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This is a critical time for the church and kingdom of Jesus Christ. We at Tolbert Moore Ministries and The Gospel Preacher Association are striving to help advance the Gospel worldwide and encourage all others to do the same.

At this writing Dennis and Amelia Petty are in Wales for their annual mission trip which will include the Annual GPA Convention, April 9-14, at Bethany Baptist Church in Pwllgwaun, Pontypridd, where Darren Rogers will be host pastor. GPA missionaries in Wales, Chris & Meg Bluto, help tremendously with the organization and success of this meeting. Buddy Bryson is on another evangelistic mission in Brazil, and others at home and abroad are spreading the Gospel wherever they are.

I sat and listened to Clarence Sexton preach "The Remnant" and have used a great portion of the space in this issue to publish that sermon. Read it, and be glad you are part of "The Remnant." We can still do something that makes a difference for the great cause of Christ!

God bless you as we continue on.

In His Grip,

Tolbert Moore, Editor

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# The Remnant

by Dr. Clarence Sexton

**I** have said for years that we need a revolution back to the Bible, but that is a difficult journey to make. One wonders after a while if we are willing to pay the price to do that.

It was a joy and privilege after pastoring for more than seven years in the Southern Baptist Convention to be an associate with Dr. Lee Roberson. I have thought many times about what Dr. Roberson said to me one day.

He said, "Clarence, someday all of this may be gone." He was referring to Tennessee Temple University and the church.

I said, "I can't imagine that you even said such a thing."

He said, "I remember the days when there was something in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where W. B. Riley was a preacher, but now school and church—all is gone. It was something that happened one day, and now it is gone forever."

He said, "Our work here will either be a platform for other things to move forward, or it will only be a bit of history in people's minds."

The Highland Park Baptist Church and Schools are

no more. I read not long ago a survey done by the Southern Baptist Convention. (They have the money to do that.) Their survey showed that one hundred seventy churches are now closing every week in America. One hundred fifty thousand people stopped going to church every Sunday. Think of that. During the same time, they say that four thousand and two hundred mosques have been erected in America.

We are celebrating the wrong things, and our people are getting weary in the journey. I want God to use me to encourage you. I don't know to whom I speak in this meeting, but I know when God puts a message upon your heart that there are hearers for that message.

I want to talk about how the Lord does His work in this world. Our theme for the Baptist Friends Meeting this year is "Confronting Unbelief in America." Often all the noise is made about what unbelief produces. A lot of people imagine being overrun by the LGBT community (the lesbian, bisexual, gay, and transgender community). In reality, the latest census says that less than three percent of

the American community is engaged in any part of that.

However, when you ask young people and college aged students how many people they think are engaged in that type of lifestyle in America, they say, "Anywhere from thirty five to forty percent." The media has convinced people that is what is happening and that all of us are on the losing side, the wrong side of history. Five thousand years and plus have shown that we are on the right side, and we need to let our people know that we are on the right side. May God help us.

We must stop dealing with the symptoms and treating the blotches that break out. Something has gone terribly wrong on the inside. We must begin again to confront unbelief in America. We must embrace our communities with the love of Christ and with a passionate presentation of the Gospel.

Turn if you will to Isaiah 1:1-10, "*The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath*

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**"Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."**

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*spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah."*

Note the expression that highlights for us how God does His work and always has done His work in this world. It is found in the ninth verse, "a very small remnant." May God encourage our hearts with this very small remnant.

Now, turn to the book of Philippians. The Apostle Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit penned these words to describe our work in this world. In chapter 2, verses 15-16, he writes, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke,


*in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."*

Notice please, that we are here in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, and we are to shine as lights in the world. We are God's remnant. In a wonderful area like this (the tri-cities), there is a remnant of God's people, no doubt about it. Among all the churches that dot the landscape of this particular part of East Tennessee, there are remnant churches, adhering to the truth and seeking to follow the Lord. In those churches there are people who form a remnant in that church, who desire God's blessing on

their lives and on the ministry of their church. If you go to minister to a church that is fainting and almost gone and you look carefully and pray earnestly, you will find people, maybe just a handful of them, who still desire the Lord and His blessing. That is the way the Lord works.

The great preacher, writer, and evangelist, R. A. Torrey said, "Revival comes when a few of God's choice people (emphasis on a few of God's choice people) get thoroughly right with God, and God begins to move mightily in their midst."


The Lord Jesus Christ became a man without ceasing to be God and suffered the humiliation of Bethlehem. He was born of a woman as God in flesh dwelt among us. When He began His earthly ministry,



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He chose among all the people a remnant, and His passion and purpose were passed through the hearts and minds of that remnant. Even, we think, among the remnant there were those who had an intimacy with Christ that others did not have. God has always done His work with a remnant. He is not going to change how He does it now.

Paul deals with the subject of Israel and their unbelief. Let's look at Romans 11:1-5, "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal. Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Within Israel, there was a remnant, a believing remnant.

