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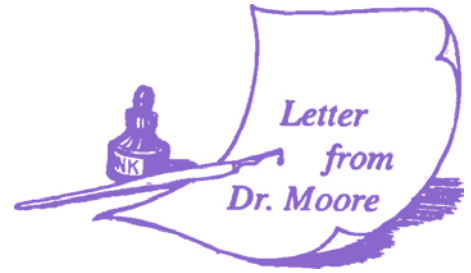
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This will be the last “printed” edition of *The Eagle* magazine which you will receive in the mail, but it is definitely not the last edition of *The Eagle* magazine. We have printed and published *The Eagle* for many years, but now have found the cost of printing and postage per issue is over \$6,000. Therefore, we are going online with *The Eagle*. It will be published quarterly. We will be glad to e-mail you and let you know when each new issue is ready to be read online, if you’ll e-mail my secretary at sue.lutz@galilean-baptist.org and ask her to put you on the e-mail notification list.

Our GPA missionary, T. J. Lawhon, is developing the website. He writes:

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God bless you.

In His Grip,

Tolbert Moore, Editor

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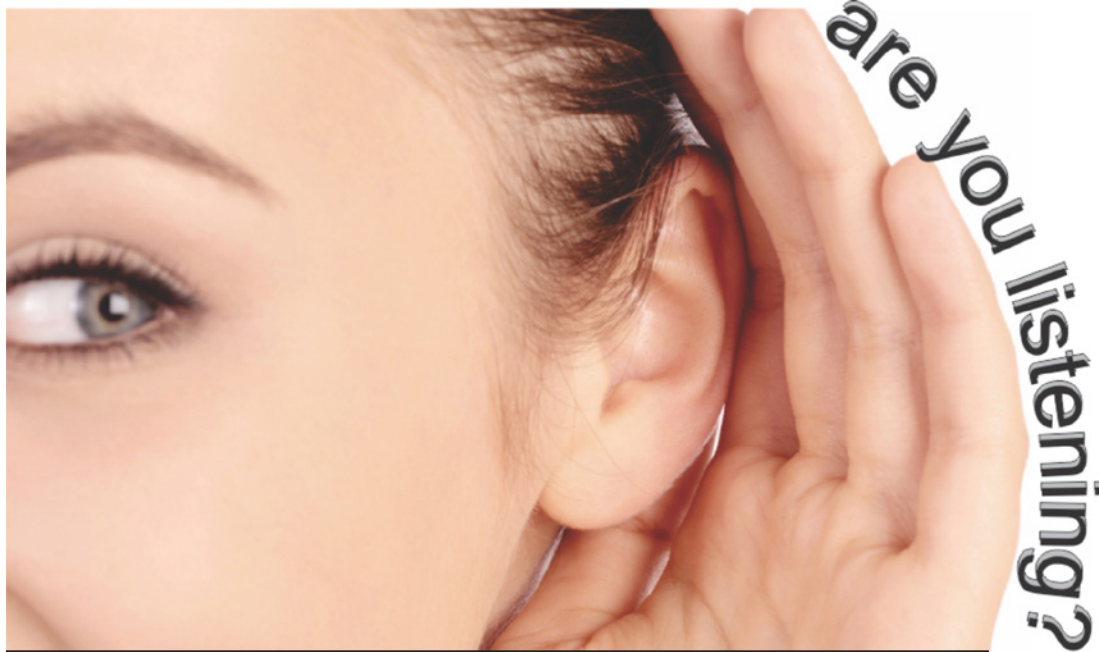
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I want to ask
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ARE YOU LISTENING?

by **Dr. Tolbert Moore**

How many of you have ever taken anything in your life that did not belong to you? Hold up your hand. How many of you have ever told anything that was not so? Lord, we need revival. We have a houseful of liars and thieves. I have got a lot of preaching to do today!

I feel at home at Galilean. It is good to see you. I go to a lot of places, but this is home. I thank the Lord for this place and for this congregation, this assembly.

I want to start this morning in Psalm 85, and I am only going to read one verse because I have several verses I want to bring into focus. This will be my launching verse. Turn to Psalm 85:8: *I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.*

I want to ask a question this morning and maybe help you answer it. **ARE YOU LISTENING?**

The Lord is speaking. After He inspired the Bible, He did not turn dumb. He is still speaking. He speaks according to the written Word. He never contradicts it because He is the Author.

