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Dear Readers and Friends,

In this issue of *The Eagle* we have a sermon on "The Devil's Toolbox," a sermon on the "Power" of God to combat the Devil's tools, an article entitled, "What Is in Your Basket," an article on the Homegoing of a missionary, and an article on "We Are Still In" the spiritual house.

You will get spiritual food, some weapons of warfare (not carnal), and some exhorting to stay faithful and keep in the fight for God and right!

We are still standing for the cross, the blood, and the blessed hope!

We don't gnaw on bones because they represent someone or something died. We are not in the death throes—we are in the eternal life ministry! The Bible is our instruction manual, the Holy Spirit is our guide, and Jesus Christ is our religion. We fellowship with the Father and His Son at the cross through the blood of Christ.

We hope to encourage and inspire you, our readers, to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ the message to all the world—to all who will call on Jesus, the Christ of God, for salvation.

America the beautiful has developed some weeds that are not pretty. We pray God will use His children to cut the weeds down and make room for some more bright flowers!

God bless you.

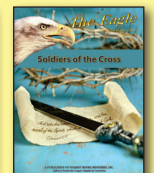
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# THE DEVIL'S TOOLBOX

by Dr. Rex McPherson

Ephesians 6:10-17, Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**T**his portion of Scripture from verse 10 to the end of the chapter is outlined by C. I. Scofield as “The Warrior’s Power.” We are to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. It is God’s power and not our own that enables us to wage war against the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

In verse 11 we are told to put on the *whole armor of God*. Then in later verses, the armor is described for us. In verse 12, our foes are identified. They are identified not as people, but we wrestle against the powers, principalities, and rulers of the darkness of this world and against spiritual wickedness in high places. He is not talking about Washington, D. C. there. He is talking about the power of Satan and his army of demons that he uses to afflict people and to promote havoc, sin, and wickedness in the world. We are to stand up against him. They are well organized

and dedicated to standing against the work of God.

Verse 18 gives us the warrior’s resource—prayer. This is Paul’s declaration of how we are to fight against the wiles of the Devil.

Now, the word *wiles* is an interesting word in the Greek. This is the word *methodeia*, or simply, his methods. However, it implies trickery, sneakiness, and deception as well.

We are not ignorant of his methods. The Devil has methods, ways that he goes about doing things. He has (what is called in another place) devices. So, we should understand that just as our army has methods of warfare, our enemy has methods of warfare.

Most armies need to understand how their enemies operate. If they do, they have a better chance of defeating them. We need to understand how our enemy, the Devil, operates so we will have a better

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chance of defeating him. Listen, please, to these verses from II Corinthians 2:10-11, *To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

Paul is talking about the incident in Corinth where they had sinned against God. Paul said, “I forgive it for Jesus’ sake, and you ought to forgive that fellow because if you don’t, the devil will take an advantage of you and use it against you.”

Ill feelings against somebody is a tool the Devil can use. He uses things in our lives like unforgiveness, bitterness, hatred, malice, envy, and jealousy to keep us defeated. Paul is talking about unforgiveness in this verse. If you don’t forgive somebody, it is not going to hurt them as much as it is going to hurt you. They are going on in life just as happy as they could ever be, but you are the one grieving over it. So, Paul said, “You need to let those things go lest the Devil use it against you and wreck your peace of heart.” *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

The word he uses there is *devices*. I want to substitute the word *devices* with *tools*. I want to talk to you about “The Devil’s Toolbox.”

This same spirit of pride and rebellion pervades our world today. It is spreading like kudzu in Georgia in July.

Now, I have a toolbox at my house. Years ago, when I was an automobile mechanic, I bought a red toolbox, set it up in the shop, and filled it with tools. I had to buy them on credit, but I still have most of them in that toolbox. Whenever I need a tool I go to my toolbox and get one to use. If I need a screwdriver, I go get a screwdriver. When I need a hammer, I go get a hammer. I don't get a screwdriver when I need a hammer, and I don't get a hammer when I need a screwdriver. Each one of those tools is meant to do a specific thing.

The Bible says that the Devil has many devices. Notice that it is plural, many devices, many tools that he can use against you. What do we find first in "The Devil's Toolbox"?

**The first tool in "The Devil's Toolbox" is PRIDE that leads to REBELLION.**

His original name was not Satan or the Devil. His original name was Lucifer. Ezekiel tells us that he got in trouble when he was lifted up with pride and became arrogant and rebellious against God. Ezekiel tells us that he was an angel of high estate and very beautiful. Ezekiel 28:13-15, *Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.*

Isaiah tells us what happened because of his PRIDE

that led to REBELLION. Isaiah 14:12-14, *How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.*

He was lifted up in pride. He got full of himself. He was beautiful. His music, purpose, and position were wonderful and powerful, but he got the big head. The Bible said Satan wanted to lift his throne above the stars of God. When Satan was booted out of Heaven for his rebellion against God, he became the arch-enemy of God and mankind.

This same spirit of pride and rebellion pervades our world today. It is spreading like kudzu in Georgia in July. Kudzu can grow about a foot in a day. It even grows at night. It chokes the life out of whatever it grows


on. This sin of rebellion and pride is permeating our country. It's in the music people listen to. It has infested our colleges and universities. It has even raised its ugly head in many churches.

When people refuse to do what the Bible says, then they are rebelling against God. This spirit of disobedience drives our young people to rebel against moms and dads which is a rebellion against God. Children are to be obedient and honor and respect their mothers and fathers.

I went to a church meeting last Friday night and was very blessed to see three young men there who sang together. I thought to myself, "Here are three young men in their late teens or early twenties who have not been infected with the spirit of rebellion."