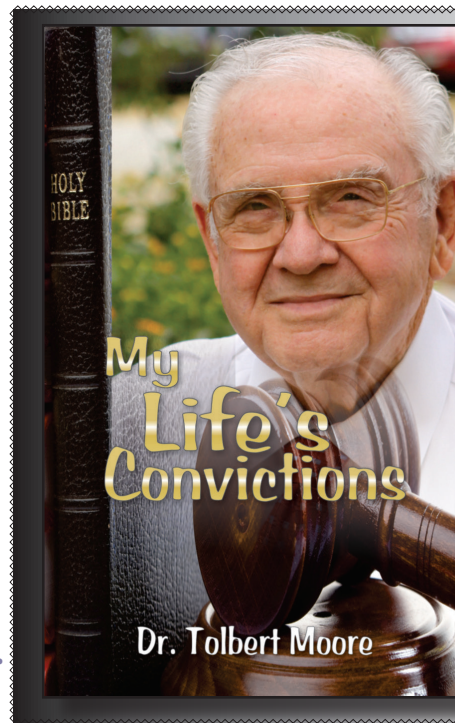
You are thinking, "It is going to the devil in a hurry. The whole country is going to Hell in a handbasket, and we are losing everything." You have been listening to the political ponderings too much. You have been around the discouraged crowd. Maybe they are even in your own church. I want to remind you there is a remnant, and God is going to do His work through that remnant. I want to be part of that. That remnant is the group who is going to bring glory to God. They have already died to self. They want the glory to go to God.

It is the eternal principle that God uses to do His work in the world. Check it out. You will

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find the same thing over and over again in the Scriptures and in the history of the Christian faith. God raised up someone, and surrounded that someone with folks who had belief and faith in God. God used a remnant. I am not going to Heaven with my head down like we have lost. God has a remnant. Let's remember that.

Look again at what God says in Isaiah chapter one. This first chapter is the table of contents for this marvelous prophecy of Isaiah. He gave them this passionate appeal in verses 16-18:

*"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."*

This is also God's plea to us. He concludes this chapter with the certainty of judgement if people will not return to and seek the Lord.

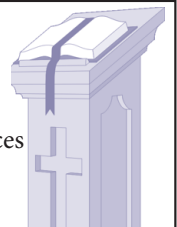


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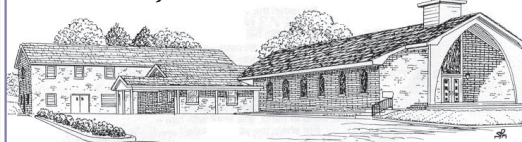
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Now read again verse 9, *"Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah."*

He is giving us a clue here. If you didn't have this small remnant, you would be like Sodom and Gomorrah. Turn with me to see what God says about Sodom and Gomorrah.

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Turn to Genesis 18:23-33, *"And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes: peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake. and he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. and he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be*

**The Lord is bending over the balcony of Heaven and seeking to find a remnant of believing people.**

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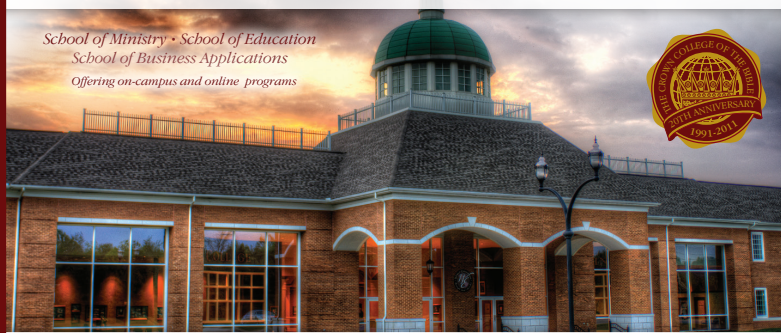
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*twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place."*

What was God looking for? He was looking for a remnant

so He could spare the city. You and I don't need to give up just yet. It is too soon for that.

Notice the compassion of God Himself. The Lord is bending over the balcony of Heaven and seeking to find a remnant of believing people.

### ✿ Righteous Remnant ✿

This remnant, God says, must be righteous. Write that down. They must be righteous.



So many of us today in the Lord's work have things confused and turned around. Two fine, young, Christian men were talking to me yesterday and were admiring the great buildings that are being built for churches all across the world, especially in America. They called to my attention one Baptist church building that cost \$137 million, and they have all the technical things you can imagine. Everything will light up with every visual thing imaginable. People are awed to think, "A church could have such a thing as this!"

I want you to hear what I think. I am sure kind, generous people gave to build a building like that, but God is concerned about what goes on inside it. He is concerned about what is in the heart of the people. You know for the first 300 years there was no such thing as a church building. The great moving of God's Spirit, as far as we know, was more profound than at any other time in church history, and they had no buildings.

It is so easy to get distracted thinking that if we have this or

add this, then we will get it done. God is looking for a remnant of people who are righteous. He says here in Isaiah 1:9 if there was not this small remnant all would have been gone just like Sodom and Gomorrah.

