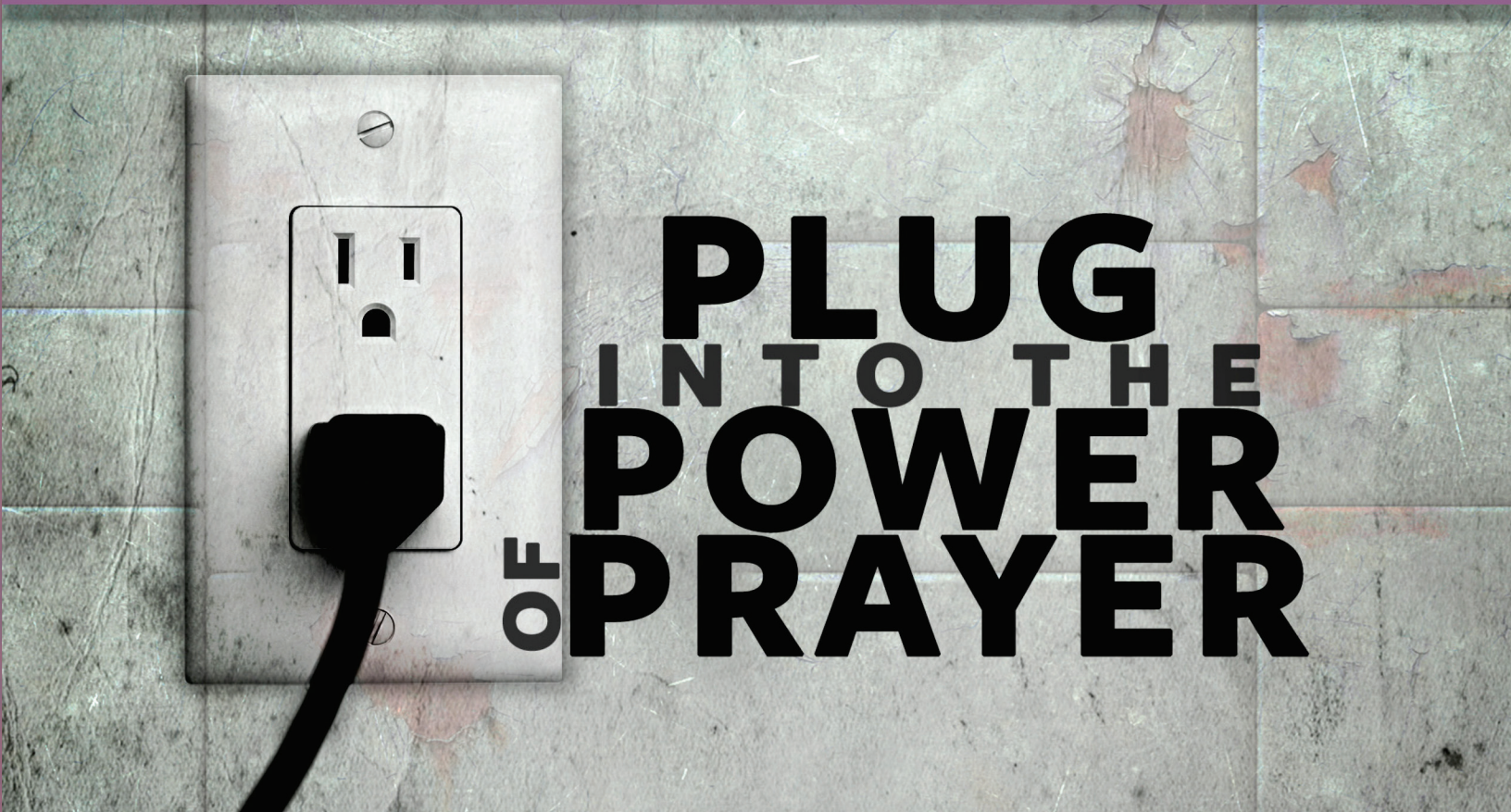




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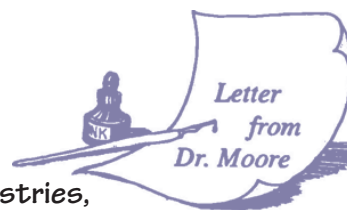
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I want to thank you for every prayer you have prayed, every dollar you have given, and every encouraging word you have spoken during the year 2017 for *The Eagle* magazine and Tolbert Moore Ministries. I feel you should know how we did financially and the fruits of our labor.

The total cost for four issues of *The Eagle* (preparing manuscripts, the layout expense, the printing expense, and the postage) was \$ 11,344.63. A total of \$ 5,827.30 was donated specifically for *The Eagle* which included offerings from churches who have ads and articles in the magazine and people who gave toward the printing cost to receive a printed copy. Since my honorariums from meetings have been less than in years past, I have had to make up the difference personally.

