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Dear Readers.

I preached at the GPA Jubilee at Nottingham Baptist Church, Nottingham, PA, last weekend (September 17 and 18, 2016). Rev. C. T. Townsend was also preaching. There were many good singers, good preaching, blessings with His Spirit working, souls saved, and many revived and renewed. The meeting continues through this week.

We are witnessing a stirring of the Holy Spirit in several places across our nation. Many Christians seem to observe the downturn of our country and are seeking help from the Lord. We need to be alerted and remind ourselves that Christ is still the answer. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is still the power of God unto salvation.

When our hearts are clear with God and each other, there is a free spirit, and the Word of God that created the world is still the greatest power in the universe.

God is raising up men like our friend and brother, C. T. Townsend, for this time and generation. The devil tries to stop them early, and as they are blessed with the Holy Spirit to reach others, he will raise up critics from all sides to hinder the influence for revival in the Kingdom of Christ.

The Pharisees never learn! This generation of Pharisees continues what the Pharisees were doing when Christ was on earth. When Christ was raised from the dead, they continued to criticize and persecute the apostles and still opposed the Kingdom. Jesus said they will not enter the Kingdom nor agree for others to enter. We must understand that the Pharisees are not in the Kingdom. They are outsiders! Their oppositions don't bring blessing-only woe to themselves.

God bless you as you keep on keeping on for right and truth.

In His Grip,

Tolbert Moore, Editor

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e are going through a very confusing time in our country. It is hard to find anybody who tells the truth all the time, but if you look in your Bible, you will see the truth all the time. It also warns of the results if you don't tell the truth. So, I want to read today from the Word of God.

I love the book of Hebrews. It is very good prose. I believe that the book of Romans and the book of Hebrews are two of the best books that Paul wrote. Let's read from Hebrews 10:19-29: Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the

assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. (Now pay close attention to this next part.) He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? I will pause reading the precious Word of God.

He is talking about more punishment, a much sorer punishment, than death for these three things. Some are worthy of sorer punishment than those who died without mercy under the law. That is a strong condemnation if you have trodden under foot the Son of God.

It is hard to find anybody who tells the truth all the time, but if you look in your Bible, you will see the truth all the time.

We just read that some have trodden under foot the Son of God. They have considered Him good for nothing. In Matthew 5:13 Jesus said, Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. It is good for nothing except to be trodden under foot. We just read that some have trodden under foot the Son of God. They have considered Him good for nothing.

The last time I was in Wales I was staying with Brother Clive Havard and his wife, Daisy. Next door to them lived a man who evidently was very wealthy. He had a \$265,000 car sitting in his front yard. He also had another car worth \$200,000 in the back of his garage. So, naturally, I wanted to talk to him. Well, I found out he is an atheist.

He said, "I would be a fool not to acknowledge there was a man named Jesus, who was a remarkable man and did remarkable things, but he was not the Son of God."

This man is terribly off track. Do not tread under foot the Son of God. Respect Him. Love Him. Trust Him. I will explain why in a moment. Despite means that you have insulted someone with arrogance and scorn. You have insulted the Spirit of grace with arrogance and scorn.

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Paul said, "You have counted the blood of the covenant an unholy thing." We just read about the blood and the covenant. The covenant is sealed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Leviticus 17:11 says, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Then Paul uses the word despite. It is only used twice in the Bible. Look again at Hebrews 10:29: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done **despite** unto the Spirit of grace? **Despite** means that you have insulted someone with arrogance and scorn. You have insulted the Spirit of grace with arrogance and scorn.

In Zechariah 12:10 God says, And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

What do we mean when we speak of the Spirit of grace? Well, we know that Christ was full of grace and truth. We also know that you are saved by grace though faith. Whose grace? You are saved by the grace of God, the grace of Jesus Christ. What did He do out of His grace? He paid your sin debt.

He didn't go to the bank to pay your debt. He didn't go down to the government office. He didn't even go to jail for you. He died for you! He went to the cross for you! That is the Spirit of grace. He didn't just offer forgiveness. He paid it off. He was justified, by the way, in forgiving you of your sins because He paid for them at Calvary.

We need to appreciate the Spirit of grace. We are not talking about the fruit of the Spirit or the gifts of the Spirit. We are talking about **the** Spirit, a living presence Who is everywhere.

I love to come to church. I love for you to come to church, but you don't really have to be in church to have the Spirit of grace with you. We come to church on Sundays and Wednesdays like a horse going to a watering hole to get refreshed, but you can get refreshed in between church services because you have water springing up in your soul.