The Bible makes a statement three times in the book of Hebrews and once in the

Psalms. Let's look at the statement in Hebrews 3:15: *While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.* He wants us to hear His voice, to listen.

Seven times in the book of Revelation, He says, "Let him hear."

Revelation 2:7: *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. . . .*

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Revelation 3:22: *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Every voice is distinctive. Many people say that my brothers and I sound alike, but if you know us well, you can tell the difference.

I was at Cracker Barrel the other day for lunch. As I started to leave, a pretty, young lady

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The voice of God is distinctive from all other voices.

came up, grabbed me around the neck, and hugged me tight. She said, "I am so glad to see you. We are going to church now." On and on she talked.

After a while I said, "You think I am Preston, don't you?"

She looked startled and said, "You sound just like him."

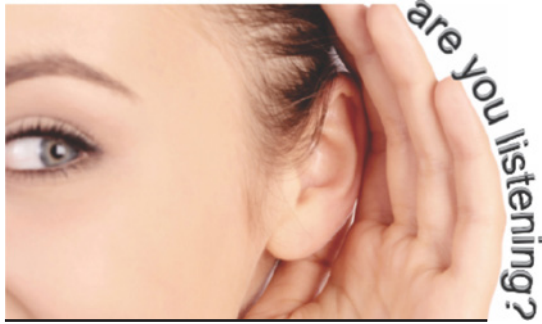
Well, there is a difference. (Now when they talk to Preston and brag on him like he is Tolbert, he never tells them who he is.)

I preached over at Corinth at the Fellowship Meeting. A few days later, Preston was at the Journey's End restaurant, and a fellow came over to him and said, "Brother Tolbert, I want you to know I enjoyed that sermon you preached at Corinth. I got so much out of that." Preston never told him that he was not Tolbert.

Voices have distinction. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 14:10: *There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.*

So the voice of God is distinctive from all other voices. According to the book of 1 Kings when God was dealing with Elijah, He spoke to Elijah in a still, small voice.

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You can hear Him. He speaks peace to His people, yet, He speaks sometimes in a harsh way. He may speak sometimes to convict us, to get our attention, to turn us to Him in repentance. He called it a prick when He spoke to the apostle Paul on the road to Damascus in Acts 9:5: *And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.* When you repent, it is a result of being pricked in your conscience.

God has different ways of speaking. Two times in the Scripture, I believe God spoke in tenderness. In Matthew 17:5: *While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.* I believe His voice was tender when He said that. I believe it was a sweet voice.

C. Austin Miles, in his song, *In the Garden*, wrote in the second verse, "He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing."

I want to deal with this for a few moments. The voice of the Lord is always sweet when He is speaking to His children. When you are hurting so badly that you don't think you can handle it, He speaks to you and says, "I am still here for you and will heal you if you will just trust Me." He speaks in a still, small, loving voice.

"He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing."

How many of you would like to hear from the Lord today? Ah, well, He is speaking. Just listen.

How wonderful it is to hear little children say, "Mommy, I love you. Daddy, I love you." Oh, I have heard that through the years. How sweet it is, and I always know that voice. Only one time did I ever confuse one of my children's voices. I had not heard from David in a while, and he called me one day, and I thought it was Gary. Being brothers, they sound a lot alike.

What I am wanting to get across to you this morning is **GOD IS SPEAKING—ARE YOU LISTENING?**


How many of you would like to hear from the Lord today? Ah, well, He is speaking. Just listen. He does not speak audibly like I do. He might speak through me, but you would hear another voice in your ear. There might be a little voice

speaking to you saying, "Now listen. Now listen," because I am going to give you the Word of God. John 3:15 says, *That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

You may be thinking, "I am about to perish. I can't handle this." Oh, but you can, if you hear that voice.


I never will forget one time I preached a funeral for a man who was like a brother to me. He was three years older than I was, and we grew up together. He was an orphan and used to live with my granddaddy and later with my uncle and aunt.

I witnessed to him several times after I was saved. He would smile and say, "I know there is a change in you." I loved him. I would have given him my arm, but I don't know if



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he ever trusted God. The last time I talked to him about it, he said, "Give me a little more time. I grew up as an orphan."

The next time I saw him he was laying on a slab in Turner Funeral Home in Decatur, Georgia. I had to walk down the aisle of the old home church and preach over his body. It hurt me so badly. It hurt me that he was dead, but it hurt me more because I did not know where he was. As I preached his funeral, I tried to tell it like it was. I only had a breath of hope that maybe as that automobile was turning over, he had called on God to save him before he fell out and hit his head on that rock.

