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Dear Readers,

America—my home, my pride, my people—was founded by patriots who mostly were Christians and stood by their faith in God. Sometimes our country gets unbelievers or weak believers in leadership. When folks in power begin to confuse the right direction with something that contradicts our history, we become alarmed. The next thing to do is pray for leadership to return to the principles that made our American Republic successful.

A large part of our population does not pay attention to what is happening, so we must, first, somehow awaken them and get them motivated. When that happens, the people will turn the country in the right direction again.

Praise the Lord for the great people of America. I am hopeful for 2017 to be a great year! I hope to be a good citizen and, most of all, to be a better Christian and point many people to Jesus Christ Who is the Truth, the Way, and the Life.

God bless you.

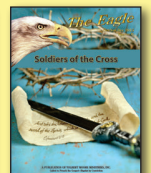
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# GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

by Dr. Tolbert Moore

**W**e will begin reading in Exodus 17:3-6: "And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to stone me. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel." I will pause reading there. A lot of water was needed to satisfy the thirst of the whole nation of Israel, and it came out of a rock.

Now, before I go further, I want us to read what the apostle Paul had to say about this in I Corinthians 10:1-4: "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that

all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

God promised Moses that if he would lead God's people out of Egypt, then God would go with him. Boy, did He ever keep that promise! God showed up when they were out of water. He showed up when the people said, "Why did you bring us and our family and our children out here in the desert to die? Why?" God was right on the scene.

Now, it says in I Corinthians that the Rock followed them. The Lord did say to Moses, "You go on ahead. I am back here, and I am coming." And yet, He got there before they did. That is just like the Lord, isn't it?

You think, "Well, this is it for me. It is all over. I have no way out of this situation." Oh, no, that's not true. The Lord has it all arranged, and He is already there waiting for you to get there. If they had not

done as He said, they would not have found the water.

You know, people who don't find the Rock of Ages don't get that kind of rock. When you miss God's promise, you miss the best. He keeps His promise. Even after Christ came, God kept His promise to the children of Israel. He was keeping His promise to Moses. They did not all benefit because they did not believe it or respond to it.

I preached the other Sunday on that spiritual water mentioned in John 4. Jesus Christ was not just a physical man. He was a spiritual man. You and I were born the first time without the Spirit. We were born as fallen creatures. Christ was not born as a fallen creature. Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit in a virgin girl just out of Nazareth.

Now, it is important for you to realize that Jesus was from Nazareth. Nazareth was in Galilee of the Gentiles. He grew up with the Gentiles. So God's promise to Israel was to those of Israel who were in Galilee, but it was also to the Gentiles.

I am glad because I am a Gentile. As a Gentile, I came

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But I did the same thing to God that I did to Mom. Every chance I got, I would begin playing around, and I would sin.

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to that Rock one day, but I did not have to smite that rock. It had already been smitten before I got there.

A dear, old brother whom I loved dearly used to ask me the same question nearly every time I was with him. He would ask, "Preacher Moore, when do you believe the church started?"

I would say, "I don't know. It was already here when I got here. When I was a baby, they took me to church. I'm not sure when it got here. It was already here when I got here."

I want to tell you the Rock was here when I got here, and the Rock was smitten a long time ago with a soldier's spear that opened His side and forthwith came out blood and water. There is that water again, and this time it's mixed with blood.

If I were not so dignified, I would just have a fit, but being a doctor and all, I can't do that.

Listen, I want to tell you something. The greatest thing that ever happened to me in my life was the day I trusted Jesus as my Saviour. By the way, a lot of great things have happened to me, and I have to say, I am not worthy. I am not worthy to stand up here today and preach the everlasting Gospel, but I have been forgiven, covered with grace, and anointed. By the way, I don't have anything that you can't have. In fact, some of you already have it.

The first day in May in 1941, I came to an open wound that was flowing with blood and water. The blood cleansed me from my sin and gave me life. It was a double blessing. It not only cleansed me, but it purified me. However, I am prone to getting dirty again.

When we started going to church, I was almost ten years old. My mom made me wear short pants. I hated short pants. In fact, I don't want to wear short pants today. It has

nothing to do with my religion. I just don't like them. I would bathe, and she would dress me up in a white shirt and a little pair of blue short pants. (It took me a long time to like anything blue again.) She would make sure that I had clean socks and shoes, and she would say, "Now, Son, don't you go out there and get dirty. We are going to church." If I got a chance, I got out there and got dirty.

The Lord cleaned me up that day in 1941. I was made pure, and He told me, "Now don't get dirty again." But I did the same thing to God that I did to Mom. Every chance I got, I would begin playing around, and I would sin.