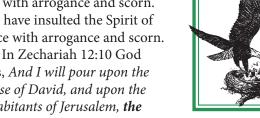
Every once in a while, when I realize that I am a single, old

man, I get lonesome. I think, "I am alone." I have friends and brothers and sisters. I am not being pitiful. I am just saying every once in a while I feel lonesome. Do you know what I do? I tap into my water. I have a watering hole in my heart. You have too. Thank God!

Do you know why I have that water? I have it because of the Spirit of grace. The Spirit of grace has been poured out on me like God said He would pour it out on Israel. He has poured it out on you too if you are saved.

However, if you tread it underfoot after He has done all of that, you deserve punishment. After you learn the truth, if you continue in rebellion and sin, you deserve sorer punishment.

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believe it now) that Jesus paid for all your sin until you were saved, but you are going to have to pay for the rest of them. That doesn't work. He paid for all of my sins: past, present, and future. He saved me for good. I don't get lost if I sin again. If that were to happen, I would be lost two or three times a day. I would get lost in traffic when one of those idiots cuts me off.

What I am trying to get across to you is that the Spirit of grace is precious to us. He never leaves. He'll never die. He is always there.

That is why when you cuss, you can immediately say, "Forgive me." The cuss comes out one minute, and the forgiveness comes the next minute. If grace was a one-time act, we would be in trouble, or if grace just happened at the altar or at church, we would be in trouble. The Spirit of grace is continual.

What do we repeat often here at Galilean? "God is Good! All the Time! All the Time! God is Good!" Do you know why? God is good all the time because the Spirit of grace is with us all the time.

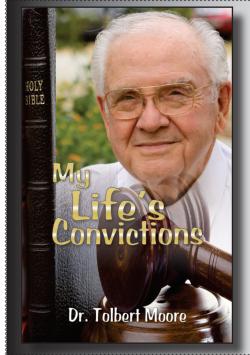
Now, think about this. The Spirit of grace is not with you just to forgive you and cleanse you with the blood, but the Spirit of grace is there to enable and strengthen you. He will strengthen and help you to know and do right. Sometimes it is hard to do right. It is harder to do right than it is to do wrong because our nature is a fallen, corrupt nature.

I want to get across three things from this message.

- There is a Spirit of grace Who comes from and through Jesus Christ.
- He is a living Being and is there all the time.
- He strengthens us.

Because the Spirit of grace is with me, He strengthens me at the very moment

The very moment I need help, He is right there because He lives in me.



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The other day I was preaching on assimilation. To assimilate is to take in and incorporate as one's own, to adapt or adjust. When you are baptized with the Holy Spirit, you are assimilated with Christ. You are made part of Him, and He is made part of you. Well, the Spirit of grace is with you, always, all the time, every day, in every circumstance. He is there not just to

free you from sin and guilt but to free you from inability.

I have been the pastor of some of the most gifted people in the country. I have preached alongside some of the most gifted, professional men in America. Those people have such a high sensitivity that you have to be careful in your conversation with them. The Spirit of grace is sensitive and will warn you when you are getting off track.

Grandma used to say to me, "ANNNK!" I don't know how

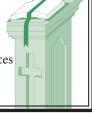
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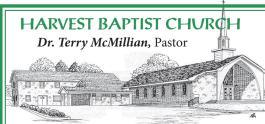


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Sometimes the Spirit of grace will say, "ANNNK, I will give you the strength to resist. I will give you the strength to be more like Jesus."

to spell that, but I do know that it means it is bad for a little boy to steal Grandma's fried pies. Grandma would make those good, fried pies from dried apples. She would put up dried apples and would have sacksful. When we lived in Lakewood Heights, I stayed with Grandma and Grandpa the whole summer one year. Grandma would cook fried pies, and they were so good. They were better than a Baby Ruth. We did not have air conditioning so Grandma would put those fried pies on the windowsill to cool. I would slip around the back of the house and reach up to the window to get one of those fried pies, and I would hear, "ANNNK!" Grandma could see through the walls, I think.

Sometimes the Spirit of grace will say, "ANNNK, I will give you the strength to resist. I will give you the strength to be more like Jesus." He enables us.

I like to get compliments, don't you? I think everybody likes compliments. My brother, Preston, is one of the best there is at giving compliments. The first thing he will say to you is, "That sure is a good looking tie," or "I really like those shoes," or "Is that a new coat?" He is always going to give you a compliment first. That disarms you. I used to be so mad at him, and he would be so good to me. He would disarm me. The Holy Spirit will help you disarm your enemy. He will enable you to keep going when everyone else is quitting. He will enable you to be the man or woman you ought to be when others are going the other way.