The contents of *The Eagle* include doctrines as taught in the Bible such as ecclesiology (the doctrine of the church), Christology (the doctrine of Christ), soteriology (the doctrine of salvation), and others. There are articles on Christian fellowship, articles by women of distinction, youth missions articles, testimonies, articles by Associate Editor Gary Moore, articles by missionaries, and articles on different ministries and mission trips—just to name a few.

Much good fruit has been produced by *The Eagle*. It has been an encouragement for missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and lay people (some who live in places where they can't find a Gospel-preaching, soul-winning church). They say, "It feeds my soul!"

We feel that *The Eagle* is a good source for teaching. A dear pastor asked for additional copies of *The Eagle* to use in a Bible Study. I pray that *The Eagle* magazine is and will be a blessing to many more as time allows.

As we look forward to 2018, we must look seriously at the financial need for publishing *The Eagle*. I have always believed that the Lord would provide for those things He would have me do for Him and His cause. Being financially responsible has always been a priority for myself and Tolbert Moore Ministries. Please help us as you can, and PLEASE pray that others will see the need and help us in days to come.

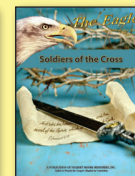
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by Dr. Tolbert Moore

I love being here at Galilean with you and having good fellowship. I have always loved that song, “How Great Thou Art,” that we just sang. The third verse says, “And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.”

When I think about what God did for us, I scarce can take it in. When I think about how He loves me now and how He has loved me all through this journey I have traveled, I am amazed. I have traveled alone in many foreign countries. I have spent many, many hours traveling in this country and abroad because I love people. I think most people who know me, do not know how deep my love is for them, but I sure cannot understand the depth of His love for me!

I want to talk to you today from Deuteronomy chapter 32, verses 1-14. *Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: Because I will*

publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation. Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? is not he thy father that hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee? Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee. When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on

the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.

Now let's read Jeremiah 49:16, *Thy terribleness hath deceived thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord.*

I want to speak a little about *The EAGLE* today. I have been preaching on this since 1955. Through the years, as I have preached it and others have preached it, the subject keeps getting bigger and bigger.

Mrs. Roberta Johnson gave me this information about the eagle. The average size of a grown eagle is 30 to 32 inches tall. The wingspan is from 6 to 7 feet. The male weighs 7 to 10 pounds, but the females are larger weighing up to 14 pounds. That explains a little bit about the strength of the eagle. Now, I want to talk about three characteristics of the eagle.

First, I want to talk about **STIRRING THE NEST**. The nest of an eagle is large. Some have been measured to be as large as 16 feet across. Some of them have two sections, and in the area between the two sections, they exercise and eat. The inside is very soft and comfortable. It has leaves, grass, some feathers, and maybe some hair. That is where those little eaglets are hatched, usually two of them. In that nest, they are comfortable with their parents. The parents, both male and female, go out and kill and bring food back to feed them. Unlike a buzzard that eats carrion, the eagle kills

its food. It is fresh. Sounds like the Lord, He is fresh every day.

The eaglets grow up. After a while one leaves the nest. The other one is big enough to leave, but it wants to stay in the nest. I don't blame him. I like comfort. Don't you?

Well, after a while, she stirs the nest. She starts pulling out the soft stuff and pushing it out over the top, then she leaves to get some more stuff to redo the nest. While she's gone, he jumps back in the nest and finds briars, thorns, and sticks poking out, but he won't leave. This is his place. It is supposed to be his comfortable place, so he cries and cries. He is supposed to fly, but he just does not know it yet.

When she comes back, she will push him out. He starts screaming, tumbling, and rolling, and he thinks, "This is it!" but she will fly under him and bear him on her wings out over the canyon. Then she will drop out from under him. Here he goes again tumbling and rolling. He does not know that he cannot fall faster than she can fly. They have the wisdom to raise that eaglet to be an eagle.

That is the way we are. We don't realize when we get in a hard place, in a place of mourning, that we cannot sink lower than God can go to lift us up.

When the eaglet finally spreads his wings, he can fly! Once he discovers it, he flies all day. He just keeps flying and flying. She has him in mind all the time, and when he finally gives out and falls down, she will fly to him and help him.

Have you ever experienced that? Have you ever gone until you were so tired you could not go any further? I am talking about emotionally. I am talking about spiritually.

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if He cares or not," and you cry, "Oh, God! Oh, God"? God wants you to realize that your faith can carry you. By grace through faith you are saved.

Just like that eaglet is saved when he is falling, God picks you up and you learn your limitations. I wish more of us could learn our limitations. I wish we could learn we are not as big and strong as we think we are, and we are not as important as we think we are.

One time a deacon said to another man, "I am so important that if I say so, you are gone."

The other man replied, "But, you know, you might be gone, and if a five-gallon bucket was sitting there, and I put my hand down in it and then pulled it out, that is how much you would be missed." Don't get to feeling too important. Don't get to feeling too big.