I went home after the funeral. Nellie and I lived on Stone Mountain Lithonia Road. I had a little garage out back with a seat that went alongside the building. I went out there and sat. I was so blue.

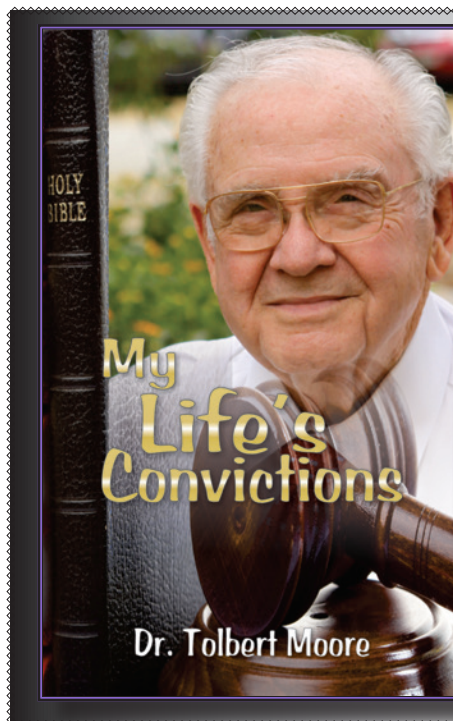
My Dad was at the funeral. In fact, he had a part too. After a while I saw his car pull in the driveway. He saw where I was, and he came and sat down beside me and put his arm around me. We sat there for a long time and didn't say anything. Then he said, "I am proud of you." Boy, did that mean something to me at a time when I was hurting!

You may be hurting this morning. A lot of people are. No doubt, people sitting here this morning are saying, "I am hurting worse than I have ever hurt. I don't know how long I can handle this." Let Him speak to you. Just open your heart and say, "Oh, Lord, I am listening."

I am so full right now that I don't know if I can keep preaching. I am so full of the love of God this morning because He speaks to me. Just to have Him speak—if He didn't say anything but "Hello." Whew, GLORY to GOD for the voice of God!

It hurt me that he was dead, but it hurt me more because I did not know where he was.

You have not done so badly that you can't be forgiven. If He is speaking to you, it means you have not gone too far, even if hearing His voice convicts you.



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Three types of people need to hear His voice:

(1) THE PERSON WHO HAS TRUSTED HIM BUT HAS NOT YET HEARD HIS VOICE.

When Sue Lutz came to work with us at Shiloh Hills Baptist Church, she was helping me with the college as well as the church. I would preach about hearing from the Lord, and she would come into my office and question me about that. One night, Nellie and I had gone to bed, and we were just about asleep when the phone rang. I said, "Hello."

Sue said, "He did, and it is the neatest thing."

I said, "What?"

She said, "He spoke to me."

You may say, "I trust Him. I believe in Him," but it becomes so much more real when He speaks, even if He only says, "It is I."

(2) THE SINNER NEEDS TO HEAR GOD SAY, "I WILL FORGIVE YOU."

I will give you peace." You have not done so badly that you can't be forgiven. If He is speaking to you, it means you have not gone too far, even if hearing His voice convicts you.

The great Charles Finney was raised up, these are his words, as a heathen in the woods of New York, in the forest. He became a lawyer, and back then lawyers used the Bible a lot. So, he began to read the Bible, and it began to have an affect on him. The Lord was speaking to him through the written Word. He said that it was both-ering him. If anyone came into his office, he would cover up his Bible. He did not want them to know he was reading the Bible.

He kept reading, and finally he went to a prayer

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meeting. They were talking about prayer and about having the Holy Spirit, but they never did have any. So, later on, they asked him if he would like for them to pray for him. He said, "Well, not really. I have heard you pray and pray for the Holy Spirit, and you admit that you don't have a bit, so your prayers are not doing much."

One time the conviction was so bad, and he wanted to hide. He went out into the woods near his office and looked all around to be sure he was alone. Something said to him, "If you are ashamed of Me, I will be ashamed of you." He fell down on his knees and began praying and relief came. Peace came. Then he wondered if the Lord had quit dealing with him because he had peace. He had to read the Bible to find out why he had such peace. His sins were forgiven. Peace had come. Whew, GLORY TO GOD! That's the best peace you can get when your sins are forgiven, and they are gone!