God will help you to be like you want to be. He will enable you. He will enable you to do right. He will enable you to keep going forward. He will enable you to overcome the evil, bad spirit. You need the Spirit of grace. Don't

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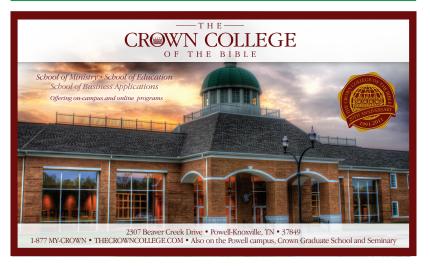


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do despite to the Spirit of grace working in your life.

In fact, Jesus said in Matthew 12:32, And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. It is a mark on you like a cancer that cannot be cured. That is awful, but it is the truth. It is the Bible. Thank God for His Spirit of grace that He has poured on me and put in me so I could benefit from what He did at Calvary, and what He did at the resurrection, and where He sits today interceding on my behalf and your behalf. You should not tread over the Son of God. You should not consider the blood covenant an unholy thing. You should not do despite to the Spirit of grace. \$\frac{1}{2}\$

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Come Ye Children

by Charles H. Spurgeon

FEED MY LAMBS

The best of the church are ■ none too good for this work. Do not think because you have other service to do that therefore you should take not interest in this form of holy work, but kindly, according to your opportunities, stand ready to help the little ones and to cheer those whose chief calling is to attend to them. To us all this message comes: "Feed My Lambs." To the minister, and to all who have any knowledge of the things of God, the commission is given. See to it that you look after the

children that are in Christ Jesus. Peter was a leader among believers, yet he must feed the lambs.

The lambs are the young of the flock. So, then, we ought to look specially and carefully after those who are young in grace. They may be old in years, and yet they may be mere babes in grace as to the length of their spiritual life, and therefore they need to be under a good shepherd.

As soon as a person is converted and added to the church, he should become the object of the special care and kindness

of his fellow-members. He has but newly come among us, and has no familiar friends among the saints, therefore let us all be friendly to him. We must be doubly kind towards those who are newly escaped from the world, and have come to find a refuge with the Almighty and His people. Watch with ceaseless care over those new-born babes who are strong in desires, but strong in nothing else. They have but just crept out of darkness, and their eyes can scarcely bear the light; let us be a shade to them until they grow accustomed to the blaze of gospel day.

Young converts are too timid to ask our help, and so our Lord introduces them to us, and with an emphatic word of command He says, "Feed My Lambs!" This shall be our reward: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

However young a believer may be, he should make an open confession of his faith, and be folded with the rest of the flock of Christ. We are not among those who are suspicious of youthful piety: we could never see more reason for such suspicions in the case of the young, than in the case of those who repent late in life. Of the two we think the latter are more to be questioned than the former: for a selfish fear of punishment

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and dread of death are more likely to produce a counterfeit faith than the mere childishness would be. How much has the child missed-which might have spoiled it! How much it does not know-which we hope it never may know! Oh, how much there is of brightness and trustfulness about children when converted to God which is not seen in elder converts! Our Lord Jesus evidently felt deep sympathy with children, and he is but little like Christ who looks upon them as a trouble, and treats them as if they must needs be either little deceivers or foolish simpletons. To you who teach in our schools is given this joyous privilege of finding out where these young disciples are, who are truly the lambs of Christ's flock, and to you He says, "Feed My Lambs!"

It is very remarkable that the word used here for "feed My lambs" is very different from the word employed in the precept, "feed My sheep." I will not trouble you with Greek words, but the second "feed" means exercise the office of a shepherd, rule, regulate, lead, manage them, do all that a shepherd has to do towards a flock; but this first feed does not include all that: it means distinctly

feed, and it directs teachers to a duty which they may perhaps, neglect-namely, that of instructing children in the faith.

The lambs do not so much need keeping in order, as we do who know so much, and yet know so little: who think we are so far advanced that we judge one another, and contend and strive. Christian children mainly need to be taught the doctrine, precept, and Christian living: they require to have Divine truth put before them clearly and forcibly. Why should the higher doctrines, the doctrines of grace, be kept back from them? They are not as some say, bones; or if they are bones-they are full of marrow and covered with fatness! If there is any doctrine too difficult for a child, it is rather the fault of the teacher's convevance of it than of the child's power to receive it, provided that the child is converted to God. It is ours to make doctrine simple; this is to be a main part of our work. Teach the little ones the whole truth and nothing but the truth; for instruction is the great need of the child's nature.

A child has not only to live as you and I have, but also to grow; hence he has double need of food. When fathers say of their boys, "What appetites they

have!" they should remember that we also would have great appetites if we had not only to keep the machinery going, but to enlarge it at the same time. Children in grace have to grow, rising to greater capacity in knowing, being, doing and feeling, and to greater power from God; therefore above all things they must be FED. They must be WELL fed or instructed, because they are in danger of having their cravings perversely satisfied with error! Youth are susceptible to false doctrine.