Now, having confessed that I am a sinner, I want to tell you that in spite of my sin, by the grace of God, I drink some of that spiritual water every day. My brothers, my sisters, my secretary all say that all I do is study the Bible and go to church. Well, that has been, and is, my life. It is part of me, and I can't get rid of it. That is as much a part

of me as my DNA and the Irish nature I got from my family.

The smitten Rock is Christ. They crucified Him on a hill outside the city. Nothing obscured the view. Everybody could see it. It didn't matter if you were north, south, east or west of Golgotha, if you were in or out of town, or over on the mountain, you could see it. All you had to do was to look that way.

It is sort of like when snakes were biting the children of Israel on the journey to the promised land, and God told Moses to put a brazen snake on a pole and hold it up. Anyone who was bitten by a snake could look up to that brazen serpent, and the healing would be instantaneous. The poison would go away.


You know, some people want to tear down those crosses out in the western part of the United States. We have a bunch of pitiful folks but don't get mad at them. They are pitiful. Feel sorry for them. They are going to Hell, and they won't look to the remedy. I am sorry.



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If I am feeling poorly and go to my local doctor and he says, "You have a particular type of infection, and you need to take this medicine," I don't say, "I don't have any faith in that drug."

No, I take the medicine just like he tells me to take it.

When I looked to the Cross of Calvary, I believed in that. I opened my heart to that and depended on that, and I depend on it now. Praise God, He has never let me down. He has kept every promise He ever made to me. You ought to holler about that because you have it too.

They crucified Him out in the open where everybody could see. The only ones who could not look were those who were blind.

Old Brother Dan Barrett used to say, "There is nobody as blind as those who don't want to see."

You may be blind physically, but you can picture it in your mind. Although I have been there and have stood outside that place, I didn't see it that morning in May of 1941 with my natural eye, but I saw it by faith. It did to me what He said it would do to me. Every once in a while, I have to go back in my mind and take another look at that cross, at that smitten Rock.

That is what you have to do. Jesus said, "Look unto Me and live." All you have to do is to look unto Him. You may wonder, "What do you mean, 'Look unto Him?'"

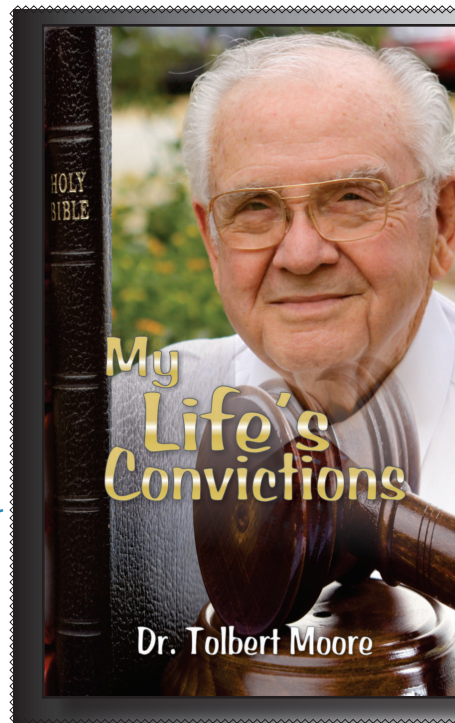
Look unto Him like you would look to your mommy or daddy when you wanted something. Just look unto Him. Look unto Him in your heart, in your mind, by your faith, and live.

By the way, you don't need any religion. You just need faith. You see, religion does not have any grace. Religion is a bunch of rules. It is the law and has no grace. If you break the law, then

**Praise God, He has never let me down. He has kept every promise He ever made to me.**

**If you break the law, then the wages of sin is death. You must pay the penalty. There is no grace there, but if you come to the cross, you will find grace.**

**If you have never had a drink, it is flowing by right where you are. All you have to do is open your heart to the cross.**



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the wages of sin is death. You must pay the penalty. There is no grace there, but if you come to the cross, you will find grace. You will find forgiveness, and you don't have to pay for it. I am glad I didn't have to pay.

The Rock of Horeb is still there, and the opening made at Horeb is still there. The water still flows, and it is so good. Whew!

I used to have to work in the field. Now, I love the farm. I just don't like farming. We would come in from the field,

and Dad would say, "Tob, go over there and draw up a bucket of water from the north side of the well." I guess that meant that was the coolest water. Boy, a cold drink of water on a hot afternoon when you have sweat running down in your eyes will hit the spot. In the same way, that marvelous spiritual water will make your days joyful.

If you have never had a drink, it is flowing by right where you are. All you have to do is open your heart to the cross. ✠



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# Over Much!

by Dr. Tolbert Moore



In the middle of October 2016, I woke between 2:30 and 3:00 AM (in the middle of the night) with the words *over much* on my mind. It was very clear. I thought, "Where did this come from?" I had not been studying anything near the words *over much*.