I am all for standards, decency, and good dress, but why don't we talk more about holiness? I hope we can have a return to biblical language in our churches. Every personal thing we do as a Christian should be drawn out of a desire to live a holy life. Why don't we talk more about righteousness? The Bible speaks about the Lord Jesus Christ in II Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." That is not something that we add on, or do, or work up.

Paul said to the Christians in Philippi in Philippians 3:4-7, "Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the

stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ."

We must die to self, and our glory must be in the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:8, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ. . . ."

Did you hear that? Dung is the excretion of barnyard animals. What mattered most to me at some time in my life, is now less than meaningless. It is like dung when we put it on the scale with Jesus. It has no value at all.

How long are we going to try to make people happy? How long are we going to try to get everything in the program exactly right? How long are we going to fine tune it and work to make it pleasing to everyone? When will we realize that we have only one audience to please, only one audience, and He deserves our best?

We do what we do, not in order to be something or do something, but because of what Christ has done for us. Look at Philippians 3:9, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith. . . ."

God is looking for righteousness, but not mine own righteousness, which is of the law (that is the doing righteousness), but that which is through the faith of Christ, (that is the done righteousness), the righteousness which is of God by faith, (that is Christ in us, Christ-centered, Christ-likeness).

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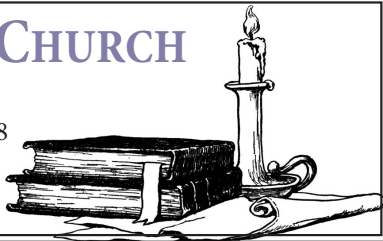
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Isn't that what Jesus said in John 12:32, *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me"*?

I am tired of all of it, all the Sunday school races, all the religiosity. I am tired of who can have the greatest choir presentation.

We have a group in our town who rents the Thompson Boling Arena, and last year at Christmas they had an angel fly out of the ceiling. That was all people could talk about. I said to someone, "I am sure there are sincere people in that group. I don't want to be unkind, but will they have two angels or three angels next year to top that?"

It is like going to an amusement park. Someone says, "We have the biggest roller coaster in the world. We do more flips than anybody."

Then somebody else says, "We heard about theirs, and we built one bigger."

Whom are we trying to impress? Are we trying to please God?

When God looks at this country, He does not spare it because of the political scene. I have endorsed someone for the Republican Primary just because I think the man is a Christian. I get a lot of heat about it. I have

never done that before. I said, "Here is a man that says he has been born again." I am certainly not ashamed of that, but I don't believe that he is the answer. Anyone or anything less than Jesus Christ is not the answer.

God is still sparing this nation for one reason—there is a remnant of His children here who are Christ-like, and in mercy God is sparing us because of that. By the way, we should not be building a fort and holding up somewhere just to hold out until He comes. We should be marching, charging forward like the Lord said in Matthew 16:18, *"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."* That is what we have lost. We have the form, but where is the passionate, confrontational soul winning? We started frowning on that, even in my own heart. I got so sick of hearing about sloppy evangelism, "1, 2, 3, pray after me."

I got so sick of hearing of thousands and thousands of people making professions of faith, and nothing great happening to a church because of it. I almost got turned off to the whole thing—wrong, wrong.

I am here because of a personal soul winner. Jesus ruled and reigned in that person's life, and they knew that I would die and go to Hell if I didn't get saved. They gave me the Gospel, and I got saved.

The Lord is looking for a righteous remnant.

### ✿Ready Remnant✿

Let me show you something else. He is looking for a ready remnant.

Let's read I Peter 3:15, *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. . . ."*

We must be ready when God chooses to use us, but

**Whom are we trying to impress? Are we trying to please God?**

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we must also be ready, serving the Lord, while God does what He plans to do. He is on a mission in this world, and He is allowing us to get in on His mission. Isn't that wonderful?

You say, "We are only a small remnant. The population of the world now is 7.3 billion. Who are we?"

Well, we are God's children, and He works through a remnant.

I think we were all post-millennialists when we first got saved because we thought we were going to get everybody in the world converted, and they would all rush to the feet of Jesus and bow down. That is not going to happen.

I remember when I was saved at age fourteen, surrendered my life at age seventeen, and I believe God called me to preach when I was eighteen years old. There was a passionate desire in my heart to preach the Word of God, and finally I yielded to it.

You couldn't go to my hometown in Maryville, Tennessee, without some Christian on a street corner trying to win you to the Lord. Do any of you remember days like that?

You see, that was on the heels of all that sixties stuff. We thought that America was going to be destroyed in the sixties, because they were marching in the streets and burning down cities. Do you remember all of that? They were going to overthrow the White House and throw the President out.

I am a graduate of the University of Tennessee. While

I was in school, they had what they called the streaking fad. They blocked off the street on Cumberland Avenue and put a fire truck on both ends of the street and let the university students streak (take their clothes off and run wild and naked in the street). I wasn't engaged in that. You wonder, "Can any good thing come out of that?"

Remember spitting on soldiers when they came back from Vietnam. It is almost like the whole country was out of their mind on drugs.