Whether we teach young Christians truth or not, the devil will be sure to teach them error. They will hear of it somehow, even if they are watched by the most careful guardians. The only way to keep chaff out of the child's little measure is to fill it brimful with good wheat. Oh, that the Spirit of God may help us to do this! The more the young are taught the better; it will keep them from being misled.

We are specially exhorted to feed them because they are so likely to be overlooked. I am afraid our sermons often go over the heads of the younger folk, who, nevertheless, may be as true Christians as the older ones! Blessed is he who can so

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speak as to be understood by a child! Blessed is that godly woman who in her class so adapts herself to girlish modes of thought that the truth from her heart streams into the children's hearts without hindrance!

We are specially exhorted to feed the young because this work is so profitable. Do what we may with people converted late in life-we can never make much of them. We are very glad for them for their own sakes; but at seventy years old, how much good can they do, even if they live another ten years? Train up a child, and he may have fifty years of holy service before him! We are glad to welcome those who come into the vineyard at the eleventh hour, but they have hardly taken their pruning-hook and their spade before the sun goes down, and their short day's work is ended!

DO NOT HINDER THE CHILDREN

oncerning this hindering of children, let us see how this is done. I think the results of this negative feeling about children coming to the Savior is to be seen, first, in the fact that often there is nothing in the service for the children. The sermon is over their heads, and the preacher does not think that this is any of his fault; in fact, he rather rejoices that it is so.

People occasionally say of such a one, "He is only fit to teach children. He is no preacher." I tell you, in God's sight he is no preacher who does not care for the children. There should be at least a part of every sermon and service, that will suit the little ones. It is an error for us to forget this.

Parents sin in the same way when they omit true religion from the education of their children. Perhaps the thought is that their children cannot be converted while they are

children, and so they think it of small consequence where they go to school in their tender years. But it is not so! Many parents even forget this when their girls and boys are ending their school-days. They send them away to colleges which are foul with every moral and spiritual danger, with the idea that there they can complete their higher education. In how many cases I have seen that education completed, and it has produced young men who are thorough-going profligates, and young women who are no better! As we sow, we reap.

Let us expect our children to know the Lord. Let us from the beginning mingle the name of Jesus with their A B C's. Let them read their first lessons from the Bible. It is a remarkable thing that there is no book from which children learn to read so quickly as from the New Testament! There is a charm about that Book which draws forth the infant mind. But let us never be guilty, as parents, of forgetting the religious training of our children; for if we do we may be guilty of the blood of their souls!

Another result is that the conversion of children is not expected in many of our churches and congregations. I mean, they do not expect the children to be converted

as children. The theory is that if we can impress youthful minds with principles which may, in after years, prove useful to them, we have done a great deal; but to convert children as children, and to regard them as being as much believers as their seniors, is regarded as absurd. To this supposed absurdity I cling with all my heart. I believe that the kingdom of God has many childrenboth on earth and in heaven.

Another ill-result is that the conversion of children is not believed in. Certain suspicious people always show their teeth a bit when they hear of a newly-converted child. They will have a bite at him if they can! They very rightly insist that these children should be carefully examined before they are baptized and admitted into the church. But they are wrong in insisting that only in exceptional instances are they to be received. We quite agree with them as to the care to be exercised: but it should be the same in all cases, and neither more nor less in the cases of children.

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Do not others expect from children more perfect conduct than they themselves exhibit? How often do people expect to see in boys and girls the same solemnity of behavior which is seen in older people! It would be a good thing for us all if we had never left off being boys and girls, but had added to all the excellencies of a child the virtues of a man. Surely it is not necessary to kill the child to make the saint! It is thought by the more severe that a converted child must become twenty years older in a minute!

Do not others expect from children more perfect conduct than they themselves exhibit? If a gracious child should lose his temper, or act wrongly in some trifling thing through forgetfulness, straightway, he is condemned as a little hypocrite by those who are a long way from being perfect themselves! Jesus says, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones." Take heed that you say no unkind word against your younger brethren in Christ, your little sisters in the Lord. Jesus sets such great store by His dear lambs that He carries them in His bosom!

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased!" He was not often displeased; certainly

He was not often "much displeased," and when He was much displeased, we may be sure that the case was serious.

The disciples did wrong to the mothers; they rebuked the parents for doing a motherly act-for doing, in fact, that which Jesus loved for them to do. They brought their children to Jesus out of respect to Him; they valued a blessing from His hands more than gold; they expected that the blessing of God would go with the touch of the great Prophet. They may have hoped that a touch of the hand of Jesus would make their children's lives bright and happy. Though there may have been a measure of weakness in the parents' thought, yet the Savior could not judge harshly of that which arose out of reverence for His person. He was therefore much displeased to think that those good women, who meant Him honor, should be roughly repulsed!

