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**RENDER TO ALL MEN THEIR DUE...AND HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE By: Dr. Dennis Petty** 

In the early 1970's, I met Dr. Tolbert Moore at a Fellowship Meeting in Gainesville, GA. That day, Dr. Moore preached a message on Calvary. I was so moved by his anointed preaching, I wanted to get to know him. Our paths went in different directions and

years passed until I was invited to a GPA Camp Meeting in the late 1980's at the church Dr. Moore pastored. He called on me to preach and from that moment our close fellowship began. The next week, I was asked to become a part of the GPA Camp Meetings.

From that time on, my Love, Respect and Fellowship grew. His knowledge, wisdom and counsel was a tremendous help to me as a fellow Preacher, Pastor, fellow laborer in the Gospel.

Dr. Moore was known as a "Gospel Preacher" (he wore the title well). It seemed to me his watchword was 1 Co-



rinthians 9:16; "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel." Dr. Moore had one all-consuming characteristic...earnestness.

He preached Christ with such burning zeal, a zeal that never diminished. It burned constantly with heavenly oil, clothed with holy passion. You can rest assured, when he took a text he could have prefaced it with the words: "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 9:1) He was not trying to make an impression on you. His text was burning in his heart. His prayer was, God give thunder to my voice; Power to my utterance; give help to this piece of clay so sinners may be faced with the issues of the Gospel as they have never been faced with before, so that this very

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hour the miracle of conversion may take place in their heart and life.

What a preacher...God's man, and my friend. He was comfortable with and well thought of by successful men of God and a friend and encourager to less known men like myself.

In 30 plus years, I worked with him and there was never a cross word spoken from either one to the other. The joy was mine. His counsel was superb. I learned a lot from his advice. May I put it to good use.

Dr. Tolbert Moore, the preacher who spoke with authority. My friend, My mentor, God's chosen servant.

# **Doctrine of Christ** by Dr. Tolbert S. Moore

At the age of 12, after many months of struggling to be saved, I heard a clear presentation of the Gospel (John 20:24-31) preached by P. H. Swords. I trusted Jesus Christ to be my Saviour asking Him to save me on the first Sunday in May 1941. What a wonderful experience to know I was forgiven and made a born again child of God.

I knew little of the doctrine of Christ but believed with all my being that He was God. Since that time, through study, prayer and light from Him, I now have the conviction that Christ is God, Emmanuel, virgin born, lived on the earth 33 1/2 years, preached His own Gospel, performed miracles, was crucified, buried, and rose again the third day, ascended into the heavens where He sits on the throne of His majesty,



hearing prayer in His Name, and making intercession for all believers.

I am convicted that He saves all who come to Him, whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free, and that the church (local) is His body and is made of all races and nations who are brothers and sisters in the family of God.

Denominations were formed by believers in Christ for a variety of reasons—both doctrinal and cultural. Most were begun by men of great convictions. It seems all preached the Gospel, claimed faith in Christ, and claimed to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Divisions and varied interpretations of the Holy Bible were at the base of the movements. Church history proves that regardless of the denomination, the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe.

We will not have complete unity of belief until Jesus comes, however we should endeavor to have the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3) until we all come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

The doctrine of Christ is where we unite or divide. II John 1:9-11 says, Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed. For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. The line of demarcation is between those who hold the doctrine of Christ and those who abide not in the doctrine of Christ.

I believe and am (convinced) convicted that Christ was/is God in the flesh, virgin born, the physical Son of God. The New Testament knows nothing of a worldwide church denomination. There is no church denomination recognized anywhere in the New Testament. The separation is believers from unbelievers and from worldliness. All born again, Bible believers are brothers and sisters in the family of God which is the worldwide kingdom of heaven on earth.

# It Matters By: David Rooney, MD

I have been on mission with my wife and family with the GPA many times. It is exhausting and difficult. I know why I have gone so many times: Jesus told me to. In Matthew 25:40, he says "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." I feel so blessed to have the opportunities I have had and feel compelled to share my blessing with those who are loved by the Lord as much as I am. However, in a small village in Panama. I was reminded of how important mission is to God.

This village was very remote and no roads entered it; we had to walk about 20 minutes just to reach it. It was really poor and there was no education. They spoke a hybrid of Spanish and the Central American Indian dialect and certainly nobody spoke English. At the time there was very little electricity and after a long day in the clinic and then a church service we had to walk out under flashlight to get to our vehicle. As we walked, half of the village walked with us in a huge throng. One of the nurse practitioners with us shined her light on the edge of the mass of people, and there was a boy there who could not have been more than 4 or 5. He had no shirt, no shoes and looked very scraggly and dusty. He looked like so many of the children in the village. In perfect English he said "I'll see you in heaven." And then he was gone into the night.

At the time, it was hard to process as so many of the miracles of the Lord are. But then we understood it to be a direct word from God: this matters. We feel He said to us that as tired and dirty as you are, there will be souls in heaven because of your work. This is making a difference for The Kingdom. As we travel to do mission work, and take your prayers and your financial assistance with us, we are making a difference for The Kingdom of Heaven. God reassures us in 1 Corinthians 15:58 that we are always to be "abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." We feel it strongly when we are serving on the mission field and please know that you are making a difference for God in whatever way you support missions.



### THIS CHRISTMAS, BE THE ANSWER TO SOMEONE'S PRAYER.

Christmas is a time of giving, we give gifts to our family and friends, co-workers and delivery personnel. I'm sure our gifts are welcomed and appreciated just as we appreciate those who give to us. The truth is though, the vast majority of the gifts we give and receive are not essential, we probably could live just as well without them. I know I want some things for Christmas, but I really can't say that I need anything. Somewhere, someone is praying for an item or service that they really need. There is a missionary on the field; a National Pastor, a struggling church or a family in one of those churches that really has a need. For this need they are praying faithfully everyday, and through the years the Gospel Preacher Association has been able to meet hundreds, even thousands of needs here in the United States and around the world. Through your dona-

tions we have been the answer to a myriad of prayers as God has used us to meet the needs of those we serve and those who with serve us. You can make a difference this Christmas. Your generous endof-the-year gift can touch lives for time and eternity. Go ahead, dig deep and help us help others this Christmas. You will make Christmas special for someone and it will be that much better for you.





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