My Dad was one of those old-fashioned dads. He was not worried about a hickory limb warping your personality. It did not bother him that it might cause you to be psychologically unbalanced because his correction was supposed to straighten out your psychological situation. When he said, "Tob," I felt good, but if he said, "Tolbert," my hair stood up. It was so comforting when my Dad said, "Tob, that's all right. We will handle that."

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"When you grow up, you can do anything and be anything in life, whatever you desire, if you make the right decisions, the right choices."

Isn't it wonderful when God speaks to you and says, "It's okay. You are forgiven"?

(3) YOU NEED TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT ARE GOING TO AFFECT YOUR LIFE, whatever that decision might be. It might be where you are going to live or with whom you are going to live, or where you are going to work. You have to make a lot of decisions in life.

I tell boys and girls, "When you grow up, you can do anything and be anything in life, whatever you desire, if you make the right decisions, the right choices." Amen.

Nellie and I had been married five or six years, and I had pastored Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, and we lived next door. I had bought five acres and built a little, three-room house. I didn't want any heavy debts because I preached at churches

that believed a preacher should be humble and poor. If God would keep him humble, they would keep him poor. I wasn't sure they would give me enough to support a family.

I resigned at Cornish Mountain after 4 years, blessed years, but the Lord took the burden away, and I quit.

On Saturday mornings, we didn't get up at five thirty like we did the other mornings. We would sleep later. My Dad thought we were awful if we slept until seven o'clock in the morning. One Saturday morning about seven o'clock, Homer Driggers, a boy with whom I played basketball in high school in Stone Mountain, knocked on the door. He said, "I am on the committee from Shady Grove Baptist Church, and we want you to be our pastor."

I didn't want it. They were fifty years old, and they never

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did anything but fuss and fight. Besides that, they had just voted my pastor out, and I didn't like them for that. I didn't want anything to do with them. They were a bunch of hard-headed, hateful Baptists who hated each other. The Jones hated the Wades, and the Wades hated the Jones. If a Jones made a motion, the Wades were against it and vice versa. The church had gone down in attendance until there were only about 25 of them.

They were a bunch of hard-headed, hateful Baptists who hated each other.

I didn't want it. I told Homer, "I've already pastored for a number of years. Why don't you call one of the Singletons? There are five Singleton boys."

He said, "We don't want one of the Singleton boys. We want you. You are the one."

I didn't agree, but they went back and elected me unanimously. I had to pray then.

For two years it was a struggle and a battle, and then we had two years of wonderful revival.

I started praying to the Lord. Behind the house where Nellie and I lived, there was a flat rock, about half as big as this platform, with bushes around it. I would crawl through the bushes and get on that rock to pray. It seemed right to "pray on the Rock." Every time I prayed the Lord would show me Shady Grove, Rockbridge Road, and all those people who did not go to church. Shady Grove was the only church on Rockbridge Road, and none of the people on Rockbridge Road would go to Shady Grove. A lot of them did not go to church anywhere. Finally, I said, "Lord, do I have to go?"

The Lord said, "I'll go with you, Tolbert."

Well, as the song says, "If Jesus is with me, I'll go anywhere." So, I went. For two years it was a struggle and a battle, and then we had two years of wonderful revival. People up and down Rockbridge Road got saved. Kids with whom I had gone to high school got saved.

One morning Willie Joe Graham and Mary Ann came into church. They had never been to church. They were dancers.

I loved to dance when I was what we call backslid. I had rhythm. I had been at the same dances that Willie Joe and Mary Ann attended. Mary Ann was red-headed and freckle-faced, pretty as she

could be, but she would slap the fire out of a fellow in a minute. She never did slap me because I never did bother her.

That Sunday morning, they sat down in the back of the church. I was already in the pulpit. I thought, "Oh no, they know me. The last time they saw me was at the

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dance. I am not backslid now, but they don't know that."

Somehow the Lord blessed me when I got up to preach, and I forgot about it. I preached, gave an invitation, and down the aisle came Willie Joe weeping. He said, "Tob, whatever you got I want. Whatever God has done to you, I want Him to do it to me." Mary Ann was right behind him. She was squalling and had mascara all over her face.

I didn't want to go, but after He sent revival, I didn't want to leave.

God sent revival. I didn't want to go, but after He sent revival, I didn't want to leave.

God speaks to direct your path. He makes your decisions for you, and He never makes a bad decision. He may lead you into a briar patch, but if He does, there is a rabbit in there you need. Some of you fellows will understand that.

