature Christians – but all Christians. We should long for the Word, just as much as a newborn baby desires milk.

Within the pages of this issue, Dr. Schmidt demonstrates that the Word of God alone is foundational for our faith. Dean relates how it wasn’t the church’s appeals or programs; rather it was the Word alone that drew a brother back toward the fellowship. Cheryl shares thoughts from CLB women on remaining in the Word. Ethan reveals that mercy ministries are good, but ultimately ineffective without the Word. Tara finds within the pages of Scripture the only antidote to paralyzing fear. Roy points to the Word as the source of true freedom.

Collectively, this adds up to a call to us to forsake the “junk foods” of distraction, which leave our souls empty, and have our fill of *Scripture alone*.

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**The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
And will not at all acquit the wicked.**

The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm,

And the clouds are the dust of His feet.”

It is the Lord! Shall I resist

Or contradict His will

Who cannot do but what is just,

And must be righteous still!

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us; we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”

II Corinthians 5:20

Selected

HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?

QUESTIONS? What do you think went through the mind of youthful David when he saw the soldier 'stand-off'? (In a sense the Army of God (minority) and the Enemy Army with Goliath as the Commander-in-chief) Remember the size of Goliath and IF you don't remember, look it up in God's Eternal Word. Goliath as a veteran warrior!

Maybe David was filled with fear as he prepared to face the giant. If you close your eyes for a moment, you can almost hear the sounds ... the armor of grown men shaking, the heart inside David's chest pounding until it filled up to his ears, and the laughter of a giant man who looks down on this inexperienced youth, as an unworthy opponent. BUT David possessed a 'godly childlike fear', which is good as he was willing to be a vessel that God was going to use.

Physically, can you imagine the combination of these sounds? IF you are like me, you probably can't imagine having the strength it took to stand in David's sandals. We are made out of the same kind of 'dust' as David was in the miracle of God of human life.

David came equipped with nothing more than a sling-shot and several stones (as Goliath had brothers); that you can almost imagine as common to the likes of our children's toy boxes or likely some 'stronger' sling-shot! But there was nothing extraordinary about David... at least, nothing that we can see; but going in the 'strength of the Lord' of which each Christian has the opportunity to do! How frequently do you here today as a member of the minority 'LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT?'

What made David so trustingly strong was God's presence and in obedience (faith) in and through HIM. What made David so capable of bringing down the giant warrior has nothing to do with brute with his own strength. It was merely a Word that came from Almighty God.

"The battle isn't yours." God said this (2 Chronicles 20:15) and it gave David the strength and courage to do what God had asked (prompted). For if David had stood there with nothing on his side but a sling-shot and a number of stones, the 'battle' would have been useless OR ridiculous, as David standing in his own strength!

There comes a time in every life when we are given the choice to flee or stand and that happens fairly frequently today. A time to ***'wake-up', 'stand-up' and 'speak-up'!*** We are given the opportunity/privilege/responsibility to stand together in and around the Eternal Word of GOD (BIBLE) for as you see in Ephesians 6

there is no covering for the back of God's Army – no retreat. **BATTLES ARE NOT WON BY ONLY DEFENSE**; even when the enemy are numerical much larger by far than God's Army. WE are to be soldiers of the cross in a foreign sinful land.

When troubles and choicest come in life, will we join the battle OR walk away, OR in obedience faithfully see the giant 'warrior' fall? Will we place our trust/hope in the God of David, the one who assures us that even though the swords fly and the cannons fire, the battle is not our own?

When it comes to the wars/battles we face, anyone can walk away. It takes no courage to walk away. It's a lot less painful to turn our backs and leave the giant mocking/laughing. It takes a Word/Holy Spirit led heart to fight the ***good fight of faith***, courage that likely you and I may not have. But if we listen closely to our Father (Commander-in-Chief), we will find a well of strength we can draw from anytime we need a drink. We will discover a courage that is freely lent to all who dare to say "I cannot do this alone."