There was also wrong done to the children. Sweet little ones! What had they done that they should be chided for coming to Jesus? They had not meant to intrude. Dear things! They would have fallen at His feet in reverent love for the sweet-voiced Teacher, who charmed not only men, but children, by His tender Words, The little

ones meant nothing bad, and why should they be blamed?

Besides, there was wrong done to Jesus Himself. It might have made men think that Jesus was stiff, reserved, and selfexalted, like the Rabbis. If they had thought that He could not condescend to children, they would have sadly slandered the reputation of His great love. His heart was a great harbor wherein many little ships might cast anchor. Jesus, the child-man, was never more at home than with children! Was He to be represented by His own disciples as shutting the door against the children? This would do a sad injury to His real character!

Therefore, grieved at the triple evil which wounded the mothers, the children, and Himself, He was greatly displeased. Anything we do to hinder a dear child from coming to Jesus, greatly displeases our dear Lord. He cries to us, "Stand back! Let them alone! Let them come to Me and forbid them not!" †

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For Women of Distinction ...



aul said in Philippians
4:11, Not that I speak in
respect of want: for I have
learned, in whatsoever state
I am, therewith to be content.

How did Paul reach his state of contentment? He reached it through learning. Laban said in Genesis 30:27, And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake. Laban said that he had learned by experience.

Isn't that what the Bible teaches in Romans 5:3-5? Isn't experience a stepping stone to gaining a hope that will not make you ashamed? And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

I'll soon turn 60. One thing for sure, age is relative. To some, 60 is old. To others, I'm still very young. Of course, I notice some physical changes, but I've also noticed some spiritual changes. I've lived a little while now. I've been through some things, had some experiences. These experiences have taught me a thing or two.

I have much more confidence in God and His willingness to care for me as His child. (I always knew He was able.) "I have learned" that all things do work together for good.

Some of you know that my husband was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease two years ago. We had a rough seven years or so when we didn't know what was causing his symptoms. Getting the correct diagnosis was bittersweet. Some words like *progressive* and incurable were not easy to hear, but I'm so glad to say that our faith was not shaken. It took us awhile to come to terms with the **new normal** in our lives, but at least we finally know what we are facing.

I remember just a few days after his diagnosis I began to worry about "old age." Rex was as healthy on that day as he would ever be (barring a miraculous healing). That meant that one day, soon probably, he would have to give up the pastorate. We weren't financially ready for retirement. I prayed, "Lord, do You want me to get a secular job and pile up some money for the days ahead?" I was willing to do whatever the Lord wanted, but I did wonder how I could take on a secular job and still help

my husband and serve in our church in the same capacity.

I sought God's will for a few days, and then He spoke to me. He said, "Haven't I always taken care of you? When you gave up your home to go to the mission field, didn't I meet all your needs as they arose? When you came home from the mission field and had no home, no car, etc., didn't I once again meet your every need?"

My heart filled up with gratitude and love for such a wonderful Saviour, and I said, "Yes, Lord. I've never been hungry or homeless. You've always provided."

He said, "Just trust Me."
And I will. I didn't get a job.
I'm still being a help meet for
my husband. I'm still serving in
our church. I have learned by
experience that God is faithful.
He knows if we will even make
it to retirement. Many things
could happen to change all that.

You may ask, "Are you worried about the future and your husband's progressive disease?" I am not worried to the point that it takes my peace away. Every day I know these are the best days we are going to have. I hope it's making me more patient, more gentle, more loving.

I'm so indebted to my great heavenly Father for His care of me. I could tell you of time after time that He has blessed me with things or experiences that I never imagined that I could have or enjoy. I've had a good life. All my troubles have just helped me learn better. Experience is a great teacher. What a great God we serve!

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How Shall They Hear Without a Preacher?

by Harry Middleman

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Romans 10:14.

have been serving the Lord as a Gospel preacher for nearly 20 years reaching out to sinners at the City Gate Rescue Mission in Coatesville, PA. At least once a week, I present a Gospel message at the 7:00 pm service. I would like to share just a few of my past evenings that come to mind; particularly those during invitation time, which resulted in the Lord saving homeless men and, on occasion, women as well.

City Gate has been faith-fully preaching the Word of God and ministering to the homeless for 35 years with over 4,000 different men having received help. These men are from all walks of life, and their lives have been affected by drugs, alcohol, and every form of sin. City Gate is a lighthouse to the lost and "down and out." Many find their way to the mission with testimonies hard to believe from the most dreadful circumstances.