God touched something, and something like a revival spread around the country with church planting and soul winners. I believe it happened because a praying, righteous remnant was being blessed of God. We are ready for it again. Don't you believe that we are ready for it again? We are praying that way.

It's written in James 2:20, "*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*" If our righteousness is of faith, then it is the life that we are living. It is Christ in us. If we are not ready and serving God, if we are not everlastingly at it, there is something wrong.

We don't have to work up the fire. The Holy Ghost of God indwells every believer, and as we yield to Him, He is going to stir our hearts. In your congregation, there is a righteous remnant there who are ready to move forward for God. Mount the pulpit again with the fire of God and believe that God wants to work and challenge the remnant to move

forward. What is God looking for? He wants to do something that will bring glory to Himself, not to everybody else.

This remnant must be righteous, and it must be ready.

### ✻Reminded Remnant✻

This remnant needs to be reminded. God in Heaven, the only true and living God, looks to a remnant to get thoroughly right with Him. We don't have to convince Him to get involved. He is already involved in this world convicting of sin, righteousness, and judgement. He is moving in the hearts of people. He wants us to join Him.

In 1 Kings 19:4, the poor prophet was praying to die, "O Lord, take away my life." He had built an altar, and fire had fallen. He had seen a mighty work, but the prophet was discouraged and needed to be reminded. It looked like the devil had taken over. That wicked woman, Jezebel, wanted to kill him. (If she could have killed him, she would have done it already.) So God sends a message to him. The Bible says in 1 Kings 19:16-18, "*And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.*" God was saying, "I want to remind you of something, Prophet whom I have used, Prophet whom I have blessed, Prophet who has seen the fire fall. I want to remind you that I still have a remnant."

Some of you soldiers who are tired from the battle, just get a little rest. Don't put up your

**If we are not ready and serving God, if we are not everlastingly at it, there is something wrong.**

**Mount the pulpit again with the fire of God and believe that God wants to work and challenge the remnant to move forward.**



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sword. Keep it close at hand.

Last year was the hardest year of my life. I had four level-five surgeries. I said one night to my wife, "Honey, I have been through a lot of pain, but this is more than I can bear. I am sorry. We have had a wonderful life together, but I can't take any more of this excruciating pain."

My boys were there, and a little Christian nurse was there. They said, "Let's pray." They prayed, and I went to sleep like a baby. God took care of me. You see, He has a remnant, and we need to be reminded of that.

I am going to say something that is going to shock the socks off of you, so get down there and get a hold of them. The remnant are not all Independent Baptists. Now I am what I am by the grace of God. I am a Christian who became a Baptist by conviction. Then I became an Independent Baptist because I believe the New Testament teaches that every church is an independent assembly and the only head is Christ. However, I know a lot of wonderful people to whom I want to be kind. I want to show the love of God to these wonderful people, who love the Lord. I want to be the most attractive Independent Baptist I can possibly be. You know why? It's because I believe many of them are part of God's remnant, and we are in this together.

The prophet wrote in Isaiah 1:9, "*Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.*"

Those are the words of God, a very small remnant. We must be righteous, ready, and reminded. We should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. I think we are getting close to being like Sodom and Gomorrah, but there is a remnant. ✠

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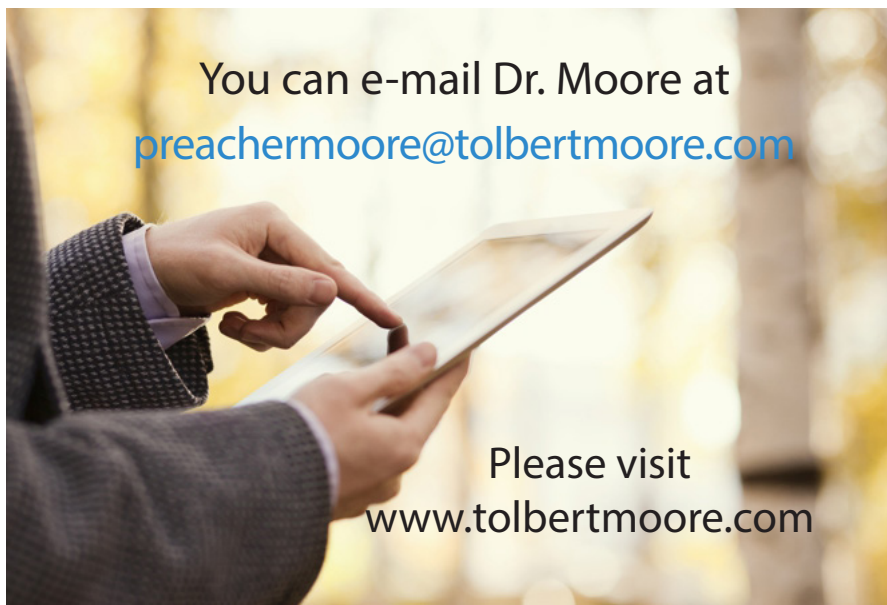
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## Do You Have a Servant Spirit?