I got out of bed, got out my Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible and looked up the words *over much*. The words are in two books of the Bible. Let's look at it in Ecclesiastes 7:16-18 where it reads like this: *Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself? Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time? It is good that*

*thou shouldst take hold of this; yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.*

I want to repeat verse 16: *Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself?* He is saying if you are over much righteous, or make yourself over wise, you will destroy yourself. Wow!

Now, in the New Testament, look at Luke 18:10-14 (these are the words of Jesus): *Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this*

*publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

Then turn to Matthew 23:13, *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.* The word woe that He uses there means grief, alas.

In Revelation 18:19, we read, *And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. Alas there means you are destroyed.*

In Matthew 5:20, Jesus said, *For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

I don't call names. I do not usually deal with personalities.

He is saying if you are over much righteous, or make yourself over wise, you will destroy yourself. Wow!



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He was right **about** God, but he wasn't right **with** God. It is possible to know all about how good God is, how great God is, how wonderful God is and still not be right with God, not be in love with God, not to have grace!

I deal mostly with issues and doctrines. But, I must say, I have known politicians, actresses and actors, preachers, pastors, evangelists, authors, and others who have destroyed themselves with a pharisaical attitude. The attitude of the Pharisee began before John the Baptist or Jesus came into the world. One scholar wrote in Cruden's Concordance of the word *Pharisee* thusly: "The Pharisees were a religious party or school among the Jews at the time of Christ, so called from the Aramaic form of the Hebrew *perûshim*, the separated ones. This name may have been given them by their enemies, as they usually called themselves *Haberim*, associates. They were formalists, very patriotic but bigoted in their patriotism as in their religion. Their political influence was great, though they were only about 6,000 to 7,000 in number.

"Jesus denounced the Pharisees for their hypocrisy, which was shown by their care for the minutest formalities imposed by the traditions of the elders, but not for the mind and heart which should correspond. They were ambitious, arrogant, and proudly self-righteous, all of which qualities were contrary to the teachings of Jesus.

This explains in part their intense hostility to him. And their influence over the people, who had come to believe as they did, led to their demand for the crucifixion of Jesus."

I need to remind you that Jesus called them Pharisees, and He pronounced woe, after woe, after woe upon them.



Dr. Clarence Sexton recently preached a sermon on Jonah showing that Jonah knew God well. He talked about God being gracious. In Jonah 4:1-2, it reads, *But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.*

He was right **about** God, but he wasn't right **with** God.

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It is possible to know all about how good God is, how great God is, how wonderful God is and still not be right with God, not be in love with God, not to have grace! Any religion which does not have grace does not have Jesus! Jesus was full of grace and truth.

So, if you have Jesus in your faith, if your faith is in Jesus—you love Him and long for Him and keep on for Him—you will be gracious. You will have grace, forgiveness, and humility toward a brother or a sister who might be different from you.

When I was very young as a preacher, I heard preachers preach against the Methodists, the Presbyterians, and against this, that and the other. Their main thing was that they did not baptize by immersion. One of the old preachers said, “Men, you need to understand. Blood is thicker than water! The blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses from all sin—not baptismal water.”

There are people (Bless their hearts. I’m not angry with them. I grieve for them.) who are destroying their testimony. They are destroying the effectiveness of their efforts because they twist and change scriptures and take one side about fellowship. It is sad. I am not upset with them. I grieve for them. They are destroying their testimonies. I know. I’ve seen too many preachers who became well known and then began to get so proud of themselves, and so jealous of everyone else—telling everyone you have to be separate. You have to be different. You have to be like a Pharisee is what they are really saying!

I knew one man who would lambast the Fundamentalists (and even those who were not really fully Fundamentalists—they called them the Evangelicals) and different ones all over the country. However,

before he died, only about 5% of the people who knew him cared for his influence. How sad! You can destroy yourself.

I have never been good enough to be arrogant. I’ve never done anything that I can have self-pride about. Everything I’ve ever been involved in, God did it! God started me out on a journey, when I was 18 years old, pastoring churches, just so I could see what He could do! I thank God for that. I am not holy. I am bad as the next one. I don’t have room to criticize other people, but I do know that Christ is gracious. Jesus is full of grace, and those who follow Him and have Him in their hearts will have grace. They will not have a religion that denies the blood’s cleansing from ALL sin.