Look at the world today, and you will see rebellion on every side. In fact, it is in the very heart of us as sinners. The seed of rebellion is planted in us when we are born. The Devil will take that spirit of rebellion, that rebellious nature


The Devil will take that spirit of rebellion, that rebellious nature against God, and use it to destroy you, your peace, and your joy.



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against God, and use it to destroy you, your peace, and your joy. This spirit of rebellion permeates society. Listen to these verses from Ephesians 2:1-2, *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.*

His first tool out of the toolbox is PRIDE that leads to REBELLION. Rebellion is born in us. Look in Ephesians 5:3-6, *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

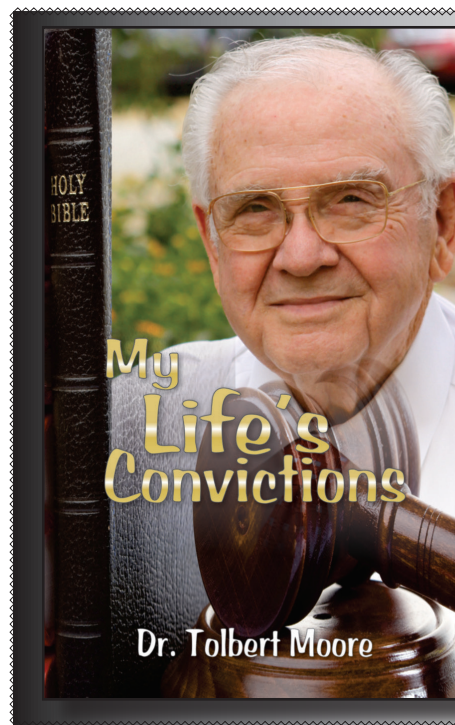
You see, disobedience leads to all the sins that he mentions there, and the wrath of God is coming upon people for that kind of wickedness.

Pride, arrogance, and disobedience are tools of the Devil. If the Devil can get you to exalt yourself, and fill you with pride, he knows that God will bring you down, just like Satan got lifted up and God brought him down. Proverbs 16:18, *Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.*

Satan will try to get you to exalt yourself above the principles of the Word of God so that you will say, "That doesn't apply to me. That is for somebody else. I don't believe what the Bible says. I don't believe it is wrong to commit adultery and fornication or to steal, lie,

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and cheat people. I don't believe that." If you say such as that, you are lifting yourself above God, and you are heading for a fall.

**The second tool in "The Devil's Toolbox" is PROSPERITY.**

Adam and Eve were in the Garden. They had everything they wanted. What more could they need? Yet, the Devil came along and said, "Well, there is that one thing you haven't been allowed to have."

Believe it or not, prosperity has taken a lot of people away from God. They just have to get a little bit more and a little bit more.

A long time ago a man named Agur understood this possibility when he wrote in Proverbs 30:8-9, *Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.*

What a wise man he was. Lord, don't let me get too rich and too uppity because I might

get to feeling like I don't need You anymore. Lord, don't let me get too poor because I might steal something. I might do something wrong, and that would be dishonoring to You.

If the Lord were to dump a million dollars on you, honestly, do you think you could handle it?

Most people who win the lottery can't handle it. They blow it. They spend it on houses, cars, vacations, and such things. Five years down the road, even though they had all that money, they are busted. This has been proven to be the case again and again.

I don't know if the Lord gave me one million dollars what I would do with it. I would like to think I would build some churches in Costa Rica. I would give them all the money they need to finish up that youth camp in Costa Rica. I tell God that I would do these things, but God knows down in my heart what I really would do.

The Devil uses PROSPERITY as a tool against us. I have seen this happen many times

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during my ministry. People come into the church and they are busted. They are just barely getting by. Then, business gets better or they get a promotion on their job. Now, they can take more vacations. They buy a boat, a jet ski, an RV. Those things require time to use them. The time usually comes from Sunday. They don't usually use them on Tuesday or Thursday. They use them on Sunday. They must have this time away from home to relax. Yet, they wear themselves out on the boat on Sunday and go into work on Monday saying, "Wow, I am sunburned, and I hurt all over."

The Devil uses PRIDE that leads to REBELLION, and he uses PROSPERITY.

**The third tool in "The Devil's Toolbox" is LYING.**

This was the Devil's first tool and still is one of the most effective tools. He used it on Eve. He lied to her, and in the same breath, he called God a liar. The Devil used lies to deceive Eve just as he does with us.

He said, "God knows that fruit that you are not eating will make you like Him."

God had really said in Genesis 2:17, *But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

The Devil lied to Eve. That is one of his most effective tools. Did you know the Devil will lie to you too? He won't tell you the truth. The Devil uses lies to deceive. People lie for a lot of reasons. Sometimes they lie to deceive people so they can take advantage of them. Some people will say anything to make a sale.

Someone will say, "This car only has 50,000 miles on it."

You ask, "Where did you get this car?"

They reply, "I got it from a little old lady who only drove it to church on Sunday."

Lying is something people do from the very moment they are born. The Bible says we come from the womb speaking lies. As I said, people lie for different reasons. People lie to cover their wrong doings.

You've heard the illustration of the little boy who got into the peanut butter. His mother came into the kitchen, and he had peanut butter all over his mouth. She said, "You have been in the peanut butter, haven't you?"

He said, "No, ma'am."

People lie to hide their shame when they have been charged with wrongdoing.

Sometimes people lie to make something appear bigger than it really is.

"How many did you have in church this morning, Preacher?"

"Oh, I don't know, about four or five hundred, evangelistically speaking."

People lie to make things seem better than they are. People also lie to avoid hurting someone's feelings. You might say, "That is a good reason to lie." Let me give you a little advice.