Jim, my brother, was the pastor of a church in Macon. There was a man there who thought he was everything. I had spent several days with Jim and Linda. One day I went out where the man was cleaning up the bus. He was saying that he was the only one in the church who would work. He was the only one that would do anything. He was the only one backing up the preacher, blah, blah, blah. You've heard those people before.

I said to him, "Well, this thing would collapse if you were to leave."

He said, "Did I say that?"

I said, "No sir, you didn't say that, but it sounded like that." Boy, his attitude changed.

I am glad I realize that I am not important. What I do for God is important, but that does not make me important. He has plenty of other people who can do better than I can do.

Second, I want to talk about **THE EAGLE BEING THE BIRD OF THE AIR** like the lion is the king of the beasts.

I have been out West where there is a large number of bald eagles, and they are powerful creatures. I didn't see this myself, but I saw it on television. An eagle can fly along the side of a mountain, pick up a half-grown goat, and fly off with it. That is how powerful and strong they are.

However, after a while, the years march by, and the eagle gets old. You cannot slow down the years. You cannot stop the years where you want to.

I got to the place where I thought, "I need to stop right here. This is it." It wasn't long though, and I learned there is another mile on out there.

The eagle gets old or maybe is wounded. The Bible says we can renew our strength like the eagle.



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You know what that eagle does. It will fly back to that high place, put its head under its wing, and just sit there while its feathers molt away and grow back. Then the sharpness of its eyes and the power of its wings return.

Have you ever got to the place where you needed to be renewed? Have you ever got to the place where you said, "Well, this is about it."

I get up every morning and thank God that I am up. I can still get up, cook my own breakfast, dress myself, drive my own car even if I am 88, soon to be 89, years old.

Thank God that He renews me every morning. I could shout about that, not that I am important. The only person to whom I was really important went off to Heaven about seven years ago. I thank God that God makes it important to take care of me.

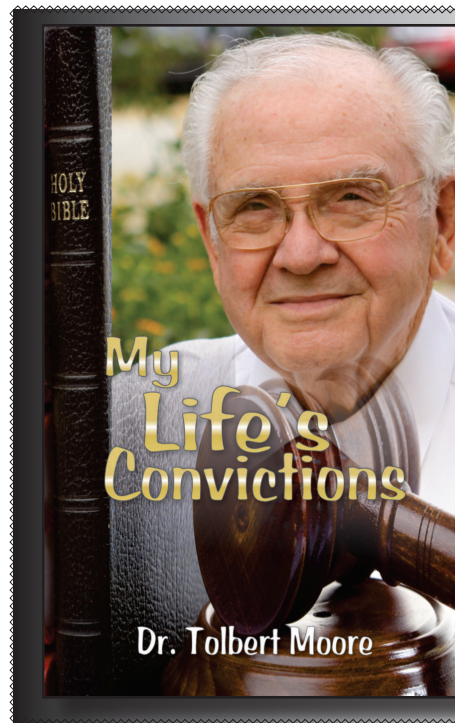
I was the pastor of a church between Buckhead and Roswell. Some of the finest people I ever knew in my life were there, but there was an undercurrent there because part of them were from some of the finest families while others were like the mafia.

I was talking to Brother Bobby Hardeman one day. He was the old, old deacon and was a cunning fellow. I said, "What are you going to do about this?"

He had a son that was part of that undercurrent. He was wealthy and his son was wealthy. He (the dad) had a good name but the son was a plain rascal. He said, "Some people don't understand that they are carnal. You just have to forgive them and hope they learn they are carnal."

I learned right there to love bad folks. He taught me that, and an old preacher taught me compassion and grace. For many years now, I have preached on grace. I thank God for grace because I need grace.

However, before you could say, "Scat," an eagle that was sitting in a tree a far piece away swooped down, picked up that little prairie dog, and flew away with it.



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God said in Deuteronomy, *The Lord's portion is his people*. He said He would deal with them like the eagle. He would help them fly as the eagle and be as accomplished as the eagle.

Let me tell you how good an eagle is. A man named Roger Mullins took me out to a place, almost like a prairie, in Wyoming. We saw a large colony of prairie dogs. It looked like about 1,000 altogether. We were about 200 yards away. Roger said, "See if you can shoot one of them."

I was a pretty good shot back then. I took that .30-06 with its scope and found one standing up by his hole. I popped him, and he fell down.

He said, "Shoot that next one."

Well, I aimed and shot and missed the next one.

He said, "You are doing good. You are at 50 percent."

However, before you could say, "Scat," an eagle that was sitting in a tree a far piece away swooped down, picked up that little prairie dog, and flew away with it.

He said, "Give him about 15 minutes and shoot him another one."

I said, "You mean that eagle?"

He said, "Yeah."

Well, I waited a while and popped another one. (It tickled Roger that I didn't miss another one after that second one I missed.)

Every time I would shoot one down that eagle would come get the exact one I had shot, not any of the others all around, but the precise one



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I had shot. I was amazed that the eagle, way over there in that tree, could see which one of those pups that I shot.