(4) WHEN IT COMES TIME TO BE A WITNESS FOR HIM AND TO SERVE HIM, YOU NEED TO HEAR HIS VOICE AND LISTEN TO HIM. At first, you might say, "Lord, You know how bad I have been. Lord, You know I am a sinner."

He will reply, "I came to die for sinners. Your sin debt is paid."

You might say, "But people will remember."

He will say, "Yeah, but if you will give the Gospel and be a witness, you will prove to them that what I have done for you, I can do for them." AMEN!

God is going to call you for some type of service. You may not be a preacher. He may not give you a talent for music to sing like these singers. You may not have the ability to put together a lesson to teach, but I will tell you what you can do. You can tell people what He has done for you. If you have heard His voice and received Him, and He has made a difference in your life, then you have something to tell.

I have won more people to God on a one-on-one basis, explaining to them what God has done for me, than I have any other way. I have used the Romans Road. I have given them John 3:16. Any way you can, give them the Gospel. Tell them what He has done for you.

A lady came to see me when we lived at 183 Mystic Place. She had become involved in sin. She said, "I heard you preach, but I don't know how to go about getting this settled."

I said, "Well, first you must get it settled with the Lord."

She said, "I don't know how to do that."

So I explained to her while sitting in my living room, what the Lord had done for me and how it had all come about. I told her that Dad had been a drunk. They had made music for square dances until I was about 10 years old. I had learned how to curse. I was good at it. I even made up curse words, but God just washed my mouth clean one day. I told her how God had changed my family and me too.

If you have been with God and have had that peace come into your heart, then you know what He did for you. Tell how you came to Him. He will speak to you to speak to others.

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It should have been you, but He did it for you. He took your place, and He can now say to you, "You are forgiven." He can say to your heart, "Peace, be still."

Are you listening? ☩

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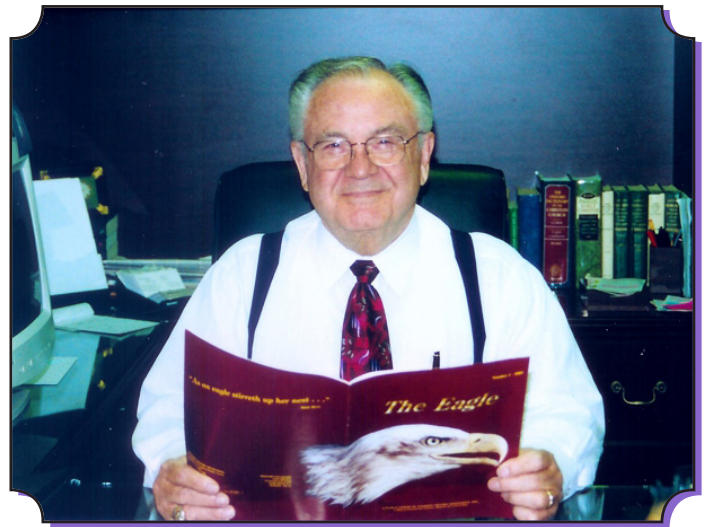

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Jesus Christ is LORD



by Dr. Tolbert Moore

He decides whom He will honor with His presence, approval, and His power. He decides that. It is not left up to some assembly, church, or hierarchy.

CHRISt IS THE LORD. He decides whom He will honor with His presence, approval, and His power. He decides that. It is not left up to some assembly, church, or hierarchy. It is left up to Jesus Christ because He is **THE** LORD, not just a Lord. He is not just one of the Lords. No, He is **THE** LORD. Because He is **THE** LORD and has the power, there is power in His name. His name is Wonderful. In His name, wonders are performed. Miraculous, glorious things are done in His name because His name works.

In Mark 9:38-41 we read, *And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.*

In II Corinthians 6:14 the Bible says, *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:*

for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?


We are told to be separate from unbelievers. Unbelievers would not try to work in the name of Jesus Christ. Now, there are, possibly, those who are trying to work in the name of Jesus Christ but they are not sincere. Because of that, their results are not like that which is wrought through much faith.

On television and in great meetings, we have people yelling in the name of Christ. He decides whether that is real or not. His disciples could not decide that. They did not have that authority. Even John, the one who leaned on His breast, the one whom the Bible said Jesus loved, he (John) could not decide. Christ did not allow His closest associate, friend, disciple, and later apostle to make that call. No, no, no—only Jesus does that. He decides when and under what circumstance His name will work.