Women, don't ask your husband if the dress makes you look fat. Just don't ask. Husbands, if they do ask, just have a coughing fit or something. There are a lot of reasons for lying, and the Devil knows how to take a lie and blow into something huge.

We all hate to be lied to, but the worst kind of lying is when we try to lie to God, which is impossible.

We not only lie to others and to God, we also lie to ourselves. We tell ourselves things that are just not true. Some people tell themselves that they are more important than they really are, while others beat themselves up by telling themselves that they are nothing and completely unimportant.

We lie to ourselves when we say, "God is not going to judge me for this."

I confess sins all the time. Sometimes I confess your sins. I John 1:8, *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* If we say we have no sin, we are lying to ourselves. You say, "I am not guilty of anything." You are lying to yourself.

If we say we have not offended somebody, then we may be lying to ourselves. If we say we are not holding a grudge against somebody, we may be lying to ourselves. Where does lying come from? It comes from the Devil.

John 8:44, *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie,*

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*he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

Jesus was saying, "If I tell you that I am not Him, that I am not the Christ, the Saviour, God's Son, then I will be a liar like you. You are of your father, the Devil, you lying bunch of snakes in the grass. He was the first one to lie, and he is the father of lies. I am telling you the truth."

The Devil will try to plant thoughts in your head that will cause you to think things that are not true. Has the Devil ever tried to convince you that your spouse or your girlfriend was cheating on you? Has he ever tried to convince you that you were being mistreated? Has he ever tried to convince you that someone just doesn't like you and has it in for you?

"Well, she didn't come by and speak to me, she must hate me."

"He didn't offer me a bulletin this morning when I came in. What is wrong?"

You know, we get thoughts in our head sometimes and God did not put them there because the very act of thinking about them causes us distress and anguish. God didn't give us that spirit. He gave us the Spirit of peace, joy, love and a sound mind. Look at what the Bible says in Philippians 4:8, *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Yet, the Devil plants things in our minds. We tell ourselves lies and fret and worry.

Listen to what I am about to say. This is a profound statement. I just thought of it this week. All the sin in the world can be attributed to one single

lie. Is that not true? When the Devil lied to Eve, that one lie brought about all the sin that the world has ever experienced. One lie—no wonder God hates lying so much. Don't ever think lying will go unnoticed by God. Here is what the Bible says about the place of the liar in Revelation 21:8, *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

**The fourth tool in "The Devil's Toolbox" is DISCOURAGEMENT.**



The Devil has used this many times against me even in the last few weeks. When I am tired and weary in body, I get discouraged by seemingly unsuccessful efforts to get things done and to reach people.

There are many reasons to be discouraged in life. Disappointments, setbacks, and the crushing of our dreams and ambitions in life can discourage us. Life has no pre-written script. It does not always go according to plan. The Devil will take things and beat us over the head with them until we get discouraged. You will say, "What is the use? Just give up." When you get to that level of discouragement, the Devil has overhauled your mind to where he has you convinced that nothing is worth the effort anymore.

However, God can turn these disappointments and heartaches around. God, Who is rich in mercy, can take the sour grapes of life and make the

sweet-tasting wine of happiness, love, peace, and victory so the old Devil can't win when we cling to our Savior. Romans 8:28, *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

God is so great and so powerful that He can take all the bad that has happened to you and turn that around and make that come out to your good. I am telling you He can!

We need to really grasp the truth of Romans 8:31, *What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

The Devil would discourage you and get you to believe that there is no help and no hope for you. Don't believe it. God is still on your side, and, yes, our God is able to "make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," so to speak. Even when there is no bright side to look to, no cloud with a silver lining, look to Jesus, and He will light up your way. He will lead you out of your discouragement and depression.

Are you living in disobedience to God, rebellious and fighting against the Spirit of God that is within you? You will never be happy living that way. You will always be a target for the Devil. Has prosperity hindered your walk with God? Are you lying to others, God or yourself? Ask God to let you see yourself through His eyes, for only then can we see ourselves as we really are.

Are you discouraged? Fix your thoughts on Him until it fades away in the light of His love for you. ✚

You know, we get thoughts in our head sometimes and God did not put them there because the very act of thinking about them causes us distress and anguish.

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# POWER

by Dr. Tolbert Moore

I believe that it is a command, and if we don't make some effort to obey it, we have broken the commandment.

In the last seventy years of my Gospel ministry, I guess I have lived through two or three generations. Each generation must decide about the Great Commission. Jesus said in Mark 16:15, *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.* Is that given to the church or to the individual, or is it to everybody in every generation, or was it just for that generation?

I will say this, I believe the commission that Jesus gave and the power of God to perform it are as applicable today as when spoken from His own lips. I believe that it is a command, and if we don't make some effort to obey it, we have broken the commandment.

The first Scripture that I will give you is Matthew 28:18-19, *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.*

Then let us look at Jesus' words in Luke 24:49, *And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.* I believe that

Scripture is saying, don't leave town without the power. Many more Scriptures verify, support, and expound this theme.

The Great Commission is a double commission.

1. It is a commission to preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20).

2. The power of God from the Holy Spirit is to be the vehicle and supply the ability to preach that Gospel (Matthew 28:18-19, Luke 24:49).

Now, I used to debate with a friend. It was friendly and in love. He was of another denomination, and he said, "You are not to call on God for the power or depend on Him for the power because the power is in the written Word."

Now, I don't believe that. I believe the power is in the Living Word though I believe the recorded Word. The documents carry the truth, and if you get that truth guided by the Spirit of Truth, then He will guide you into all truth.