*For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many—Mark 10:45*



by **Linda Herrell**

**W**e need to, as Christian women, make a difference in our world, in our home, in our church. We can do that by having a servant's attitude, a servant's heart, a servant's spirit.

What does it mean to be a servant? Some people are poor spellers. They think "service" is spelled "serve us." Webster's definition of "servant" is a person devoted to another. "Servant" in the New Testament usually represents a bondsman. It denotes a person who is not at his own disposal, but is his master's purchased property, to serve his master's needs, to be at his beck and call every moment. The slave's sole business is to do as he is told. Christian service, therefore, means, first and foremost, living out a slave relationship with one's Savior.

What does Christ expect His servants to do? The way we serve is by becoming the slaves of our fellow servants and being willing to do literally anything, however lowly, bothersome, or undignified, in order to help them. The essence of Christian service is loyalty to the King expressing itself in care for His servants. D. L. Moody once said, "The measure of a man is not the number of his servants, but the number of the people he serves."

How can you tell if you have a servant's spirit? By the way you act when you are treated like one. It is not easy to find an attitude like that. But for a Christian, servanthood is one of the keys to Christlikeness. Describing His own ministry, Jesus said in Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

When we give Jesus His rightful place, as Lord of our lives, His Lordship will be expressed in the way we serve others. One of the best ways we can demonstrate our love for God is by showing love for others. We demonstrate love for others by helping them, by sharing their problems, and by doing what we can for them. Rather than seeking to have our needs met, we look for ways we can minister to the needs of others. II Cor. 4:5 says, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves you

servants for Jesus' sake." Servanthood, then, is an attitude.

It is also the mark of a leader. Phil. 2:6-7 says, "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men."

A "Servant Spirit" is one that will do more than the bare minimum. It goes beyond. It goes the extra mile. Don't you just love it when you feel prompted of the Lord to do something (maybe even something you really don't want to do, but you follow through on it), and afterwards, you just know in your heart that it was the right thing to do. What a good feeling!

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That is having a “Servant Spirit,” being willing to put others before yourself. Your service is selfless, not self-centered. The supreme test of your service is to ask yourself, “For whom am I doing this?” If we are doing it for Christ, then we will not care about recognition or reward. Col. 3:17, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

Find your place and serve! Everyone has a significant contribution to make. God has given us a unique combination of talents. There is no such thing as insignificant service for Christ.

God saved us to be a servant, not a sensation. When we give our lives in service to Christ, we discover the real purpose for living—to be a servant!

Do you have a “Servant Spirit”? If not, what can you do about it? Humble yourself, give up your rights, avoid excuses, and realize when you are serving others, you are serving God. Remember, you do have a place to serve. Serving is the real path to happiness and the real purpose for living, and it will lead to true greatness. Be sure to follow the model servant—Christ!

Lord, help us today to have a “Servant Spirit”! ✠

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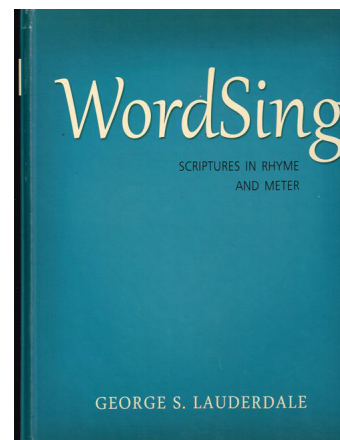
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“Father, where shall I work today?”  
And my love flowed warm and free.  
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot,  
And said, “Tend that for Me.”  
I answered quickly, “Oh, no, not that.  
Why no one would ever see,  
No matter how well my work was done,  
Not that little place for me!”  
And the word He spoke, it was not stern,  
He answered me tenderly,  
“Ah, little one, search that heart of thine:  
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# A LONG, LONG TIME AGO IN A FAR AWAY LAND . . .

by Dr. Delores J. Prakopcyk

**I**n August 1977, I was standing on a busy street corner in Taipei giving out tickets to passersby. It was an effort to get people to come to an evangelistic service. One young lady, about my age (mid 20's), walked past me then turned and came back. We exchanged a few words. She took a ticket and then hurried away with the masses. At least she didn't throw it in the nearby trash can as many did.

It was nearing time for the meeting to start so the rest of the tickets were left outside the door. The service opened with a mixed choir of Americans and Chinese. Songs were sung in both languages. The special singer that night was Willa Dorsey, and, as George Lauderdale would later say, "It was on!" The Lord moved in and took over. It was an awesome night. Adrian Rodgers brought a very simple, but

clear, message of the Gospel and many people responded.

As the service came to an end, we were standing near our seats talking when someone tapped me gently on the shoulder. I turned around, and there stood the lady to whom I had given the ticket on the street corner. She looked troubled and told me she was trying to understand about Jesus. She said that the reason she took the ticket was that she needed some soap, and she thought Jesus was the name for a new kind of soap. She was hoping to get samples.