Let me tell you something. When God opens your eyes, you can see like you have never seen before. You can see what many others cannot see. Like the eagle, sometimes you see the target, and you know how to be fed and how to be blessed.

Third, let's consider **THE NATURE OF THE EAGLE** which is different from the nature of any other bird. Buzzards eat carrion, eagles don't. Mockingbirds can mock just about every bird in the field, except a dove. (They cannot mock a dove. That mournful sound of the dove represents the Holy Spirit, and the mockingbird can't mock it.) There are thrush birds and larger birds, such as hawks, but the nature of the eagle is totally different.

When you are born again, you have a nature that you have never had before, and you need to learn to yield to that new nature. After you are saved, you have two natures in you. You have a spiritual nature, the Holy Spirit lives in you, but the carnal nature is still there. There is always a battle between those two natures. Am I right? Am I saying it right?

If you yield to the carnal nature, when something goes wrong, you will cuss, swear, or blame it on somebody else. That is carnality. That is the old nature that you received at birth.

Let me tell you about that spiritual nature. When the Holy Spirit comes in, you will know a depth of love and peace that you could not have known before. Before you are saved, you are looking, as it were, from the outside, like a natural man, through the veil separating the Temple from the Holy of Holies. When the Spirit comes in, He lets you see from the inside.

That is what is wrong with the world and with the greater portion of the church. They have never been born again. There's too many following the carnal man rather than the spiritual man.

Gene Winfrey and I used to fly out to Dallas, Texas, to the School of the Prophets with W. A. Criswell. Criswell said, "When I get to Heaven, I will shout if 25 percent of my congregation is there." His church was the big First Baptist Church of Dallas. He was one of the most famous preachers in the country. I loved to sit and listen to him. He had a sharp sense of humor, but he had an insight on Scripture like few men I have ever seen.

He said, "A church that has a board of deacons, where part of them are not born again, that church will not be successful. If

they are all born again, they will all go in the same direction. If they are not all born again, they will go in different directions."

Are you listening to me? That is the same for everybody. That is the same for this membership. Thank God for the sweet Holy Spirit. When you have the Spirit, you can see things that others cannot see. You can enjoy things that are hidden from the natural man.

Preaching about eagles is pretty good. Isn't it? Amen. Several more sermons could be preached on the eagle, but I will close. I pray this has been a help to you. ✚

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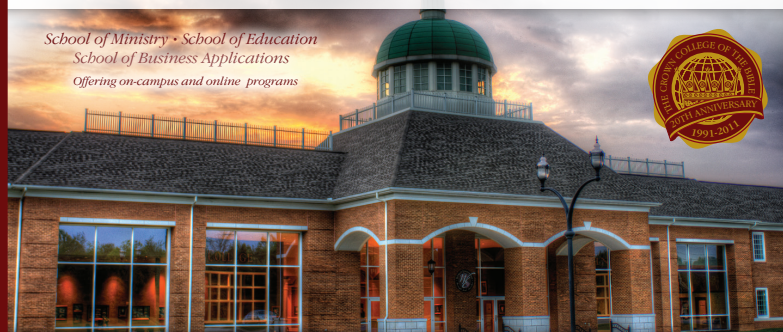
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I am bad to worry. I worry about situations that don't look good or right. I worry about all the churches that I am in association with. I am bad to worry.

One day I was reading my Bible and came across the Scripture that says, *Be careful for nothing*. That means don't be anxious.

I began thinking about Brother A.T.B. Jones in Wales. He had become a little old, and he had a small Morris Minor car. Well, the streets are very narrow, and you have to parallel park. When he would back into the parking place, he would bump into the car behind us. Then he'd say, "Not to worry," and then he would pull forward and bump into another car and say, "Not to worry."

I am going to do what I am supposed to do and wait and see what the fruits are.

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Not to Worry!

by Dr. Tolbert Moore

I got to thinking about that. I wrote on a piece of paper, **NOT TO WORRY**, and put it on my desk. Then I put it in my Bible, **NOT TO WORRY**. I even put it in my office over here. I am not going to worry.

You can blow it if you want to, but I am not going to worry. You can miss the road and run into the ditch. I am not going to worry. Even if I run into the ditch, I am not going to worry because if I got in, then I can get out. AMEN.

I am not going to worry about sinners because I am going to give them the Gospel, and that is the best thing in the world I can give them. If they

don't respond to that, there is no hope because there is no hope outside of Jesus Christ. If you die without Jesus Christ, you are not going to a pleasant place, and that is going to be sad.