Jesus said in John 16:13, *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

So, if you are guided by the Spirit as you read the documents, you have a double whammy. You have the power, and you have the truth. There is a certain amount of power in truth itself, but if you have the truth and the Holy Spirit, that is 220 or 440 power rather than 110. Those are electrical voltage terms, by the way, if you don't know.

Truth, whether it is written down or spoken, has power. It will make you free. John 8:32, *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* So, know the truth and the truth will make you free, but the truth with the power, the Spirit of God, will be much more effective and profitable. We need truth, and we need power.

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Now, where is the power? Is the power in the mind? Well, the Bible says in Romans 8:7, *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.* So, the power must be in your heart, coming through or from your heart. The preaching of the Gospel of Christ led by the Holy Spirit is from your heart.

Now the power is the power of the Spirit. You receive the Spirit and the power, and you can receive the Spirit and fire—fire that will bring conviction. The size of the congregation does not matter. If they hear the truth delivered with the Spirit of God, it will bring conviction. Without conviction, there will be no real conversion. Except you are converted, born again, you will not enter the kingdom. If you are not

in the kingdom, you certainly won't go to Heaven.

The Holy Spirit is a person. He is the third person of the Trinity of the Godhead, (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit). The Spirit is a person and a presence.

When the Spirit of God is there, there is a presence there. You cannot see Him, but you can feel Him. God says it is like the wind. John 3:8, *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.* You can feel the wind, and you can see its effects.

I can look out my window early in the morning, and if the leaves of the pecan trees are moving, then I know the wind is blowing. If they are just sort of tickling along, I know that

it is just a breeze. If the limbs are bending and the leaves are fluttering, I know the wind is strong. I believe the Holy Spirit is that way. I believe you can tell sometimes when it is just a breeze, but then there can be a mighty rushing wind as on the day of Pentecost.

So, we are talking about a presence that you can sense—feel if you please. You can see the effects of it. You can see the expressions on people's faces change. You can see when the Holy Spirit first deals with a young person. As a young boy, what a change, what a difference, the Spirit made when He dealt with my heart.

We preach with the power and the Spirit. Preaching with the power and the Spirit gives energy and life. Preaching from your head, just quoting Scripture, has some power because truth has power, but not that much power without the Spirit of God.

Let's read from Ephesians 4:1-13, *I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and*

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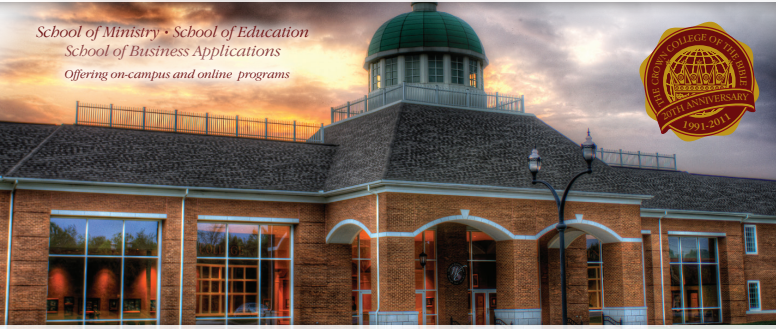


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*Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.*

I want to point out to you the words “unity” and “fulness of Christ.” We struggle, mature, and grow until we are all “in the unity of faith.”

The Bible says in Psalm 133:1, *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!* Dwelling together in unity is where we get strength. Division weakens us. May the Lord help us to have the fulness of power through the witness of the Holy Spirit and the endeavoring through and of the Holy Spirit.

Now when I say the fulness of power, I don't mean that you can have all the power of God. We could not handle or bear the fulness of God's power that created and controls the universe. If we had all the power of the universe to hit us, I don't know if there would be enough of us left to find. God told Moses in Exodus 33:20, *And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.*

I like to use this kind of illustration. I will be close to

being exact, maybe not 100%, but close. Let's say on the power line that goes by my house there are 4,000 volts. If you transmit the full power from that line into my house, everything would explode including the house itself. You cannot have or handle all the power but you can have fulness of power that you can handle.

We must admit as we listen to preachers that some of their messages are more powerful than others. Sometimes when someone is preaching under the anointing and power of God it moves an entire congregation. That is what I call the fulness of power. We need the fulness of power.

We need education, more knowledge, of course. The Bible said we ought to increase in knowledge, but at the same time, we should increase in grace so that we have grace to extend.

I love being in a service when the fellowship is in the Holy Spirit all around. You are all in the same Spirit. It is like music. In the old-time music that we studied when we were younger, and still have, it is four-part harmony. The soprano is the lead with alto, tenor and bass harmonizing. You can have the best bass or tenor in all the country, but if he is not in the same key as the others, then you are going to have discord. The same with the others. You can have the greatest soprano who ever walked, but if that group is not in the same key, you will hear the discord and it will not be pleasant to the ear. A lot of times, people who are good people are not in the same Spirit, and there is discord.

God help us to preach the Gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit and fellowship in the fulness of the Spirit. ✚

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## What Is in Your Basket?

by Amelia Petty

Is it being used for His glory  
or simply sitting idly by on display?

I plead guilty to loving baskets! In fact, I decided to just walk around in our home and count the baskets in clear view: 41 wicker baskets . . . some sitting, some hanging . . . a few I deeply treasure, and others I just think are lovely. Though some are useful, many are only for decor. Many I have owned for years while some only for a short while. Several bring to mind a precious memory while others I really do not remember from where or whom they came.

The most treasured of all, without any pondering, sits on top of our hutch in the dining room. There is nothing in it. It sits sideways beside two antique pitchers (the brown pitcher belonged to my grandmother and the yellow pitcher belonged to my mother). There is greenery in the basket and mini-lights all around to show that basket off! It was my grandmother's egg basket (she would be 140 years old now) which she used all during my mother's lifetime to gather eggs and bring them into the house (she died when I was 15 years old). The basket handle is worn on

both edges making it smaller in the center from her grasping it firmly so as to not drop the eggs. It is a SPECIAL basket to me!