In John 13:34 (among the last words that Jesus said to His disciples), He said, *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

Thank God for the love of God in our hearts and our love for one another. It binds us together at the Cross. I have said this for a long time, and it really gets some of the brethren upset. It doesn’t bother Evangelicals, but it bothers some of

the Independent Baptists. I love everybody. I have no grudge toward anybody. I know what’s right and what’s wrong. I know a little bit about the Bible. I’ve been studying it 75 years now, and I have studied with some of the greatest scholars. In fact, I still have copies of material from some of the greatest scholars. I used to be rather close to Dr. John R. Rice, one of the most earnest, noble men with whom I was ever associated. Dr. Lee Roberson was one of the greatest church growers, Sunday school builders, and soul winners I have ever known. He was a gracious man who didn’t push against his brother or separate from a brother. In fact, he told some of them to leave one man alone. He said, “He is a national hero. He lost both of his legs in service for our country!”

We need to stop and take a look at ourselves. There is no place for arrogance. There is no place for over-righteousness. There is no place for self-made wisdom. We need to just love one another and meet at the Cross! I’ve said this many times: I WILL MEET YOU AT THE CROSS. If you can’t meet me at the Cross, you can’t meet me because I don’t meet at the baptism. I don’t meet around some religion. I meet at the Cross of Jesus Christ, the lover of my soul. Amen. God bless you. ✠

Jesus is full of grace, and those who follow Him and have Him in their hearts will have grace. They will not have a religion that denies the blood’s cleansing from ALL sin.

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# Except the Lord Builds<sup>the</sup> House

The word *house* in the Hebrew language is Beyth-‘Aven. It means house of vanity (Strongs 1007). *Except the Lord build the house. . . it is a house of vanity.* The psalmist is speaking about a family (household) without God being a house of vanity.

The church and America have allowed many families to grow and build with no convictions and no faith in God. We can see all around us the result of children growing up without the teaching of Judeo-Christian principles. Many do not have the work ethic. We see

many who do not honor the flag. There is little respect for the law. This is seen from the White House to the dog house. We also see the obvious difference in Judeo-Christian homes.

The American military is the greatest in the world. Those servicemen in the military are, as a rule, of the finest character and are usually from good homes.

I have hope for the future of our country. God is still God, and He is the power of the universe. We have elected some real Christian people to lead who listen to God (Jehovah), Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the right people. We must trust the Lord to keep the city and country so He will show the watchman the enemy before he takes over the city. Proverb 29 says, *When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.*

An old preacher who meant much to me when I was a young preacher would say, “Brother Moore, what we need in the country, the church, and the home is **right reasoning!**” My prayer is for more to learn right reasoning and let God have our lives, families, and country. ✠

## Psalm 127

*Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.*

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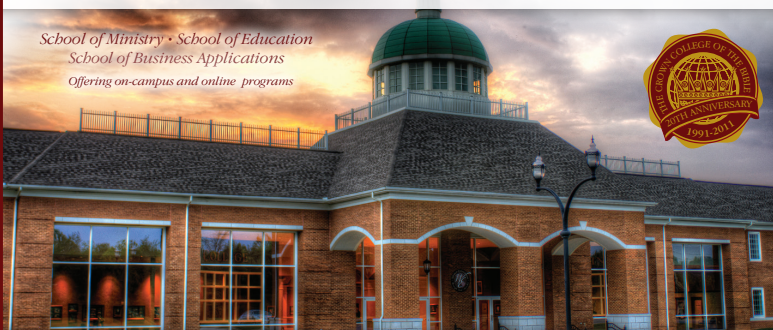
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### WORDS FROM MRS. CHARLES SPURGEON

Mrs. Charles H. Spurgeon must have been a great helpmeet for Spurgeon referred to her again and again in his writings, and she wrote the most tender feelings toward him in the *Autobiography of Charles H. Spurgeon*. Often you find her calling him “my beloved.”

In the 4-volume set mentioned, Mrs. Spurgeon gives us this intimate chapter from her life—and his.

## “What! Crying Over Your Lamb, Wifey!”

. . . **I**n the same small room occurred also a touching little scene which I have described in *Ten Years After!* But which cannot be left out of this history, for it has a right to a place here, revealing, as it does, the tenderness of my beloved’s heart, while he still consistently put “first things first.” He was constantly away from home fulfilling preaching engagements of long or short duration, and these frequent absences were a trial to me, though I kept faithfully to my purpose of never hindering him in his work.

But I remember how, while waiting for his return, late at night, from some distant place, I would tire of the cramped space of the tiny parlor, and pace up and down the narrow passage—dignified by the name of a “hall”—watching and listening for the dear footstep I knew so well, and praying—oh, how fervently—that the Lord would care for his precious life and

avert all danger from him as he traveled back by road or rail. I can even now recall the thrill of joy and thankfulness with which I opened the door and welcomed him home.

One morning after breakfast when he was preparing to go out on one of his long journeys, the room looked so bright and cozy that a sudden depression seized me at the thought of its emptiness when he was gone, and the many anxious hours that must pass before I should see him again.