I took my Chinese/English Bible and went through the plan of salvation with her. Realizing there was a language barrier between us, I scanned the crowd and saw the man with whom we had eaten lunch that day: a missionary from Hong Kong who was fluent in Chinese. I got him to talk with

Joy Ko. In a few moments, while we held hands, he was able to lead her to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Joy Ko and I became friends and corresponded by mail for many years. I was blessed on that trip to personally lead nine precious souls to Christ. They were the first souls that I had ever led to the Lord. It lit a fire in me that still burns today to win the lost.

"Thank You, Lord, for having George Lauderdale invite me to be a part of the team." It changed my life! ✝

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# The Kingdom . . .

## Part 2

### *The Spiritual Realm or Kingdom of Jesus Christ*

by Dr. Tolbert Moore



**The all-powerful federal government is now becoming anti-Christian because the Bible condemns much that the government is making legal.**

**All who claim Jesus as Lord need each other. Satan is not a respecter of any Christian. He hates them all. He is the enemy, not each other.**

John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:5-8, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 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."

John 14 & 16 speak of the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, Who will guide us. I Corinthians 2 talks about spiritual discernment. Then, in Matthew 13:38, we have an illustration of sowing in the field. The field is the world. The seed is the Gospel, the Word. Also, the seed can be believers. The believers get the seed from the Word and from the assembly, the church.

II Corinthians 4:18: "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." Brothers and sisters, Christians and Baptists,

understand the spiritual nature of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

First, we must remember the history of persecution of Christians. Baptists, especially, have been persecuted, martyred, banned from countries, churches closed, pastors and leaders imprisoned. That is happening now in several countries.

What must Christians do when their church closes? Some members are imprisoned, some killed. They must continue as individuals, study the Word of God, pray as never before, witness in secret to those we find, meet in secret wherever possible to fellowship and learn from each other, such is the spiritual kingdom.

America is founded on Judeo-Christian principles. We have freedom of speech, freedom to worship in the manner we choose, freedom of religion. The all-powerful federal government is now becoming anti-Christian because the Bible condemns much that the government is making legal. I believe we should teach the spiritual kingdom so Christians may know they can still fellowship with each other in spirit and truth even though our faith has been outlawed by the government. We should also teach that any person who is born again is our brother and

sister by the blood of Christ. All denominations have Jesus Christ as Saviour. When we judge a brother or sister because of minor differences, we dishonor the Christ who saves them and dishonor ourselves.

I am 87 years old and have been an ordained Baptist pastor since the spring of 1947. I have not seen such divisions over minor things in the Baptist family (caused by sowing discord among the brethren) in my lifetime. I am as strong in my faith as the next person. I do not hate the modern Pharisees. I love them even while I disagree with them dividing over everything. The radical and extreme members for every cardinal truth just diminish the very doctrine they propose to defend.

All who claim Jesus as Lord need each other. Satan is not a respecter of any Christian. He hates them all. He is the enemy, not each other. I have known some in every denomination who were and are now great Christians. We may not baptize alike. We may not believe the Second Coming or Advent of Christ like others do. We may not believe in the security of the believer, as most of us do. However, born again people have the same Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:3-13, "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 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.”

We need each other to win the lost, as Christians in general are persecuted, outlawed by the governments of most nations. In America, the liberal members outlaw the Bible and Jesus’ name in government. The schools outlaw prayer, etc. We need each other.

When Christians of all denominations and independent churches stand together on difficult principles, victories are won. When we are divided, we lose much strength. Charles Spurgeon quit the Baptist Union over what he called a downgrade of theology among

Baptists. He still stood with all who kept the cardinal doctrines, stood with Baptist doctrines, stood against sin, and with all who did the same and did not fight against any who were true to the doctrine of salvation.

### **C. H. Spurgeon on Baptist Perpetuity**

“We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the reformation. We were reformers before Luther or Calvin were born; we never came from the Church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the apostles themselves. We have always existed from the very days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel underground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by Romanists and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a Government holding Baptist principles which persecuted others; nor I believe any body of Baptists ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with the government, and we will never make the Church, although the Queen, the despot over the consciences of men.” (Quoted from the New Park Street Pulpit, Vol. VII, Page 225)

“History has hitherto been written by our enemies, who never would have kept a single fact about us upon the record if they could have helped it, and yet it leaks out every now and then that certain poor people called Anabaptists were brought up for condemnation. From the days of Henry II to those of Elizabeth we hear of certain unhappy heretics who were hated of all men for the truth’s sake which was in them. We read of poor men and women, with their garments cut short, turned out into the fields to perish in the cold, and anon of others who were burnt at Newington for the crime of Anabaptism. Long before your Protestants were known of, these horrible Anabaptists, as they were unjustly called, were protesting for the ‘one Lord, one faith, and one baptism.’ No sooner did the visible church begin to depart from the gospel than these men arose to keep fast by the good old way. The priests and monks wished for peace and slumber, but there was always a Baptist or a Lollard tickling men’s ears with holy Scriptures, and calling their attention to the errors of the times. They were a poor persecuted tribe. The halter was thought to be too good for them. At times ill-written history would have us think that they died out, so well had the wolf done his work on the sheep. Yet here we are, blessed and multiplied; and Newington sees other scenes from Sabbath to Sabbath.