What I am saying is, I am not going to worry anymore. I am going to do what I am supposed to do and wait and see what the fruits are. I am doing that same thing about churches. I am too old to worry about you. I will still love you because deep love is unconditional. (Shallow love says, "I will love you as long as you do to suit me.") I have my own worries, and I am not even going to worry about them. **NOT TO WORRY!** ☩

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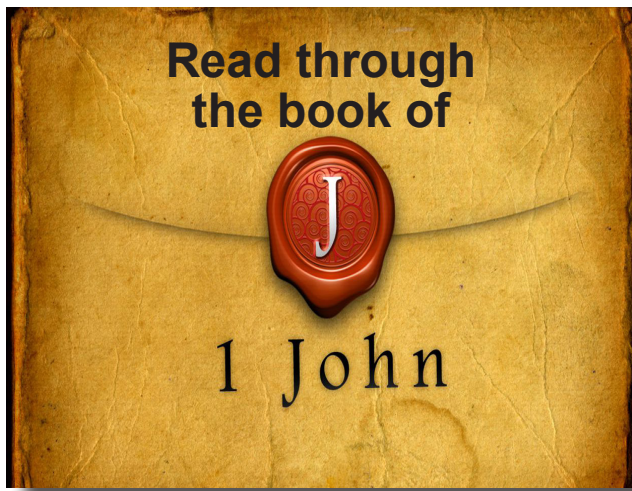


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1 John

CHAPTER 1

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive

us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CHAPTER 2

1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

7 Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little

children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

23 Whosoever denieth

the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.

24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

29 If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

CHAPTER 3

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our

sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth

the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

CHAPTER 4

1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

6 We are of God: he that

knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother,

he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

CHAPTER 5

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.

10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

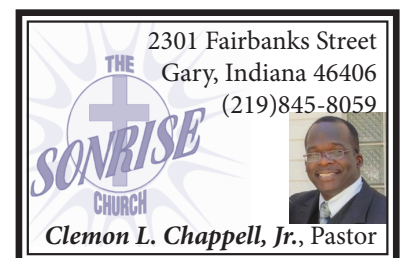
18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

KJV



UNWRAP YOUR GIFT!

by Mary Puryear

Peace and contentment fill my heart when I'm exercising my spiritual gift, and I have noticed it comes as I serve in His ministry in which He has called ME.

What a wonderful Christmas! Our home was filled with fifteen grandkids, four kids, and four spouses which meant lots of unwrapping and gifts to discover. I was reminded of 1 Corinthians 12 where we see God giving spiritual gifts to His children.

As a young mother, I remember struggling after a revival where the Preacher talked about unwrapping your spiritual gift. My gift was a mystery to me; I could not see it.

My gift is provided by God through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is for God's purpose, not mine, and it is only by His power that this gift

can even be used. WOW!

There are many different gifts, each given by the same Holy Ghost. The same power in me operates in every other believer. These gifts have different functions and capacities and serve for our good and His glory. So I'm thinking that if I yield to the flesh and quench the Spirit, then I'm not "filled with the Spirit," and my spiritual gift is missing in the "choir" directed by the Holy Spirit.

We are all members of His church, and if my intended gift is not used, I break the unity and harmony. Verse 7 tells me that my spiritual gift profits all; our gifts bless each other. Peace and contentment fill my heart

when I'm exercising my spiritual gift, and I have noticed it comes as I serve in His ministry in which He has called ME.

Through the years my ministry has changed as we have moved from place to place but my desire to serve has never wavered. I find I am a "Phoebe" and "my cup runneth over" when I serve others.

Thank You, LORD! To quote Adrian Rogers, "The Holy Spirit will say 'amen' in your heart to help confirm your gift and ministry. You will have the sense of cooperating with the LORD. As a part of the body, you will receive impulses from the Head." (Romans 12). Unwrap your gift! ✠

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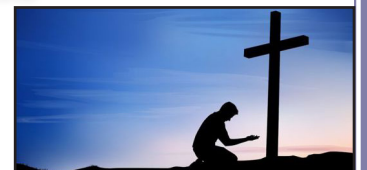
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Making Adjustments to Reach the Lost

by **Dr. Travis Sharpe**



Understanding that the lives of homeless people are very different from most, I knew the traditional schedule of a church revival wouldn't work for this unique week. Most homeless people want to be bedded down by nightfall and most shelters have strict, afternoon check-in times. Evening services were out so we adjusted everything as we made our plans.

Each year in New Orleans, LA, forty-seven days before Easter, the Mardi Gras celebration consumes the city. The lewd and godless activities fill the humid nighttime air and produce a seductive draw, enticing residents and visitors of all ages. Even the unsheltered, who live under the busy overpasses and in graffiti-covered, abandoned buildings, feel this pull. Many of them wrestle with a desire to stay "clean" and the allure of the celebrations around them.

Thankfully, church planter, Terry Rodgers, had a burden to saturate the city streets with the Gospel the week before Mardi Gras. Beginning one year ago, he has been reaching the unsheltered and undesirable each week, bringing them to church services and feeding and clothing them.

At his request, the Billy Sampson Family and Unsheltered International organized the 2018 winter revival for the unsheltered. We were joined by Exit 0 ministry from Jeffersonville, IN, for a total team of about forty eager volunteers. Understanding that the lives of homeless people are very different from most, I knew the traditional schedule of a church revival wouldn't work for this unique week. Most homeless people want to be bedded down by nightfall and most shelters have strict, afternoon check-in times. Evening services were out so we adjusted everything as we made our plans.