The second most treasured is a cotton-picking basket, my mother's, which she filled to the brim with cotton she picked all by herself her last year at home before marrying my dad. I have it in our guest bedroom filled with old family quilts. It, too, is SPECIAL!

The next basket (a much more recent treasure) was given to me by my sweet friend whom I treasure so much, Marie Everett (she is now enjoying Heaven and all its beauty). Marie's sister made the basket, and Marie filled it with delightful jars of jelly, salsa, and green beans from the work of her hands. It is very SPECIAL!

I have various baskets, different sizes, colors, uses. Some

just display beauty and honor to the one who wove them together (even a lovely kudzu basket), but each one is SPECIAL!

May we, for a few minutes, CONSIDER OURSELVES AS BASKETS?

Are we merely sitting on a shelf or allowing His beauty within us to show and cause others to glorify Him?

Are we protecting the things in His Word which He desires we stand firm on as my grandmother gripped the handle on her egg basket to protect those eggs?

Are we willing to carry the load as my mother did as she dragged the cotton-picking basket along on the ground because of its weight?

Oh, how He desires to use you and me in so many various ways and situations. Are we available?

Baskets play an important part in our daily lives—flower baskets, clothes baskets, fruit baskets, market baskets, work baskets, seed baskets. Are we sowing the good seed? We are here for that purpose—sowing the Seed of Truth, and we are to sow it in every place and at all times. The seed is the Word of God. Gal. 6:7, “. . . whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Are we willing to give Him what is in our basket and allow Him to multiply it and bless others as He did with the little lad's lunch?

Reaping day (Gal. 6:9) is coming! What will be waiting for us as an individual when harvest day comes? ☩

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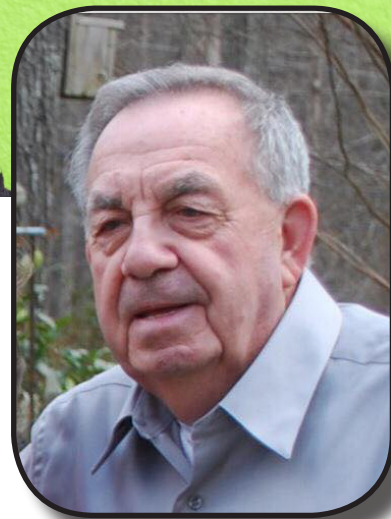
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# A Tribute to a Man of God

by Daphne & Michael Groce



**ABOUT** 4:30 AM, May 20th, 2017, Bro. Archie Burton died “on the battle-field” in Chrobruchi, Moldova, where he faithfully served the Lord for the past 16 years. Dad had asked that he be buried in the cemetery in the town where his heart had been for years. He struggled in the last years with his balance to be able to stand at the pulpit and preach. On that morning, he took a strong, mighty step onto that shore—and found it HEAVEN.

While we struggled in the wee hours of the morning to cope with his passing, he was already having the best day of his life!



We ask for your prayers for the ministry in Moldova. “Who will go?” The church there is left without a pastor. The orphanage has lost a man who sponsored so much for them, physically and spiritually.

He held the hands of hungry, sick, and sometimes dirty orphaned boys and girls. He reached out that morning, touched a hand, and found it was GOD’S!

He needed the help of an oxygen machine, 24 hours a day, and still struggled to breathe, but woke up that morning and drew a deep breath and found it CELESTIAL.

He struggled to rest well due to various sleep patterns, yet woke up that morning in HEAVEN and found it HOME.

While it wasn’t reported on CNN or FNC, we know for certain that he made an ABUNDANT ENTRANCE into that city!

While we struggled in the wee hours of the morning to cope with his passing, he was already having the best day of his life! The BLESSED

HOPE of being reunited with those friends and loved ones who have passed on before him is a reality to him now!

He was greeted, over there, by so many, including a father, who came to know the Lord because of a son’s surrender to God’s call to the ministry, as well as so many others whom Dad had led to the Lord over the past 50 years.

I can still hear Dad’s voice in my memory as he testified (so many times that I know it better than my own testimony) that on May 10, 1966, at 3002 Lawrence Drive, Decatur, GA, about 6:30 PM on a Tuesday night, he fell on his knees and asked the Lord to save him! He showed up the next night at Fellowship Baptist Church in Stone Mountain, GA, for Wednesday night prayer meeting, and, unless he was ill, he rarely missed a service.

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We wish to thank Dr. Tolbert Moore with *The Gospel Preacher Association*, and especially Sue Lutz, for the countless hours of ministry they have provided in assisting Dad. To Bro. Virgil and Mrs. Delores Barnard,

our deepest love and gratitude to you for your enduring service and sacrifice which resulted in Dad coming to know the Lord! To the many churches, pastors, and individuals who faithfully supported the ministry each month, “Thank You.” The loss is felt as deeply by these dear friends as it is by his brothers, sisters, children, their spouses, grandchildren, their spouses, great-grandson and the thousands of friends and family who simply love, Brother Archie.

We ask for your prayers for Dad’s wife, Tonya, who has been so instrumental in his ministry. She is the reason Dad has lived as long as he has, and she is credited with so much of the success of his ministry as his interpreter.