Some tears would trickle down my cheeks, in spite of my efforts to restrain them. Seeing me look so sad, he said, very gently, “Wifey, do you think that, when any of the children of Israel brought a lamb to the Lord’s altar as an offering to Him, they stood and wept over it when they had seen it laid there?”

“Why, no!” I replied, startled by his strange question. “Certainly not; the Lord would

not have been pleased with an offering reluctantly given.”

“Well,” said he, tenderly, “don’t you see, you are giving me to God, in letting me go to preach the Gospel to poor sinners, and do you think He likes to see you cry over your sacrifice?”

Could ever a rebuke have been more sweetly and graciously given? It sank deep into my heart, carrying comfort with it; and, thenceforth, when I parted with him the tears were scarcely even allowed to show themselves, or if a stray one or two dared to run over the boundaries, he would say, “What! Crying over your lamb, Wifey!” and this reminder would quickly dry them up and bring a smile in their place.


And now that I am parted from thee, not for a few days only, as in that long-ago time, but “until the day break, and the shadows flee away,” I think I hear again thy loving voice saying, “Don’t cry over your lamb, Wifey,” as I try to give thee up ungrudgingly to God—not without tears—ah, no! That is not possible, but with that full surrender of the heart which makes the sacrifice acceptable in His sight. ☩

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# Divine Appointments

by Clemon Chappell

We both began to cry out to God, and this 78-year-old lady received Jesus Christ as her Savior.

How far will we go to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ?

Thinking back now, I would have to say these were Divine appointments. My wife, Joelene, and I drove from the Chicago area to Hanging Dog, North Carolina, for the Western North Carolina Camp Meeting. I was privileged to preach on Thursday night. After the message, the invitation to pray was given. As I took my seat, I noticed a group praying with an elderly lady. Soon I was beckoned to come over and talk with her. I asked what her need was, and she said she needed salvation. We both began to cry out to God, and this 78-year-old lady received Jesus Christ as her Savior. Afterward, she went around the church hugging everybody. She had tears running down her face, and she was thanking the Lord for her salvation.

We then proceeded that Friday to Burlington, North Carolina, to worship the Lord in the Burlington revival. The message was preached, and an invitation was given to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Altar workers were needed because many had come to the altar to pray. As I stood at the front with my Bible in hand, I began to scan the crowd. I was watching when, all of a sudden, a young man came forward who had thick, gold chains around his neck and his hat tilted. As I approached him, I put my arms around him and asked why he had come forward. He looked at me, with tears in his eyes, and

said, "I've come to trust Jesus as my Savior." We knelt at the altar, and 36-year-old Scottie received the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was born again. His girlfriend was on the other side trusting Jesus as her Savior. Heaven and earth rejoiced as these two sinners found grace.

My mind now shifts back to January of 2016 in the mountains of Flatwoods, West Virginia, where a huge snowstorm struck the area as we were preparing for a revival meeting. The only way to travel was by four-wheeler. Thankfully, we were staying in the parsonage near the church with the pastor and his family. As we were contemplating whether anyone would be able to come, a man, his son, and his son's friend drove up on four wheelers. They had come for worship. We quickly got our things together and walked over to the church building. We sang and worshiped. I preached, and we prayed. While we were walking back toward the house, the friend asked how he could be saved, and his buddy led him to Christ.

It was April 4th on a Saturday afternoon as I was doing

premarital counseling in my office that I asked the young lady if she had ever received Jesus Christ as her Savior, and her response was yes. I then asked the young man if he had ever trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior, and his response was no. As he looked into my face, eye-to-eye, I asked him if he wanted to be saved, to be born again, to trust Jesus as his Savior? His response was a resounding yes. I then took the Word of God and showed him from the Scriptures how to trust Jesus as his Savior, and he was born again.

How far will we go to reach people for the Lord Jesus Christ? Will we fight through spiritual snowstorms that would hinder us? Do we have a hunger to reach people for Jesus Christ? Are we thirsty to see a brother, a neighbor, or even our enemy born again? My prayer for each of us is that we would have a greater hunger to reach souls for the Lord Jesus Christ than we have ever had before. I believe that God will set up Divine appointments for us to meet people to share the Gospel with them, and hopefully, they will receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior! ✠

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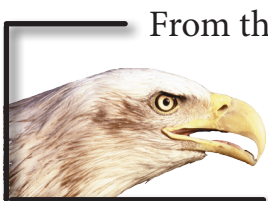


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From the

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of the

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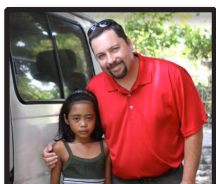
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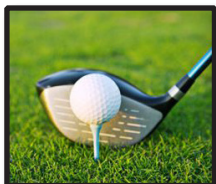