I must tell you how much joy I receive each night I attend this mission! When the preaching is over for the evening and the invitation is given, the men proceed in an orderly fashion into the cafeteria portion of City Gate. More times than I can count, someone has come up to me to shake my hand or hug me and thank me for the evening's service. It's also humbling to know that for many of them their worldly possessions can

fit in a small gym locker many times over. Am I appreciative? Yes, I say, to God be the glory!

Let me begin by recalling some of those nights of great joy that I have experienced there at the mission. One evening years ago, two prostitutes came forward at invitation time, repented, and trusted Christ as their Saviour. What a joy it was that night when two "Rahabs" -not of Jericho, but of this sin-stricken community- trusted the only One Who could change their lives! The Bible says that *love* (God is love) covereth all sins. At the mission, these needy men are fed morning and evening, but they'll come back hungry again and again. Yet, I am privileged to proclaim to them the Bread of Life that will last for eternity!

One evening in April of 2014, the message was from Leviticus 3:1-5, on one of the Levitical offerings, called the peace offering. Some may "skip over" this portion of the Bible, but Jesus said, ... they are they which testify of me. Anyway, there I am preaching on an "ordinary" Wednesday

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I could go on; but these are just a few examples of the evenings I have experienced while preaching the Word of God. I'm just a beggar telling other beggars where to find Bread!

ing it-at a rescue mission!

Through these precious years, they have come forward to get saved as old as 80. How many of these men would ever enter the doors of the church where you worship and pray? I thank the Lord then for this oasis called City Gate Rescue Mission in the *dry and thirsty land*, Psalm 63:1.

Truly the Lord has His loving hand upon the shelter; and just where would the man, whose name was John, be right now, whom I led to the Lord on April 8, 2009, at the age of 45? He was killed in a truck accident not too long ago. If it had not been for this mission, where would he be today? I believe you know. \$\P\$

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Adrian Pugh, Pastor



of the Associate Editor -

In the last issue of *The Eagle*, I was named as the Associate Editor, and I am very pleased to accept this responsibility. I hope in the days ahead to see the magazine's ministry and impact increase and the number of people reached greatly expand. As you may know, I have been editing the *Missionary Journal* for some time, so I'm no stranger to most of you, and I'm no stranger to the effective outreach and influence of Dr. Tolbert Moore.

I am his youngest son and was the first missionary with *The Gospel Preacher Association*. After serving many years as a missionary, my family and I returned to the United States to assume the pastorate of Nottingham Missionary Baptist Church and was also named Vice President of the GPA.

I had a great vision for missions in my heart even as a pastor, and I felt a great need to take students to the mission field during the summer months and so established GPA



Dr. Tolbert Moore & Dr. Gary Moore

Youth Missions. Today this ministry continues under the guidance of Zach Johnson.

About ten years ago, I saw a need for practical help to assist our missionaries serving on foreign fields, especially in third-world countries. At that point I endeavored to establish a ministry to provide medical, construction, and evangelistic teams to work alongside our career missionaries. Through this vision, GPA Mobilization Ministries was founded. Today the vision has turned to The Mercy Project, an on board ship ministry to provide a clean, well-stocked medical clinic on Mercy's Vessel, a 110 foot ship.

I come to this position desiring to bring the heart of a pastor and the passion of a missionary to each article and story you read. I long to motivate and inspire our readers to extend themselves for the cause of Christ and labor to do more than ever in this present evil world and, even more importantly, to seek a deeper, fuller relationship with Jesus Christ.

I hope that you will enjoy this page each month and also that the *Missionary Journal*, the *GPA Mobilization Ministries Newsletter*, and the other pages I oversee will encourage, instruct, and uplift you as you read them.

My skills are few and my insight is limited, but the God I serve gives us a great vision of Himself and His work and this is what I long to convey to you through these words printed on the page. May God grant us the ability to make a difference for Jesus' sake.

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UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS













November 23, 2016: Day of Giving

For the second year in a row, we will be joining other organizations during this day of giving.

For more information, visit www.gpamm.com

March 23, 2017: 9th Annual GPA Mission Partner's Dinner The Palm Court, Willow Valley, Lancaster, PA 7:00 PM

FREE Admission, but you must request tickets by emailing mercyproject@live.com

April, 2017: Resource Clinic at City Gate Rescue Mission GPA Mobilization Ministries will again partner with Unsheltered International. Together we will provide Gospel preaching, prayer, and counseling for the homeless and poor in the City Gate Community.