We are taught to pray in His name. He said in John 14:13, *And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in*

the Son. So asking and praying in the name of Jesus is the way to pray. Only through Jesus can we get to the Father, only by His permission, only by His name. He glories Himself in allowing us to use His name.

The fourth chapter of Acts deals with the miracle of an impotent man who was made completely whole. Let's read verses 5-12: *And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he*



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is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

I do not know how it could be explained any clearer. I do not know how words could be more articulate or powerful than these given to us by Peter as he was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Isaiah, 740 years before Christ was born, prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7: *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*

His name shall be called Wonderful. His name is Wonderful, and it performs wonders, miracles, and things of great beauty and glory. That is why we sing in His name. That is why we pray in His name and preach in His name. That is where we get our authority.

He said, "Go, preach the Gospel, and I will be with you. Baptize in My name, the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost"—not three gods but one God. He is Wonderful in His person, in His presentation, and in His power. His name is Wonderful because He is THE LORD. †

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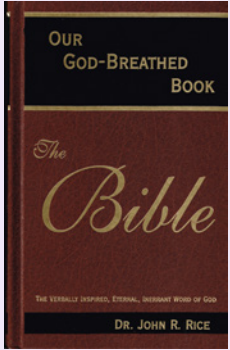
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I Need a Saviour

by Dr. Tolbert Moore

WE have heard for a long time that John 3:16 is the golden verse of the New Testament, and I agree. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* That is a beautiful verse and could be preached on every day and never exhaust the truths contained therein.

However, when people have asked me to sign their Bibles, I have always signed them with a verse from the same chapter of the Gospel of John. It is John 3:36, and it reads like this: *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Now, the American Standard of 1901 says that a little differently. It says, *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.* Of course, there is a lot of arguing and fussing about it. I want to just simply say that if you believe on Him, you will obey Him, and you obey Him as a result of believing in Him. So, really, I am not bothered about either statement because I believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God, and I believe He is the One Who changed my heart on the first Sunday in May in 1941.

Allow me to make a few comments. When houses had no plumbing, there was no need of a plumber. When houses had no electricity, there was no

need of an electrician. When there was no sin, there was no need for a Saviour. When there was no religion, there was no need for a higher authority.

When there is sin, there is a need for a Saviour, because sinners are lost on their way to Hell without a Saviour. When there is no Saviour, there is no hope for forgiveness. When there is no forgiveness, there is destruction. When there is no faith in a Saviour, there is no hope. When there is no grace, there is no living Christ. Christ is not in a religion, or part of a religion, that has no grace, because He is full of grace as well as truth.

So, a religion without grace does not have Jesus Christ. A religion without grace is hopeless. When sin and its result are realized, there is a conscious need for a Saviour Who can forgive sin and heal the damage sin has done. The wounds can be healed even though the scars remain.

We must go back to some of the statements of yesteryear which said that to follow the Lord Jesus Christ in a true and righteous way, we must first believe, understand, and practice the cardinal truths of our faith and the cardinal truths of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.

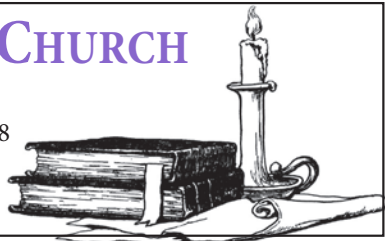
We varied away from that because different movements have somewhat distorted grace and the love of brethren. They have distorted the blessing of goodness, and grace, and mercy of Almighty God. Everybody needs forgiveness for one thing or another, because all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The most serious and abominable sin is causing discord among brethren. That is why none of the denominations of the Christian faith have pure and total power as was had in the first century of Christianity.

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Now, of course, somebody is going to say, "Well, what are you?"

Alright, my church is Baptist. Those are the people with whom I meet in the manner of calling it my home church or my home meeting. However, I meet with a lot of people in the name of Jesus Christ who have no denominational name. I have preached on the front porch of someone's house who did not feel welcome in the church. I was a young preacher, and they said, "Will you come and preach at our house?" I did, and some of them got saved.

One man wanted me to come and preach in his front yard. He had a huge front yard, and he sat chairs all around, so I preached, not on the porch, but in the yard itself.