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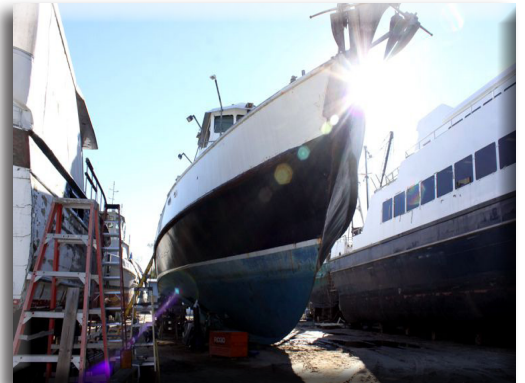


# New Update

## Mercy Project



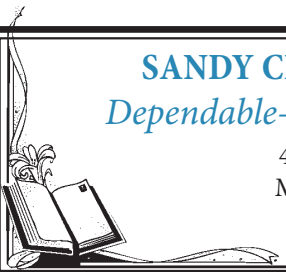
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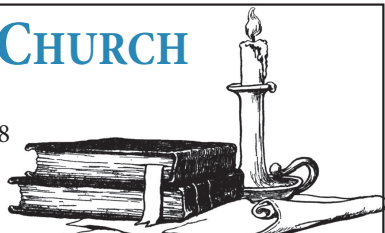
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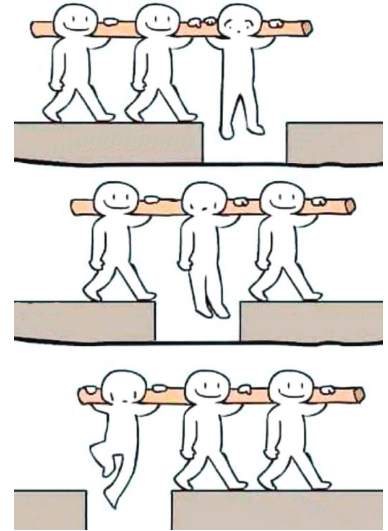
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## We Need Each Other

Galatians 6:1-10

by Mark Chapman



### THE STRAYING BROTHER OR SISTER NEEDS US (VS. 1)

Sometimes, a believer gets caught in a transgression. The word translated “overtaken” is *prolambanō* which literally means to take before. It carries the connotation of being surprised or caught. Using the word *transgression* instead of the usual word *sin*, Paul seems to indicate the fault here was not one that had been planned but one that the believer slipped into. It was not the sin of a hardened heart but one of a hurting heart.

The spiritual believer should seek restoration of the straying believer. No doubt, these words pierced the heart of the legalists in Galatia. “Assuredly,” they thought, “we who are spiritual should chastise and ostracize the sinning believer.” Yet, Paul told them the spiritual believer should seek to restore the straying believer.

there was discord. Instead of harmony, there was havoc.

Unfortunately, we see that same spirit today too often in churches. Members are divided and fighting with each other. Those who are on the same team are duking it out with one another in the dugout. Even more disheartening, we sometimes see this spirit among pastors. Pastors who should be supporting one another are splitting hairs over nonessentials. We desperately need to get back to the philosophy of Philip Melancthon who said, “In essentials, unity. In nonessentials, liberty. And, in all things, charity.” Why? Because we need each other. We are on the same team, serving the same Lord, preaching the same Gospel.

In chapter six, Paul reminds these Galatian believers of their interdependence on each other. He stresses five different contexts where our need for one another is seen.

In the book of Galatians, Paul encourages the Galatian churches to live in the liberty of grace. After Paul had planted these churches on his first missionary tour (Acts 13-14), a group of legalists, Judaizers, “grace-killers” had entered their congregations wreaking havoc. They were teaching the believers that they needed Moses to complete what Jesus had begun in their lives. In other words, they taught that salvation is begun by grace but must be continued by works. Of course, the major issue was compliance with circumcision.

In chapter two, we find that Paul says these legalists had slipped in, spied out, and then split up the believers. They had created confusion and division. Believers were beginning to judge and criticize one another, creating strife. Paul states in chapter five that they were biting and devouring one another. Instead of unity,

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It is interesting to note that the verb *restore* is also used in Mark 1:19 in the context of mending nets. The emphasis of the word is repairing something so that it can be used again. What a picture! Spiritual believers seek to repair the believer who is broken by sin so that he can once again be used in God's work.

However, we should note that the restoration process should be done with gentleness and carefulness. In the restoration process, the temptation is there to fall into the same snare as the sinning brother or sister. We must be on guard so that we, too, do not fall prey to sin.