June 12-15, 2017: GPA National Camp Meeting

Galilean Baptist Church, Lawrenceville, GA Dr. Tolbert Moore, Moderator—Dr. Rex McPherson, Host Pastor For more information, call 770-995-7045

June 22, 2017: 9th GPA Annual Golf Tournament 1:00 PM tee off Pilgrim's Oak Golf Club, 1107 Pilgrim's Pathway, Peach Bottom, PA 17563 Visit www.gpamm.com for more information

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by Captain Buddy Puryear



An Opportunity to Support Mercy's Vessel

hese are exciting days in the life of *MERCY'S VESSEL*. The boat is at Yanks Marine Shipyard in Tuckahoe, New Jersey, where the conversion from a sport-fishing boat to a ship to fish for men will take place. We estimate it will take until the end of May 2017 to complete the work on the ship, and we are hopeful of doing our first mission sometime next summer.

The conversion is quite costly. One of the more expensive work items is the construction of the wing berthing that will have eighteen beds and toilets and showers for the evangelistic team members. The cost is estimated to be about \$50,000. In order to help with this cost, would you consider sponsoring a bed to honor someone who is/was a faithful servant of our Lord? Most of us know people who are dedicated Christians, perhaps a long time Sunday school teacher, deacon, pastor, pastor's wife, nursery worker, or soul winner, who are worthy of being honored. The cost is \$2,000.00. That amount may be more than you can pay individually, but perhaps your Sunday school class, youth group, or

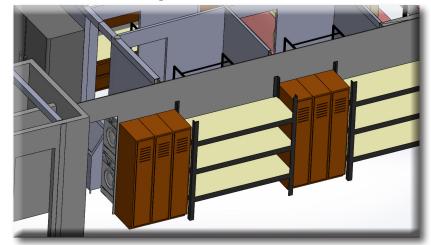
even entire church could work to raise the money. What we are planning to do to honor the person is to put a name plate on the bed (similar to what you see on a pew or stained glass window in a church), produce a book with a picture and biography of all the people so honored, and provide a mounted certificate to the donor or donating group.

In this society, we have so many who garner attention for playing sports or acting in a Hollywood film when we are surrounded by real life Christian heroes who labor not for wealth or fame, but to serve their Lord. These faithful servants are the

ones we want to present to the evangelistic team as folks to emulate. As I have already mentioned there are eighteen beds. We have already received funds for five beds and three others are being worked on, so only ten beds remain (four for ladies and six for gentlemen).

Please give this your prayerful consideration. It would be a real blessing to be able to complete this by the end of December so the funds are available to pay for the berthing addition. If you are interested, please email me for further instructions. My email is: captain@mercysvessel.com. \$\forall\$

Proposed cabin renovations



In order to help with this cost, would you consider sponsoring a bed to honor someone who is/was a faithful servant of our Lord?



Gospel Preacher Association Missionary Journal

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

America's Most Unique Missionary Organization



Meet Samuel Mohenu GPA Missionary to Ghana, West Africa

by Dr. Gary S. Moore

down any qualified candidate, we began to see doors open for us in Eastern Europe, Central America, South America, and the islands of the Caribbean. Now we have a host of missionaries serving in many countries all over the Western world. Recently God has begun to expand our tent again, and we now have missionaries in Japan and India.

Now this brings me to our newest missionaries, Samuel and Dorcas Mohenu, serving in the West African nation of Ghana. Samuel comes to us with a great deal of experience having a master's degree from Bob Jones University and many years of experience teaching in the Ghana Baptist Theological Institute where he is now serving as director. He is also already involved in church planting and has many students who have graduated from the institute who are ready in the wings to follow on as church planters as well.

It was my privilege to interview Samuel in early September. From the very start of the interview, I knew God had sent us another genuine man of God who is dedicated to the Gospel and prepared to serve in the harvest field bringing not only a great work of winning the lost, but also of preparing many young men to work alongside us to bring the good news of the Gospel to West Africa. Just think of it, God is now opening a brand new door for the GPA to bring the hope of Christ to Ghana and surrounding nations in West Africa.



With a population of 27 million, Ghana is one of the most stable nations in West Africa. The people have greatly benefited from a secure government for over 25 years resulting in a strong economy. Yes, there is poverty there, but thousands of families have risen to a middle class standard of living over the last 20 years. This allows the churches to have the unique opportunity to help with missionaries to the neighboring countries. Samuel has seen the opportunity in this unique situation and is seeking God's guidance in pursuing every avenue for the Gospel in West Africa. I am thrilled to see this door open and so very glad that God has sent Samuel and his dear wife to us.