At a homecoming of one of my family members, they asked me to preach on the grounds. It was not called a Baptist meeting. It was just a meeting for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What I am saying is, yes, I am Baptist. I am like one of my friends who said, "I am Baptist born, Baptist bred, and when I die I'll be Baptist dead." But I do not live and guide my life strictly by all the doctrines, teachings, ideas, hobby horses, and petty things that many of the Baptists do. I love all of the Baptists, but I also love all the Presbyterians and Methodists. I love everybody that names the name of Jesus.

According to the Scriptures, everybody who names the name of Jesus is not a Christian.

Everybody who names the name of Jesus Christ is not received and honored by Jesus Christ. Everybody who names the name of Jesus is not always recognized by Jesus Christ because the Bible says in Luke 13:27: *But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.*

The real children of God are those born again by the love, grace, blood, power and Word of Jesus Christ Himself. They are the saved ones. Each one is saved by Him, not by their own works.

Some stumble because the 1901 American Standard says, . . . *he that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life.* . . . Of course, you should obey the Gospel, but that does not mean doing works for salvation. He plainly teaches that it is not by works of righteousness which we have done. Salvation is totally a gift from the Lord Jesus Christ Who gives it to us based upon our faith in Him as stated in Romans 5:1: *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. . . .*

I enjoy giving these thoughts. I try my best to obey Him, but I fall short because I am still in the flesh and in my carnal mind. I cannot understand or have knowledge unless it comes from the Holy Spirit Who works in my heart and soul to guide me.

I can't always describe or explain how I am being led. I just feel a sense, or the move, of the Spirit in my heart telling me that I should

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go this way or that way.

Thank God I don't have to spell out everything to Him. He knows it all anyway.

So, if you have plumbing, you may need a plumber. If you have electricity, you are probably going to need an electrician, and if you have sin, you are going to need a Saviour. You are not just going to need a Saviour one time or one day. You need a Saviour constantly because we must confess our sins in order to be forgiven of our sins.


What if there are unforgiven sins? That will bring some kind of judgment. The saved person will suffer because he will be chastised. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:11, *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

I am glad that I understand that I need a Saviour every hour. I love that song, "I need Thee, O I need Thee; Every hour I need Thee!"

God bless us as we go forward trying to live a good life and be a good soldier and a good worker in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ. ☩

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I Can Do This!

Philippians 4:13

by **Ann McMillian**

When my husband answered the call to preach, I thought, “This will be hard for a person like me to be a pastor’s wife.” The first thing we had to face was moving 350 miles away from friends and family. Neither of us had been anywhere when we were growing up. It was then that the Lord gave me this verse in Philippians 4:13, *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* That was just the beginning of our travels. God has allowed us to travel to Europe, West Africa, and the Caribbean. In all these places, we had the privilege to begin a church, pastor, and work with fellow missionaries.

I want to take you on a safari to Agadez, West Africa. In November 1974, we left Albertville, France for Niamey, Niger. The next day to go to our new home in Agadez, we had to fly on an old DC-6. When our daughter, Laurie, and I entered the airplane, on the right side of the plane were boxes, crates and tied animals. As I stood there looking, I said to myself, “I can do this!”

After a short time of flying, I heard an unnerving sound. One of the engines went out. I thought, “What do we do now, Lord?” As the pilot turned the plane around and headed back to Niamey, I didn’t know if we would make it or not. Once again, I said to myself, “I can do this! *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me!*”

We had to cook on gas burners and set up cots out in the middle of the desert.

All of a sudden the screen door opened, and an African man reached in, grabbed my pocketbook, and stole all our passports and a whole month’s support.

Thankfully, the Lord got Laurie and me safely back to Niamey, and we had to find another means of transportation to Agadez in the Sahara desert.

We had to travel by Land Rover. Keep in mind there are no roads, just tracks in the sand where others have traveled. It took two days to get to Agadez. Because there were no comfortable hotels or motels, we had to camp out in the middle of the desert. There were no nice restaurants where we could just pop in and get a hot meal. We had to cook on gas burners and set up cots out in the middle of the desert. We had to wrap mosquito netting around us and pile three or four blankets on top of us. During the day the temperature would be around 110-120 degrees, and at night it would be below freezing. Again I said to myself, “I can do this,” and we did.

Terry had gone to another village with Bro. David Edens, and the villagers gave Terry some cooked goat meat, but it had been sitting awhile in a container. Not wanting to hurt the villagers’ feelings, he ate the meat. He soon became very ill. He went outside the tent and began walking and praying. He had no feeling from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. The Taureg men asked David, “What’s that man doing?”