### THE STRUGGLING BROTHER OR SISTER NEEDS US (VSS. 2-5)

At first glance, it would seem that there is a contradiction between verses two and five. Yet, on careful examination, we find that there are two different Greek words that are both translated burden. In verse two, the Greek word is *baros* which describes an overwhelming or weighty burden. This burden is too great for one to bear alone; hence, we are to help bear that burden.

On the other hand, the burden in verse five is *phortion*. This word was used in classical Greek to describe a soldier's pack or the mother's womb. To help bring out the distinction of the synonyms, William Barclay translates it this way, "for everyone has to shoulder his own personal pack." In other words, the ordinary burdens of life we must carry. The point is clear: sometimes people struggle under the weight of heavy burdens. During those times, we should be sensitive to their needs and seek to lighten their load. When we do, we fulfill the law of Christ.

Yet, as you carry your own pack, beware of pride (vss. 3-4). It is easy to get disturbed and upset because someone, in your opinion, is not bearing their fair share. However, it is never wise to compare your load capacity with another's. If you do, you can become proud at what you can handle as opposed to others. Instead, test your own work. Are you faithful in the responsibilities God has given you? Are you carrying the load that God has assigned to you? If so, great; if not, get with it.

### THE SHARING BROTHER OR SISTER NEEDS US (vs. 6)

The believer who hears God's Word from a faithful pastor or teacher has the responsibility to meet that individual's material needs. We who have been taught have a responsibility to meet the needs of those who have invested into our lives. Both pastor and people need one another.

### THE SOWING BROTHER OR SISTER NEEDS US (VSS. 7-8)

There is an unchangeable law of the harvest – you reap what you sow. The wise believer will sow to the Spirit. Sometimes, however, believers begin to sow to their flesh (the old way of life). At those moments, they need a friend to come alongside them and remind them of the harvest that such reaping will produce. Of course, we should approach them with a spirit of grace and humility.

### THE SERVING BROTHER OR SISTER NEEDS US (VSS. 9-10).

Quite frankly, it is natural to become weary in well doing. Often, that weariness is due to

the lack of immediate results. We expect that if we do well today that we will reap a harvest tomorrow. We want immediate results. However, God's harvest seldom comes quickly. For example, William Carey (1761-1834) labored in India for seven years before he baptized his first convert. Like Carey, we, too, may have to labor for a while before the harvest comes. Therefore, we need to encourage every brother and sister who is serving God faithfully to not grow tired in their labor for God. The harvest will come in God's time.

In closing, we find an example of these truths displayed for us in the Old Testament. David, the future king, was running from Saul. In fact, he was living in the caves in the wilderness hanging on for dear life. He had done nothing amiss to warrant the ill will of King Saul. Although God had told his servant, Samuel, to anoint David as the next king, David hadn't tried to ascend the throne through a coup. No doubt, David was discouraged, struggling, and hurting. His dreams seemed shattered, and his future looked bleak. Furthermore, he was bearing the guilt of the slaughter of God's priests by Doeg the Edomite, one of Saul's soldiers. At this crucial point, Jonathan sought David out. He found him in the wilderness of Ziph and encouraged him (1 Samuel 23:15-18). He reminded him of God's anointing on his life and reiterated God's plans and promises to him.

This account of Jonathan and David perfectly illustrates the truth that we all need each other. We need someone from time to time to come alongside us and strengthen our hands in God. Sometimes, we need encouragement. Other times, we need rebuke; yet all the time, the truth is that **WE NEED EACH OTHER.** †

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# 20 Years of Youth Missions

by Zach Johnson



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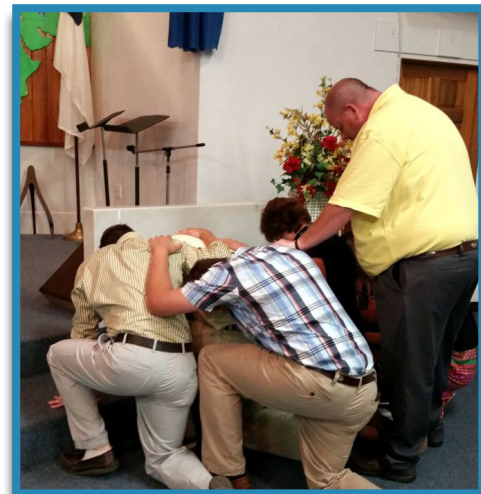
It's hard to believe that this summer will be the 20th year of GPA Youth Missions. In 1997, my parents, Keith and Roberta Johnson, and Brother Gary Moore headed out on the very first GPAYM trip to Wales. What a journey it's been! We have assisted missionaries in their works all over the world by taking teens and young adults on short-term mission trips to help evangelize. The results have been far greater than we could've ever imagined. I wish I could give you a count of the souls that have been saved while we've been on these trips, but I think that would miss the point of this ministry.