Dad served through Hanes Baptist Church and *The Gospel Preacher Association* of Lawrenceville, GA. ✠







From the

*desk*

of the

*Associate Editor*

**Dr. Gary S. Moore**

## We Are Still In

On June 1st President Trump announced that the United States was pulling out of the Paris climate agreement. Many world leaders condemned the move and asserted that the President was sending the wrong message to developing nations who might be tempted to pull out as well. Their expressed concerns were that underdeveloped countries are often the worst polluters, and if such a leader of the developed world saw no reason to stay in then why should they bother. I must confess that I know nothing about the science of all this. I know that many claim to have great knowledge on the subject, but alas, I am but a poor preacher, educated in the things of Scripture, and know little of the ins and outs of environmental studies. The point is that I'm not trying to advocate for

either side here. I'm just using this news to illustrate a point.

Today a group of U.S. businesses, including Apple, Amazon, Facebook, and Google, announced the "We Are Still In" movement. Now I'm not sure why this is big news to anyone, but, evidently, it is because all the news outlets seemed to have picked it up. These business leaders also cited that many states, city mayors, and colleges are coming on board as well. Their stated goal is to show that "a sizeable percentage of the U.S. economy will pursue ambitious climate goals, working together to take forceful action and to ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in reducing emissions." I suppose these politicians and business leaders feel that the culture in the U.S. could change with Donald Trump in office. While we may not agree



with their viewpoint, one thing is clear. They are willing to stand against any cultural wind that might be blowing against their accepted understanding of global climate change.

That brings me to the point at hand. I believe that in the United States we are living in a culture that is fully counter to biblical truth. The social climate today is totally different from the values I hold to be sacred. Marriage has been redefined. The work ethic is gone, and sin is not even considered a relevant word. If you and I are going to live by scriptural principles, then we must survive in the counter culture. It's time to realize that Christian living is a separate, and often even foreign, lifestyle to the cultural norm.

So, I'm saying that "We Are Still In" when it comes to believing the Bible, serving Christ, seeking to shake the sinfulness of the present day. When it comes to worshipping the Saviour in the power of the Spirit, giving our life in sacrifice to others, and reaching out with the clear Gospel message, "We Are Still In." Here at *The Eagle* magazine desk, we say "We Are Still In" for the glory of God. ✠

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**July 10-14, 2017: Eastern PA Baptist Fellowship Camp Meeting**  
 Evening Meetings, Monday-Friday, 7 PM, Jason McNeese preaching  
 Morning Meetings, Wednesday-Friday, 10 AM, Dr. Brad Davis & others  
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**July 14-22, 2017: Grand Cayman GPA Youth Missions Trip**  
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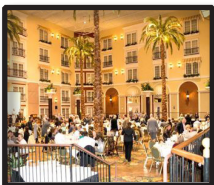
**July 20-28, 2017: Panama Medical Mission Trip**  
 We will be returning to Panama with a medical team to work with  
 missionaries Alex and Moises Melendez in the Guaymies Indian Village.  
 For more information on this trip, visit [www.gpamm.com](http://www.gpamm.com)



**October 21, 2017: GPA Mercy Project Share-A-Thon**  
 Live streaming internet share-a-thon to raise money for The Mercy Project  
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**January 28-February 2, 2018: Mercy's Vessel Evangelistic Campaign**  
*Mercy's Vessel* maiden voyage! We will be partnering with Billy Sampson and  
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 Gospel, medical screenings, and feeding the homeless in the community.



**March 15, 2018: 10th Annual GPA Mission Partner's Dinner**  
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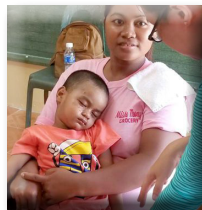




# GPA Mobilization Ministries UPDATE

## Philippines Medical Mission Trip May 15th - 26th

# UPDATE



What a wonderful medical mission trip! In 10 days, our doctors saw 905 patients and 405 people gave their heart and life to Jesus Christ and got saved! The team worked so well together. Praise the Lord for the great things He has done!

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## Panama Medical Mission Trip July 20th - 28th

After being away two years, this summer we are returning to Panama. We will be working with national missionaries, Alex and Mariela Melendez, and their son, Moises Melendez, who ministers primarily in the Guaymies Indian Village where we will hold the medical clinic. We are looking for medical and evangelistic workers to make the trip, prayer partners to bring us to the Throne of grace each day, and financial support for the cost of the trip. Please consider helping us in any way you can. GPAMM has always relied on God's people to do the work and support the ministry. For more information or to make a donation, visit [www.gpamm.com](http://www.gpamm.com)



## The Mercy Project Update on *Mercy's Vessel*

We are praising the Lord for the progress made on the ship this winter. *Mercy's Vessel* is dry-docked at Yank's Shipyard in New Jersey and work has been well underway to complete the remaining process of refitting her from a fishing boat to a medical ship of mercy to reach the hurting, needy people of Central America and the islands of the Caribbean by caring for both their physical and spiritual needs. Once the renovations are finished, we plan to move the ship south where it will be docked and ready to go on its first mission trip in early 2018 to New Orleans, LA. We will be partnering with Billy Sampson and Unsheltered International. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of The Mercy Project.