We kicked everything off on Sunday morning at Terrytown

Family Baptist Church where four van-loads of people came to hear the Gospel. The drivers picked them up from the local shelters and right from the streets. It was a great day in the Lord's house.

Monday was spent on the streets passing out flyers and inviting people to the revival. Our team of missionaries distributed care packages, blankets, and first aid as they went. At several points, they would gather into circles, joining hands with the less fortunate in prayer. These prayers often brought tears to the missionaries as well as those they prayed for.

The revival began Tuesday morning with a home-style breakfast being served at 9 AM. After everyone was satisfied, revival services began with the Sampson Family singing and myself and Pastor Rodgers preaching. After the service, a delicious lunch was served and free haircuts and clothing were available to all. Finally, after everything was cleaned up, the teams hit the streets

again to make follow-up visits and find new people to invite.

Keeping this schedule for the following two days, we ministered to two hundred thirty-four people who attended the revival and hundreds more out on the streets. Pastor Clemon Chappell joined us, and his powerful preaching over the next two days helped everyone.

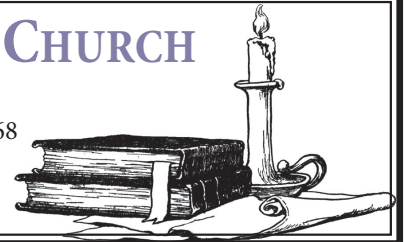
By the end of the week, thirteen people trusted Christ as their Savior and more rededicated their lives to God. Two men entered rehab programs. Eight hundred sixty meals were served. Nine hundred sixty care packages were given out, and seventy haircuts were given. Many more supplies that we don't have room to mention were also provided.

We learned that making adjustments to take the Gospel to specific groups of people can have great rewards! ✚

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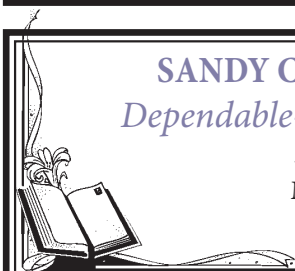


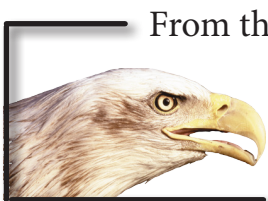
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From the

desk

of the

Associate Editor

Dr. Gary S. Moore



What's That You Said?

I'm afraid many of us are guilty of the sin of not paying attention! It might seem like the smallest of sins when we are two rooms away and our dear one is asking a question that we are sure they could answer themselves, but that's just a symptom of a deeper problem.

Throughout the New Testament Jesus said, "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." As Jesus concluded His Sermon on the Mount, He said this:

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it

fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine.

Notice that they were astonished when they listened to Jesus teaching, yet still, time and again, Jesus had to say, "Are you listening? You are not paying attention."

Christ is calling all of us to follow Him, but most are just not responding. I believe there are reasons for that. Some are hearing but not listening. Have you ever been there? I have been tempted to spend a Sunday afternoon calling the members of Nottingham and asking them what I preached on that morning. To be honest, I'd be surprised if even three could remember. We are in the *presence* of the preacher but not with *presence of mind*. Some are listening but not understanding, and some are understanding but are unwilling to heed the truth of the message. Remember, if the Son of God preached to the astonishment of His congregation, then it stands to reason that poor, human preachers are going to reach out to many who will not really hear.

What's the answer? *And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul, Acts 16:14.* Our preparation should include the earnest prayer, "Lord, open their hearts!" My preaching, your preaching, your pastor's preaching is not enough until God opens the heart. ✝

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GPA Mobilization Ministries will again partner with Unsheltered International. Together we will provide Gospel preaching, prayer, and counseling for the homeless and poor in the city of Coatesville, PA.



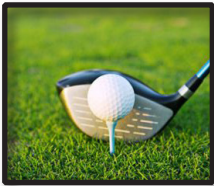
May 7-11, 2018: Spring Meeting at Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church

7:00 PM each night, Jonathan & Jason McNeese preaching
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September 9-14, 2018: Nottingham Fall Jubilee—7 PM each night, 10 AM Wed-Fri,

CT Townsend, Joe Arthur, Jonathan McNeese, Dale Vance preaching
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Showers of Blessing in Honduras

by **Derrick Roland**

I sit here in amazement still as I think about our recent mission trip to Honduras with the GPA Mobilization Ministries. Jewell and I were so blessed to be a part of this miraculous trip in February 2018. As the Evangelistic Coordinator in America for the Mercy Project, we are partnering with national pastors and missionaries across Central America. I say it all the time, "Going with GPA Mobilization Ministries on one of our short-term mission trips will totally change your life; spiritually and physically, forever for the glory of God." God will use these mission trips to revive, restore, renew, and reward

you and do the same for the ones to whom you are ministering. It is a fantastic experience, and this trip was no exception.