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find' knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:19 KJV

God invites us today to join the good fight of faith, not assuring us that the war will be easy but promising us that if we hide ourselves in Him, He will fight the battle for us and let us share in the victory. In the battle, we will see a lot of disheartening things. We will be tempted so many times to say "I give up." And if the courage to fight flees from us, and it will, He only asks us to remember one thing. He doesn't ask us for the courage to fight... He simply asks us to exercise the ***gift of a living faith*** to stand and obedience to Him ***out of Love.***

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him" James 1:12 NIV

Editor

What if they had cremated Jesus' body after He died?

Where would the proof of the resurrection be, since the same body didn't rise that died?

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof. Romans 6:12

THE opinion that a Christian is without sin is fundamentally false. Both Bible and life tell us that the doctrine of sinlessness is through and through a heresy. On this earth one single Person has lived who was without sin; but He showed us, too, that He was far above all others in everything. God would not be very holy and heaven would not be very attractive if the saved over there were not on a higher plain than the saved here.

To believe that you are without sin in this world is to make yourself too big and God too small. The difference between a Christian and a non-Christian does not consist in this that one is sinless and the other sinful: the difference rests on the fact that one knows nothing for his salvation [except] Jesus Christ and Him crucified, and that he grasps Him as his only salvation. If he lets go of Christ all will go wrong no matter how long he has clung to Him. But the unsaved sinner turns away from Christ, and for that reason he is lost; but not because he, in other respects, is a greater sinner than others.

When we cling to Jesus and live in grace, then God gives us power against sin so we need not obey it. We are made strong and are victorious by the grace in Christ. The more helpless and impotent a Christian feels, the more room grace gets in his heart. Christ is our redemption, Christ is our strength.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yes, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Editor's Note: "But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God –and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – that, as it is written, 'He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.'" 1 Corinthians 1:30-31.

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[Jesus] is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.
Hebrews 7:25.

Sometimes life brings us to the point where we don't see much hope for the future. If you're there right now – whatever the situation, whatever the reason – let me assure you that God cares, and because of Him your future

can be different.

Committing our lives to Christ or renewing our commitment to Him doesn't mean all our problems will suddenly vanish. We can't undo the past, and when we have made unwise decisions, we often have to live with the consequences.

God loves you, and even when life is dark and uncertain, that truth will bring you encouragement and strength. Jesus knows what you are going through, and.....He is praying for you.

(Editor: BUT)

"Everyone did what was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25 (NKJV)

Too many people today feel that the old moral standards are useless and out of date, and they ought to be free to make up their own minds about what is right and what is wrong.

I wonder if we have honestly faced the logical result of this belief. What is actually being said is that there is no such thing as right or wrong, and we should be free to decide how we want to behave. The moral standards God has given us are always best—for society, and for us as individuals. The reason is because He created us, He loves us, and He knows what is best for us.

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Faith in Action (Please read James 2:14-26)

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. James 2:18.

As a friend drove to the grocery store, she noticed a woman walking along the side of the road and felt she should turn the car around and offer her a ride. When she did, she was saddened to hear that the woman didn't have money for the bus so was walking home many miles in the hot and humid weather.

Not only was she making the long journey home, but she had also walked several hours that morning to arrive at work by 4 a.m.

By offering a ride, my friend put into practice in a modern setting James's instruction for Christians to live out their faith with their deeds: "*Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead*" (v. 17). He was concerned that the church take care of the widows and the orphans (James 1:27), and he also wanted them to rely not on empty words but to act on their faith with deeds of love.

We are saved by faith, not works, but we live out our

faith by loving others and caring for their needs. May we, like my friend who offered the ride, keep our eyes open for those who might need our help as we walk together in this journey of life.

Lord Jesus Christ, You did the ultimate deed by dying on the cross for me. May I never forget the sacrifice that gives me life.

We live out our faith through our good deeds.

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Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word. Psalm 119:9

HE who gets through the years of youth without being polluted by sin has won a victory and has a life-joy that he hardly can prize highly enough. But if a sin gets power over us in the years of our youth, it has a terrible power to stick to us later in life.