As I think of your numbers and efforts, I can only say in wonder—what a growth! As I think of the multitudes of our brethren in America, I may well say, What hath God wrought! Our history forbids discouragement.” (From the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, 1881, Vol. 27, page 249.) ✠

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## Open Doors

by Dr. Gary S. Moore

**W**hen I was in third grade I remember we had a reading book entitled "Open Doors." The idea was that by reading the collection of stories in that book it would open our minds to the possibility of further reading. In my case it did just that. All my life I have enjoyed reading and spent many hours learning and expanding my mind through reading. I realized that books were an opportunity for me, and I have never regretted having such a love of reading.

There are other open doors in our lives as well, such as open doors of opportunity in education, marriage and family, career, travel, and so on. Among those open doors of opportunity are the doors for ministry. Every day God opens to us the chance to share what God

has done for us with our co-workers, our family members, neighbors, and friends. Sometimes He opens the opportunity for the Gospel by calling us for a ministry just for the Gospel's sake. So it was for Paul in Ephesus. He had told the church at Corinth that he was on the way, but the open door for the Gospel in Ephesus was so great that he had to put off his trip. The number being saved, the growth of the church, and the power of God moving were too great to ignore. Paul had to stay and work while the door was open.

I think we have many open doors for the Gospel right now in our world. I see our work in the Philippines and the great number being saved there, the new missionaries we have in India, Japan, and other areas where we

have never been before, and I rejoice. I also see the ongoing, ever-expanding work in Central America, and I know that God has opened this door wide for the Gospel. Doors of opportunity are all around us. Lives are being changed. Whole families are being saved. Churches are being established and growing stronger, and through all of this The Gospel Preacher Association is taking a greater role in fulfilling the Great Commission. I see new couples and families responding to the call of God. I see the Gospel reaching to new areas through our missionaries, and I know God Himself has opened these doors for us through each and every individual missionary, preacher, and Christian who responds to the door they see God opening for them.

Paul was a man in great demand by the time he got to Ephesus. The folks at Corinth were anxiously awaiting his arrival, yet for the sake of the Gospel and the furtherance of the kingdom of



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God, Paul realized the unique opportunity he had to make a difference, and he walked through the open door to preach, teach, and serve. God had a plan for Paul, and the doors He opened were specially suited to him. God has a plan for you also, and He will open doors, specially suited to you and your gifts, for you to reach people with the Gospel.

We are living in a world of opportunity for the Gospel. Never before have we had so many tools at our disposal to get the Gospel out. Travel has never



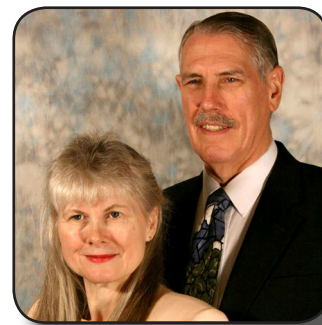
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been easier. Communication makes it possible to stay in touch with family and friends even when they are thousands of miles away. Learning resources abound, and preparing for culture shock

is now better understood than ever. The doors are there, and they are opening every day for those who will take the time and effort to look for them. In the coming years, I see the mission outreach of The Gospel Preacher Association expanding as never before. Will you have a part in that expansion? Why not stop and ask yourself if God is opening a door for you and, if so, are you willing to walk through it? Finding God's will and serving in that will is a life you will never regret. ✚



## Taking Jesus to the Fair



Vernon & Jeanette Peppers

We would like to welcome our newest missionaries to the GPA family, Vernon and Jeanette Peppers, who are working in the fairs and festivals here in the United States. This is a powerful outreach for the Gospel and a wonderful opportunity for local churches to be involved in personal soul winning and discipleship through a unique partnership between a home missionary and the pastors and churches.

The ministry brings churches together (who are in the vicinity of a county, area, or state fair and other similar events) to participate during the fair or event to reach out with the Gospel at a booth or tent working through the event administration. There have been hundreds saved during the events. People who have never understood the Gospel, have never attended church, and folks who were just unsure about salvation are among

those who respond to the Gospel message. Vernon and Jeanette use a unique one-on-one presentation of the truth of God's love, the reality of personal sin, and the need for forgiveness and grace through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Just the fact that so many are responding and being saved is reason to rejoice in this unique program of outreach, but there is an added component that makes this a very powerful mission outreach.

The involvement of local churches is vital to the success of each mission outreach. When five or six local Bible-believing churches come together and work as soul winners alongside the Peppers, then every individual saved has a local church near them to do follow up and discipleship. The key here is having local churches that surround the event to be involved from start to finish. Churches then have a Gospel presence at the fair or event and a connection to those who are saved because they have been a part of the outreach right from the beginning. The individuals who trust Christ need a church to reach out to them, teach them, and follow up on them so that they might grow as a child

of God. With this program, that all important ingredient is firmly in place.