- God reminded me of these important factors.
- God's work is going to get accomplished whether we are a part of it or not.
 - Even if we feel like giving up on God, He will never give up on us.
 - Sharing your simple testimony of how God saved you will lead others to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

It doesn't matter how smart you are, or how NOT smart you are, it is God Who is able to work in and through us to help us minister to others.

Nair Hernandez thought about leaving the service but finally broke down and trusted Christ.



Some of the high school students who trusted Christ!

Adults left to right: Rick Montes, Gary Moore, Arvil Smith, Derrick Roland

I am so thankful and blessed to be a part of a ministry like the Gospel Preacher Association where you can still see God saving sinners with the power of the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jewell and I had the privilege to perform puppet shows as *Carlos and Sally* for all the children at Brother Arvil and Miriam Smith's private Christian school of over 400 students. Brother Arvil is a missionary with the GPA in Comayagua, Honduras. He is also a church planter there at Iglesias Bautista Victoria and has an orphanage with about 35 children as well. After the puppet show, I was blessed to preach in the chapel services two times each morning with Brother Rick Montes translating for me. Brother Rick is also a missionary with the GPA as *Mercy's Vessel* ship pastor for the Mercy Project.

My favorite part of the trip was sharing my testimony with all the students and preaching on the rich young ruler and seeing a couple of hundred kids come flooding to the

altar. They were broken, convicted, crying, longing for salvation, and asking God to save them from an eternity in HELL. I'm just overwhelmed that God would choose me to be a part of this awesome trip.

When I see Jesus face to face someday in Heaven, I'm going to thank Him for this trip to Honduras. I'm so thankful for all the churches and people who made it possible for us to go and for those who prayed for us. You are all a blessing!

The song, "Showers of Blessing," comes to mind because everything about our trip was just that—constant blessings pouring down like rain from Heaven. Ezekiel 34:26 says, *And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.* I'm thankful for the steep, uphill climbs that God uses in our lives to help us grow in faith, and in His perfect time, it is God Who will refresh us with blessings coming down from Heaven. Praise the Lord! ☩

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Sam Hodges is a graduate of Pensacola Christian College and a twenty plus year veteran missionary to Honduras. In addition to being missionary pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Sabanagrande, Honduras, he is also the director of New Life Christian Schools and New Life Bible Seminary. He has brought scores of single missionaries in to teach in the school and seminary as well as assist in the church. In May 2018, I will be with him to celebrate the 20th anniversary of New Life Baptist Church. —Dr. Gary S. Moore

Singles on the Mission Field!

by **Sam Hodges**

Remember, in many third-world countries, the majority of your first converts will be women and children.

Many young ladies raising support for their missionary endeavor have been turned down with the words, "We only support church planters and preachers." Yet the history of the contribution of single ladies on the mission field is a glorious one. Names like Amy Carmichael and Mary Slessor are famous for their work in foreign missions as are lesser known women such as Cynthia Farrar who was the first overseas, single, lady

missionary who went to India in 1827. She worked among the Hindu girls educating them and teaching the Bible for 35 years. As a matter of fact, medicine and education are the two fields where single, women missionaries have contributed the most. Isabella Thoburn worked for 31 years, beginning in 1870, in Lucknow, India. She eventually started the Isabella Thoburn College for girls. In 1890, Lydia Mary Fay was the first single, missionary lady in China. She founded the St. John's University in Shanghai. Dame Edith Brown worked in Ludhiana, India, founding a medical institution in that city. Many of these schools for girls and medical clinics are still operating after more than 100 years. Then there are modern, single, missionary heroines such as Margaret Stringer who worked for over 40 years translating the Scripture in Irian Jaya. Education, medicine, Bible translation, that is all good, you might say, but we have to start churches, and only married men can do this!

In 1998, as young missionaries in Honduras, God led us to start New Life Baptist Church. Very soon after the founding of the church, we realized an urgent need for help with the children in Sunday school. My wife was the only one who could teach the children, and no teachers could be trained for the foreseeable future. That's when God sent Wanda Truesdale into our ministry. Wanda was widowed after losing her husband in an accident. We met in Costa Rica while studying Spanish at the same institute. Praise God for her willingness to come help my wife with the ladies' and children's ministries. Remember, in many third-world countries, the majority of your first converts will be women and children.

In 2006, we decided to start an English school under our church. A total of 18 single women and 4 single men have served in our Christian school over the years. This Christian School has been the agent God has used to grow a ministry. Without the school, many of





Left to right: Julie Hodges, Jewell & Derrick Roland, Sam Hodges, Gary Moore, Rick & Nancy Montes

Below: Julie Hodges with School Girls & Iguana



our building projects would not have been possible. Without the school, our Bible college would never be funded in its present form. The school has also been used to win families to Christ. None of this would be possible if not for single, missionary teachers. These young singles have also helped in the Sunday school, bus routes, teaching music, soul winning, discipling, and mentoring young people.