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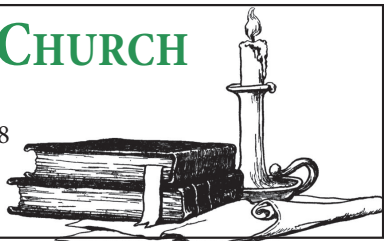
above: Frank Olafson framing in windows

below: Captain Buddy and Blake (his grandson) working onboard

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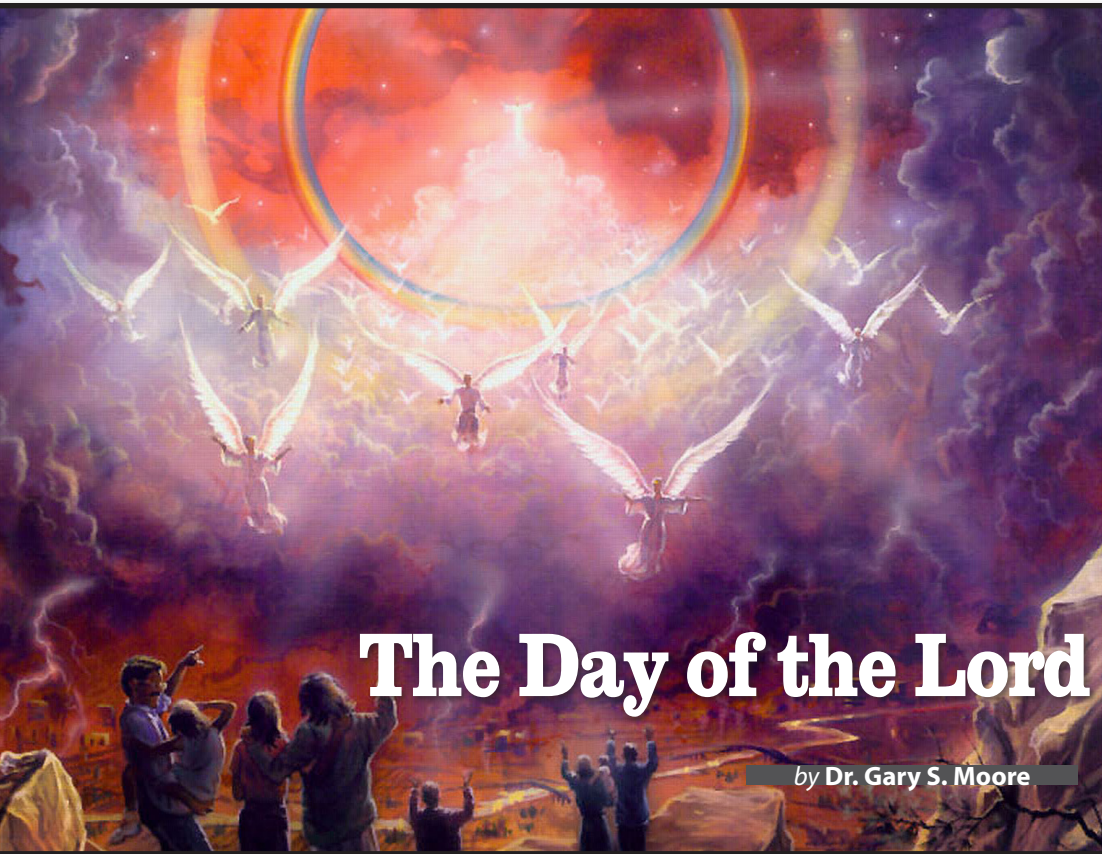


# The Gospel Preacher Association Missionary Journal



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

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## The Day of the Lord

by Dr. Gary S. Moore

We've heard it preached all our lives. It is a part of the teaching we receive from our youth up, but to the believers in the early church, this is a new, amazing truth. Peter is quoting the book of Joel chapter 2, verses 28 through 32. If you compare the words of Peter's sermon with the passage in Joel, you will find only slight differences, and I believe there is a good reason for the changes made. Let's look at Peter's sermon closely.

Peter says, *And it shall come to pass in the last days.* Joel writes, *And it shall come to pass afterward.* Peter has taken a phrase that will be used often in the New Testament. This phrase, "the last days," refers to the period of time immediately preceding "The Day of the Lord."

Up until now, the Holy Spirit of God moved upon individuals, anointed them, guided and inspired them, and then left them. From this day forward, the Holy Spirit will indwell the believer.

*And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:17-21*

This passage is part of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost. It constitutes a new era as the age of grace begins. Up until now, the Holy Spirit of God moved upon individuals, anointed them, guided and inspired them, and then left them. From this

day forward, the Holy Spirit will indwell the believer. Now the saved person will have the Spirit Who will never depart from them. All their life, they will enjoy living with the comfort, strength, and guidance of the Holy Spirit of God. We often take this for granted.

Peter sees in the coming of the Spirit the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. *I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.* This prophecy is fulfilled on the day of Pentecost, but it is also being fulfilled every day. The moment a person is redeemed, the Spirit moves in, and the prophecy is fulfilled again. The very act of witnessing under the influence of the Holy Spirit is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, so you see every day the prophecy is unfolding.

*And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream*



*dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.*

This is concerning the universal move of God in all those who believe. No longer will the follower of God need a human priest in order to reach God. Men and women of every walk of life can seek the Lord through Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. All believers, men, women, boys, and girls, regardless of their station in life, now have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. To those of us raised in the United States, the idea of certain privileges being reserved only for a select few who are born to the right bloodline might seem a little bit of a foreign concept, but in the time of Christ, it was a universal way of life. Now the change has come, and the door to the Spirit of God is open to anyone, anywhere, at any time.

*And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come.*

The days of the early Church were marked with signs and wonders as the Apostles and disciples were used as instruments of God to perform miracles and set the seal of God's authority on the dispensation of the church. I believe we will see signs in the natural world, such as the tsunami of 2004, as we approach the last moments of the last days.



This prophecy is still being fulfilled before our eyes every day.