What is that big, annual event near you? Is it your county or state fair, week-long craft bazaar, spring, summer, or fall festival? Whatever it is, it might just be your greatest opportunity to get the Gospel to your community. In most church revivals these days, having two or three saved is considered a great success, but with this ministry scores get saved at every event. Partnering with this mission outreach could yield a greater harvest of souls each year. Please consider being a host church for the Peppers in the future and make a difference with the great Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have known Vernon and Jeanette for many years. They are faithful servants of Christ who serve in their local church with vigor and commitment. Now, as they embark on this great mission outreach, I urge you to consider supporting them in both prayer and finances.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise," Proverbs 11:30. ✚

# UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS



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**June 13-16, 2016: GPA National Camp Meeting**  
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Dr. Tolbert Moore, Moderator—Dr. Rex McPherson, Host Pastor  
For more information, call 770-995-7045



**June 23, 2016: 8<sup>th</sup> GPA Annual Golf Tournament**  
1:00 PM tee off  
Pilgrim's Oak Golf Club—1107 Pilgrim's Pathway, Peach Bottom, PA 17563  
For more information, visit [www.gpamm.com](http://www.gpamm.com)



**June 17-25, 2016: Costa Rica GPA Youth Mission Trip**  
GPA Youth Missions will be taking a trip to Costa Rica in June.  
If you are interested in going on a youth mission trip, you can find out more information at [www.gpaym.com](http://www.gpaym.com) or contact Zach Johnson at 304-521-9504



**July 11-15, 2016: Eastern PA Baptist Fellowship Camp Meeting**  
Bro. Mike Holcomb preaching the evening meetings, Monday-Friday, 7:00 PM  
There will be morning meetings, Wednesday-Friday, 10:00 AM  
For more information, call Dr. Gary S. Moore at 610-724-3916



**July 15-23, 2016: Grenada GPA Youth Mission Trip**  
GPA Youth Missions will be returning to Grenada in July.  
If you are interested in going on a youth mission trip, you can find out more information at [www.gpaym.com](http://www.gpaym.com) or contact Zach Johnson at 304-521-9504

## The Mercy Project UPDATE

On May 3rd, we plan to move *Mercy's Vessel* to a shipyard in New Jersey to begin the work in the hull of the ship, as well as complete the remaining process of refitting *Mercy's Vessel* from a fishing boat to a medical ship of mercy to reach the hurting and needy people of Central America and the Islands of the Caribbean by caring for both their physical and spiritual needs.





# Faithfulness

“To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ. . . .” Colossians 1:2

by Dr. Dennis Petty, Missions & Evangelism, Co-General Director



Faithfulness is the character of one who can be relied on. It is the mark of the child of God who is controlled by the Holy Spirit. Faithfulness is one of the glorious perfections of God. “. . . The Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God . . .” Deut. 7:9. It is the character of our Lord Who is “the faithful,” Rev. 3:14. Christ is the personification of faithfulness.

This faithfulness is the direct result of having been made “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Pet. 1:4) through the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. Christ in you produces faithfulness. This life in Christ begins with an act of faith and continues with a lifelong attitude of faithfulness.

Christ has not asked us to be successful, but He does insist that we be faithful. Faithfulness shows how the Gospel of Christ transforms human lives as it makes us trustworthy in everything.

## I. God requires faithfulness.

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful,” 1 Cor. 4:2.

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God,” 1 Pet. 4:10.

Every Christian who rightly uses the gifts entrusted to him by God for the good of his brethren belongs to the class called stewards.

This is not optional. It is a requirement, an imperative. God has a right to insist that His servant be faithful. The knowledge that “God is faithful” (1 Cor. 1:9) produces in us a desire to be faithful to Him, since that is the appropriate response on our part to His faithfulness.

## II. God recognizes faithfulness.

“. . . Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . .,” Matt. 25:21.

“Well done” is a commendation. It is God expressing delight, and there is no commendation like the Master’s “well done.” Every faithful servant shall have praise of God. What God is recognizing is His character in us. This “well done” is why Paul could say in 2 Cor. 5:9 that we strive earnestly to be well pleasing to Him. Is this your aim, your goal?

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## III. God rewards faithfulness.

“. . . Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord,” Matt. 25:21.

“Thou hast been faithful” indicates PAST FIDELITY.

“I will make thee ruler over many things” indicates FUTURE FAVORS.

“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be,” Revelation 22:12.

God’s “well done” shall be our most coveted decoration. By the way, the One Who promises to reward and says, “. . . be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life,” (Rev. 2:10) is the One Who is faithful to perform. “Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it,” 1 Thess. 5:24.

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## Your responsibility is faithfulness.

GOD’S COMMAND is “Have faith in God,” (Mark 11:22).

GOD’S CALL is “Be thou faithful,” (Rev. 2:10).

We need to remember that faith and faithful are the same word in the Greek. This is understandable because it is from faith that faithfulness springs. TRUST in Christ, and we shall be TRUSTWORTHY. RELY on Christ, and we shall be RELIABLE. DEPEND on Christ, and we shall be DEPENDABLE. Faithfulness is the indispensable mark of a Christian. Will Christ see faithfulness in you and say, “Well done”? ☩

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



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