Imagine these young ladies from the States living in the rural, rugged mountains of Honduras dedicating their lives to serving God in the school and the church. Young ladies with university degrees are doing all this on a starting salary of \$300 per month plus living quarters and a plane ticket. How many pastors desire to see their daughters do that?

Many pastors who say, "I only support church-planting men," say that not because they are cruel and heartless

but because they have not visited the foreign field where single ladies are working. They have never observed them teaching in Sunday schools, conducting neighborhood Bible Clubs, and mentoring teenage girls desperate for attention. Pastors are often not aware that in the third world we do not have aging populations like the States. Poor countries are teeming with children—children and more children! I would rather have one lady than three men helping with the many children being won in our ministry. A large percentage of the women in many churches are single mothers. Who will minister to and disciple them? Women will. Every ministry may not have a need or a place for single ladies to serve, but the ministries that do need them are sometimes desperate and more than willing to

have them serve. I would argue that single ladies can greatly add to many church planting works in the foreign field.

Only in Heaven will we really see the impact that selfless, determined, single women have had on eternity. May God continue to call, equip, bless, and provide for all the single ladies out there making a difference in eternity. May God speak to the hearts of pastors and churches who will understand the impact of single, missionary ladies on the mission field. ✝

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New Life Baptist Church, Sabanagrande, Honduras

Below: Children's Church, New Life Baptist Church



Mercy's Vessel Update

by Dr. Gary S. Moore



Although *Mercy's Vessel* is still in dry dock, she is very close to completion. We are expecting to finish sometime in June and have her in the water and ready for sea trials by the first of July. Please pray with us as we make plans to move her to Gulfport, Mississippi, which will be a permanent home for *Mercy's Vessel*. The prayers and support of God's people have brought us this far, and we covet your continued support. ✝

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Left: The pier
Right: Our slip
with Captain
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“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,” 2 Cor. 5:17

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There are three stages of the soul: (1) “Without Christ” Eph. 2:12. What an awful thing to be out of Christ. “Without Christ” is apart from life for “he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” Out of Christ is “dead in trespasses and sins.” Out of Christ is “condemned already.” Out of Christ is “having no hope, and without God in the world.” (2) “In Christ” This is the Christian’s position. This is not a reformation but a new creation. “If any man be IN Christ, he is. . . .” WHAT HE IS depends on WHERE HE IS. To be “in Christ” expresses the union between His people and Him. This union is transforming. “A new creature” indicates the radical nature of the change effected. It is a divine work. Creation means that it is called out of nothing that previously existed. (3) “With Christ” Phil. 1:23. This is the state of glory.

Our business now is with the second, “in Christ,” which is the state of grace. In the context, I see three truths about this wonderful transition.

I. THEOLOGICALLY—based on God’s Word

This transforming changeover has come about through our union with Christ in His death and resurrection. We are told in verse 14 that “He died for all,” which means that Christ died REPRESENTATIVELY. He represented all humanity. The word “for” means instead of, so Christ died SUBSTITUTIONALLY for all those who trust in Him and His finished work. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.”

This is not only true THEOLOGICALLY, but—

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II. EXPERIENTIALLY—based on experience

All of us who truly have Christ can give testimony from individual experience that we are “new creatures,” that “old things have passed away,” and that “all things are become new.” We have a new spiritual life with new spiritual desires.

Everything now has a NEW CENTER for us, and that new center is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christocentric life is “I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” He is our life.

The outward evidence of this miracle is a NEW CONDUCT. Old ways of viewing things, old standards of value, old ideas of pleasure, old loves, habits, and prejudices are gone. “Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new,” and “all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ.”

We are a new creature THEOLOGICALLY, AND EXPERIENTIALLY, and also—

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III. INCLUSIVELY—tending to include

“All things are become new.” All this is from God, vs. 18. That is, the entire change is of God. It is His work. God effects the great moral and spiritual revolution by reconciling us to Himself. The old is passed away, and “Behold, all things are become new.” “Behold”—it’s a visible change. There is a change WITHOUT as the expression and effect of a change WITHIN. This visibility will appear to ourselves and to others. “Many shall see it,” says Psalms 40:3. This change has changed everything. “All things are become new.”

WE HAVE A NEW BIBLE. It has come alive. The old, old book has become the new, new wonder.

The ever-true is ever-new. It now lives, thrills, and feeds our souls and perpetually surprises us.

“I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil,” Ps. 119:162.

WE HAVE A NEW BROTHERHOOD. “Now are we the sons of God,” 1 John 3:2. “Now” we are in the family. It’s not a magical trick but a miraculous transformation.

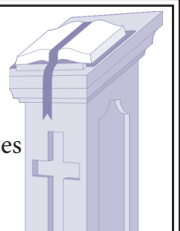
WE HAVE A NEW BEYOND. “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus,” Rom. 8:1. The penalty of sin has been paid. My position is changed. My prospect is bright. Heaven, the dwelling place of Almighty God, is my eternal home by God’s grace. King David said, “. . . in thy presence is fulness of joy.” Truly, there’s no place like home. ☪



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Deut. 32:11

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