Peter then quotes another line from Joel's prophecy with just a slight word change. The book of Joel states, *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered.* Peter then says, *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.* This is a powerful statement in light of the words of the prophecy that go before it. The preceding verse states this, *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.* Then he follows with *Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered.* The key element of this prophecy is that before "The Day of the Lord,"—God's judgment,—there is a time of salvation. We are living in an amazing time, a time when anyone, anywhere need only call upon God for salvation and through the power of

Jesus' sacrifice, they can immediately be saved. This is the time to reach the world with the Gospel because the judgment of God is next. No wonder Jesus gave us the Great Commission just before He ascended back to Heaven. Most of us are so consumed with day to day living that we fail to recognize what a marvelous time it is to be alive. Joel's prophecy is a reminder to every believer that we are living in the age of grace, the time of salvation to the Gentiles, the slice of history when "whosoever" is the cry of the soul winner.

It is, in reality, the time of the missionary. Going into all the world with the Gospel is more than a commandment. It's the great opportunity of our generation. Far more important than wealth or fame, the Gospel to the world stands as the most fulfilling of all endeavors. Joel tells us, and Peter reminds us, that just before "The Day of the Lord" is **the day of the Gospel.** ✠

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# Running, toward the terror

by Dr. Travis Sharpe

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people who  
run into the  
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I like everyone else, am appalled and disgusted with the horrible acts of terror that are prevalent in our world today. It is a sad reality that we are living in a time when people who kill God's children truly believe that they "do God a service." I am disgusted by these acts, but I am not amazed. I am appalled, but I am not impressed.

What does amaze me? What does impress me? I am amazed by the actions of God's people who run into the face of terror to bring aid in Jesus' name to those who are displaced and marginalized because of the terror. I am amazed at the faith these heroes possess. I am impressed with their bravery and their courage.

All over the world, churches, mission agencies, organizations, and individuals are rushing to help in time of need. They disregard their own safety as they are full of compassion and concern for their fellow man. Many times, the very people to whom they minister are not even their brothers and sisters in Christ, not yet anyway.

As you may already know, ISIS terrorists attempted to take over a town in the Southern Philippines on May 23, 2017. Many have been killed, and the battle rages on. This attack and ongoing battle have caused many citizens of Marawi to be displaced. That means

they have been driven from their homes, their work, and everything normal. They are in a situation of dire need.

Soon after the attack, one of my Filipino pastor friends went to this area and took food, snacks, and juice to many of the victims. He didn't have much money to use, but he went with what he had. He made a difference.

Now, this pastor, along with our Unsheltered International Philippines President, Antonio Ner, have gone back to provide more aid. Their main goal is to share Christ with these mostly Muslim evacuees. We sent \$500 for their travel and supplies. They bought several sacks of rice, lots of juice, and lots of snacks. There are hundreds of children, and those are the ones they provided the juice and snacks to primarily. These pastors sacrificed their own comfort and safety and used most of that \$500 for the needs of the children and families. It is only through the Spirit of God that they had such boldness to be a witness for Christ amid the hurt, pain, and confusion of this tumultuous region.

I am glad to know that our ministry team is running into the face of danger to bring help and hope to people in need. ☩



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# Another

Galatians 1:6-16



**Another gospel may be legalism, Phariseeism, or judgmentalism; and it serves to confuse, divide, and hinder the work of the Gospel.**

**I**n these verses, Paul deals with another gospel which is not another gospel.

The church at Galatia was plagued with legalism, such as adding circumcision to salvation. Phariseeism, which is basing spirituality on observances, brings an attitude of super spirituality. In verse six we find that it led to a counterfeit gospel. In verse seven we find that it led to a perverted gospel. Therefore, the perverted gospel is a corrupted gospel.

If another gospel is to be confronted, it must be admitted that it is indeed “another” gospel. We may define it as Romanism, Mormonism, or Russellism, but these are not the Gospel for they offer no knowable salvation.

Religious folk today are much like the little boy who,

upon being told by Mary that she had a new penny, replied, “You do not have a new penny.”

“But I do, Johnny. I do have a new penny,” she insisted.

“You do not,” came back Johnny’s firm retort.

“But here it is. Look at it right here in my hand,” she pleaded.

“I won’t!” snapped Johnny.

Now, exactly why will we not accept the fact of there being another gospel?

The Gospel offers a sure salvation based on the complete, acceptable sacrifice of Christ on the cross. We may not add or subtract one iota from that. We must also know the Gospel gives eternal life and that we are complete in Him.

Paul, as well as the other Gospel writers, were confronting

those who believed in a grace-plus salvation. Galatians puts to rest circumcision as a criterion for salvation. In Colossians 2:16, we read, “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days.” Paul warns of those who judge in food and drink and observances of celebrating holidays. It would seem that “another” gospel was aimed by and at those who were in the apostolic churches.

Jude warns of apostasy, which is straying away from or forsaking the truth. We also have heresy, which is lopsided doctrine. Lopsided doctrine develops when a person holds a belief (having a verse that supposedly upholds his belief) and lets his opinion grow to the point that it becomes like cancer. It grows and grows uncontrollably until it affects the whole body and eventually takes the body over.

We could name many of those in Bible-believing churches today, but that would first anger people. Therefore, we will sum up by saying another gospel may be legalism, Phariseeism, or judgmentalism; and it serves to confuse, divide, and hinder the work of the Gospel. ✠

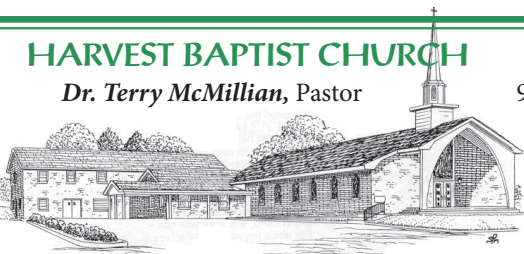
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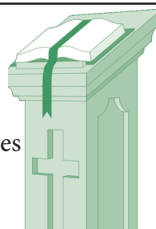


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