IF we think it over, we will often find that the sin that ruled over us in the years of our youth came back with strong and tempting power to the Christian also when he was older. Many have been conquered by the sins of their youth after they had become both old and gray. It is not only the good seed that takes deep roots downward in the spring: evil is able to do the same. The idea that many a youth has, that it does not make much difference how he lives in his younger years, is a lie from Satan that has brought many into eternal unhappiness. But the youth who heeds the Word of God wins riches that cannot be told in words. He finds life's highest youth, and with the full assurance that God is with him he can go out into an evil and sinful world, because it is written: *"For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him."*

"He that loveth pureness of heart, For the grace of his lips the king will be his friend" Proverb 22:11.

**How shall the young secure their hearts
And guard their lives from sin?
Thy Word the choicest rules imparts
To keep the conscience clean.**

**'Tis, like the sun, a heavenly light,
That guides us all the day;
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.**

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Take Time to Catch Fireflies

By Rachel Wojo

Dinner is over and it's time for cleanup. Piling dishes into the sink, I pause to stare out the kitchen window and dream of the carefree summer days of my childhood. My family spent evenings shooting basketball in the driveway until the night grew too dark to see the hoop. We played softball in the fields, sweating and swatting bugs between pitches, just having a little summer fun. While thinking back on many picnic memories with my large family eating corn on the cob under an old tree, I'm interrupted by a little voice, "Can we, Mommy?" "Can we what, Sweetie?" She wants to water the flowers. "Mommy, it didn't rain today. The pumpkins need water." OK, water, yes.

Once the watering cans are empty, she chatters on about how much the vines have grown since we first planted the seeds and how long it will take the pumpkins to grow before they can be picked. Suddenly she stops talking and her tone changes drastically. "Look, Mommy! It's a firefly. It's the first I've seen this year!" And we sit down on the rocks to watch the little light flicker as the flashy bug sends signals to her friends. How long has it been since you paused to watch the fireflies? I admit that for me, a few nights ago was the first since last year.

While summer boasts of outdoor activities and larger-than-life experiences, this evening with my youngest daughter was a reminder to slow down and make special memories with those I know and love best. The simplest things in life can often be the best reminders to praise God for His beautiful creation. Pausing to reflect on the beauty of nature encourages thoughts that each season contains its' own special purpose. Enjoying fresh summer produce sprinkled with a perfect rainbow of color causes me to reflect on the Master Creator and Artist of all.

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV

Everything beautiful in its time. There's a lot in life that doesn't look so beautiful these days, would you agree? The world is a difficult place to live and yet, when I focus my attention on the tiniest of ants, I'm amazed at God's magnificent creation. When I pause to peek at the baby birds poking their necks out from the nest, I'm blown away by the way God has wired their mamas to care for them.

We've all heard the phrase "It's the little things in life." Invite someone to join you in a summer adventure to enjoy those "little things." Slow down and water the vegetables, stop and smell the roses, and maybe even run through the sprinkler a few times... ***Day Spring***

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Sept. 29 – Oct. 1, 2017

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7 p.m. – Dr. Steve Lombardo, Yorkville, IL.
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Saturday

9 a.m. - Prayer Time at Stavanger
9:30 a.m. – Coffee & Refreshments
10:00 a.m. – Wayne Almlie, Des Moines, IA
11:00 a.m. – Pastor Don Greven, Viroqua, WI
Noon – Meal at Church, *Free-will offering*
1:15 p.m. – Testimonies and Singpiration
2:00 p.m. – Pastor Don Greven
3:15 p.m. – HLIF Annual Meeting which was tabled.
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Let ‘us’ get right to the point that unless *many*
who receive the Monthly Morning Glory respond
‘financially’ (especially those who have received the
same for months or years without responding finan-
cially): this part of the Lord’s ministry/work: *might*
possibly be brought to it’s grave! That is just the way
it is, where the ‘rubber meets the road’!

Most certainly ‘we’ have had a wonderful
‘group’ who have been supporting this ‘ministry’
regularly as a ‘mission’ of which it is! Thank you so
much and may ‘our’ Living Savior richly bless you
that you may continue and also be a richer blessing
unto others! God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corin-
thians 9:7.

July income for the Morning Glory was approx..
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Morning Glory and the Hauge Lutheran
Innermission Federation alive financially. (Hauge
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