These trips are not a 7-10 day vacation in the summer. This is real ministry with real results. Obviously, our desire is to see souls saved on the

trip, but we want to see those souls that have been saved disciplined so they can be involved in the Gospel ministry too. We also pray that our team members are involved in God's work, not just for the few days that we're on the field, but for the rest of their lives. Yes, we have seen countless souls saved and many teens and young adults surrender to the work of the Lord, but I often wonder how deep this impact goes.

The glorious thing about the Gospel is that it is for all! Praise God, Romans 10:13 is in the Bible. Anyone can be saved by placing their faith in the finished work of Christ. What I find even more amazing is that God chooses to use us to promote the Gospel around the world. The ones we are able to lead to the Lord are not just saved, but now they are also part of the work of God. One of the greatest things you can see is someone whom you've led to Christ leading someone else to Christ.

What kind of impact has GPA Youth Missions made around the world? I don't believe we'll ever know—at least not on this side of eternity. Perhaps a child who was led to the Lord at a VBS in Grenada will become an active soul winner in his community or even a missionary to a foreign land. Maybe a teenager we've reached will end up going on another short-term mission trip and leading others to the Lord. This is the kind of impact we want to make. The goal of GPAYM is not to make our



organization's name known, but we pray that God uses what we're doing to make Christ's name known. This year we hope to make His name known by more people as we continue the work He's called us to do.

Lord willing, we will be going to Grand Cayman to assist Calvary Baptist Church and Pastor Michael Jeremiah during their Vacation Bible School. We are praying for young people with a desire to serve to go on this trip. Our tentative dates for the trip are July 14-22. We hope you'll be praying for this trip because this will be a great opportunity for teens and young adults to see and work in a foreign mission field. For more information, check out our website at [www.gpaym.com](http://www.gpaym.com) or call me at 304-521-9504. ☩







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**N**EW always sounds good. We buy a “new car.” It only has forty thousand miles on it. Well, it is new to me! We may clarify by saying it is brand new meaning no one has ever used it. Jesus had a new tomb, wherein never a man lay, brand new. We all enjoy new things, whether they are just new to us or brand new. They excite us. We make plans to use them and enjoy them, but sadly the new wears off, and they become just another thing. What do we do then? We seek something new to thrill us again, and then it becomes just another thing, and the cycle goes on until our exciter breaks down.

We are at the door of a NEW year. We will have a new president and a new Congress. We will make resolutions to lose weight, exercise more, and be a better person, but the new year will become just another year. The weight is tenacious and will not disappear. The exercise becomes boring and difficult, and we do not become a better person because we conclude that we were born this way. The new year becomes just another year.

In the second chapter of Ecclesiastes, Solomon records his attempt to find satisfaction in pleasure, wine, building, agriculture, and various ventures. However, it left him empty. He came to the conclusion that

he hated life. Solomon looked under the sun and came to the conclusion that life was not worth the effort. If we follow that example, our new year will turn into just another year, and we may well come to the same conclusion as Solomon did.

However, we look not “under the sun” but above all into the heaven of heavens. Psalm 121:1-3, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.”

Jeremiah lived at a time when the Israelites had turned from God and were rejecting the Word of God. We know that he wept as he gave God’s message and witnessed the people refusing it. I think many times he thought, “This is the same old mess.” However, he found that God had something new for him every morning. Lamentations 3:22, “It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.” The new year may become just another year. Trials and heartaches may be just more burdens, but God has new mercies and compassions for us every day. What an incredible truth this is.

The psalmist tells us in Psalm 68:19, “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.” If I read this correctly, we have daily mercies, compassions, and benefits from the Lord. Well then, I can face the new year by living it one day at a time.

Yes, I can get excited about the new year, have fireworks, and act like a fool, but reality sets in quickly, and it becomes just another year. There is another option. I can thank the Lord that He has given me life to see the beginning of a new year and live it daily experiencing God’s new mercies and compassions. Notice they are NEW every day, designed just for you. They are brand new, having never been used before. Use them! New ones will appear tomorrow morning. Benefits will arrive just on time and just for the day. Do not skimp on using them. Like the manna from heaven, they will disappear, but no worries, tomorrow’s supply will be right on time. What are these benefits? They will be just what you need for the day.

Well, I have decided that I will live this year day by day experiencing God’s mercies, thanking Him for His compassions, and enjoying His benefits. But, hey, that is just me. You may live it any way you choose. ✚

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**“As an eagle stirreth  
up her nest . . .”**  
Deut. 32:11



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