Presently, Samuel is in Ghana and is active in his sending church, Faith Independent Baptist Church of Accra. He serves with the youth and in education. He plans a deputation trip to the United States hopefully next spring. To have Samuel in your church or more information about him, please feel free to contact the GPA Home Office at 770-995-7045. You can also contact me at 610-806-6555 or email me at pastorgsm1@gmail.com. **

t is wonderful to watch The Gospel *Preacher Association* grow. In the early days of the mission outreach, the target was the English speaking world with the first missionaries serving in Great Britain, Canada, and the United States. For a long time it seemed that the multifaceted ministry of the GPA, which included soul winning, camp meetings, fellowship, and missions, would center on English speaking people and thereby strengthen the core of Christianity in the Western world. However, as is often the case, God's plan for our organization was bigger than we could have ever imagined.

We are instructed to pray the Lord of the harvest, and He will send laborers into His harvest. As we prayed that God would allow us to see more missionaries go out from the GPA, God indeed answered our prayers and began to send us missionaries with a vision for places where English was not the first language. Believing that the Lord of the harvest moves on the hearts of His servants as He wishes and that we should not turn

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Philippines Construction Mission Trip

September 2016, we sent a construction team to help with work that needed to be done on missionary Erickson Marcos' church building in Isabela, Philippines. In March 2015, Pastor Steve Dixon and a small group from Porter's Grove Baptist Church in Rising Sun, MD, worked on this church during a mission trip when the building was just a shell, but unfortunately, due to financial need, not much had been done since. Filipino Missionary Antonio Ner and Travis Sharpe from Unsheltered International also joined the team during this construction trip. During the trip, we had an evening evangelistic crusade Monday-Friday.

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- **Floor & Tiling**
- Concrete
- **Perimeter Fence**
- Driveway

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Mercy Project New Jodate





We currently have weekly work teams on board Mercy's Vessel at Yank Shipyard in New Jersey completing work needed to be done by November 18th before we start back in the spring. This work primarily involves removing large items, scraping, cleaning, and painting in order to prepare Mercy's Vessel for the actual renovations that will transform the ship from a fishing boat into a medical mercy ship. The tentative completion date for renovation of Mercy's Vessel is set for May 31st.

Visit our website www.gpamm.com

to sign up for one of our work teams or to find out more information.



The Crippled Alms Seeker

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

This lame man was "laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful," verse 2. This implies that he was there when the Lord Jesus entered the temple court for teaching during His last week. Yet he was not healed by the Lord.



I. THE COMPANIONS

Peter and John, verse 1. They were opposite to each other in temperament, but both were prominent men among the

- A. **Their destination**—the temple, verse 1. They were on their way to the sacred place of worship at the hour of prayer. God's people have always loved and frequented the divinely appointed place of worship.
- B. Their cooperation—went up together, verse 1. They acted together. Here is an admirable combination. They were friends and partners.
- C. Their devotion—at the hour of prayer, verse 1. This reveals their enthusiastic love and loyalty to the Person of this
- D. Their observation-Peter fastened his eyes upon him with John, verse 4. Christianity knows how to "fasten its eyes upon" the lost and afflicted.

II. THE CRIPPLE

A man lame from his mother's womb, verse 2. Born a cripple, unable to walk, carried daily, unable to work, utterly weak, he had to ask for alms and be dependent upon other people. In this unfortunate man we see a real picture of our own hopelessness apart from the grace of God.

- A. His location—at the gate of the temple, verse 2. This cripple was no fool. He knew that the kindest, most caring people in the world are praying people.
- B. His condition-laid at the gate, verse 2. This utterly helpless man had to be carried.
- C. His vocation-to ask alms, verse 2. He begged for his living as the people passed by. A penniless beggar asked penniless apostles for a gift of charity.
- D. His expectation-he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them, verse 5. Expecting means to regard as likely.

III. THE CURE

He took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength, verse 7. Peter says in verse 6, "Silver and gold have I none." None? What a disappointment this was to the cripple! Then Peter continues with joy, "but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then the miracle happened.

- A. It was without delay-immediately, verse 7. The incoming strength was sudden, and he was no less sudden in show-
- B. It was with delight-walking and leaping and praising God, verse 8. He was glad and grateful for what he had received. Divine grace is to be evidenced when experienced. He published to all about him what God had done for him. Here was Isaiah 35:6a fulfilled. "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart. . . ."

IV. THE CROWD

All the people, verse 9. A mingled crowd of temple worshippers onlookers gathered. There was an abundance of testimony to the reality of the cure.

- A. Their evidence-they saw him. Many of these people had known the cripple for years. "They knew that it was he," verse 10. This miracle so influenced them that they were satisfied in the truth of the miracle and had nothing to object against it.
- B. **Their emotions**–they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him, verse 10.
- C. Their excitement-all the people ran together, verse 11. Some maybe to satisfy their curiosity, but others to hear more concluding testimony that their doctrine was true. This miracle was an unanswerable argument in favor of Christianity. †



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