“He’s praying,” David said. In a short time, Terry’s feeling returned, but he still was not well.

When he came back home to Agadez, we went to a mission station in Nigeria to find out his problem. Well, he had ten different amoebas in him. We had to stay there several days while the medicine killed the amoebas!

The night before we were to head back home, Terry and Laurie went to pay our bill for the lodging and services while at the mission station. I had placed my pocketbook in a chair beside the screen door and had gone into the bedroom. As I lay down on the bed, I could see the screen door. All of a sudden the screen door opened, and an African man reached in, grabbed my pocketbook, and stole all our passports and a whole month’s support. The man disappeared into the black night. I began screaming, “David!, David!” who was in the room beside ours. Terry and Laurie heard me, and everyone came running to find out what had happened. I told them about the theft, and they said, “We’ll have to wait until daylight and see if we can find your things.”

The next day, thanks to the Lord, they found my pocketbook with everything intact except for our one month’s support. “What do we do now?” I asked. The Holy Spirit reminded me, *Trust in the Lord . . . and lean not unto thine own understanding.* I said, “I can do this!”

When we returned to Agadez, some of the shops let us have credit for food and other necessities. Our home church took up a love offering for us, and it was more than the stolen month’s support. Now Terry, Laurie, and I could say, “We can do this.”

When problems and obstacles come your way, what will you say? *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.* †



by **Evangelist Byron Foxx**

MY FRIEND CAME DOWN THE AISLE!

AT midnight our family huddled in the middle of our house as a hurricane came through Chesapeake, Virginia. Hard rain fell, big gusts of wind blew, and our house shook. That night we saw the Lord demonstrate His care for us! We only had a few shingles blown off and one tiny leak in the roof.

I got down on my knees in his rain-soaked front lawn and again asked God to please save my friend.

At 4 AM when it was safe again, I told my family that I wanted to go check on my friend across town. We had prayed that he and his family would be OK through the storm. In particular I prayed for my lost friend to get saved that very night.

I drove to my friend's house. I thanked the Lord out loud when I saw everything was well at his home. I got down on my knees in his rain-soaked front lawn and again asked God to please save my friend.

Months and years passed. Then early one Sunday morning, without any notice, Rodney showed up at church.

I had prayed for my friend Rodney for several years. My family prayed with me. Our church prayed. Most of my Christian friends knew that he was on my daily prayer list.

Rodney did not get saved the day of the hurricane.

A few months later, I learned that my friend was told he had cancer. I immediately thought "Now that he has cancer, I'm sure he will get saved today!" However when I stopped by to talk with him, he did not want to be saved that day.

I continued to pray for Rodney to be saved. The Lord directed me to begin going to his neighborhood, sit in my car, and intercede for his salvation.

Months and years passed. Then early one Sunday morning, without any notice, Rodney showed up at church. I prayed throughout Sunday school, "Dear God, save my friend!"

At the end of Sunday school, I went to the music room to get the choir ready for the service. Before our choir walked into the morning service, I asked them to please pray for my friend Rodney to get saved that morning. It was a blessing to see choir men get on their knees and plead with the Lord to give Rodney a chance to be saved.

As the choir was entering the service, I saw a friend of mine named Gagnol. He knew the Lord well and knew how to pray! I told him my burden. Immediately Gagnol got down on his knees in front of his seat and prayed. In fact Gagnol prayed through most of the morning service on his knees, asking God Almighty to save Rodney.

That day I was the song leader for the service, and another preacher brought the sermon. I really do not remember what he preached, because I was on my knees most of the sermon praying for Rodney.

As I went to lead the invitation song, it seemed God wanted me to stop at the altar to pray. I got down on my knees, and simply said, "Lord, You know."


After praying for just a moment, it seemed that God said to me, "Get up." I stood up, turned around, and saw Rodney walking down the aisle!

I asked, "Rodney, have you come forward to be saved?" "YES!" Rodney exclaimed so loudly that whole church heard him. We dropped to our knees, and Rodney called on God to save him. Hallelujah, the good Lord gloriously saved my friend!

Our church rejoiced! We shouted! We glorified God Almighty! Rodney is now one of the most faithful Christians you have ever seen!

Let me encourage you today: Do not quit praying for your friends to be saved. ✠

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Here Am I



by *Dr. Gary S. Moore*, GPA Vice President

In Isaiah chapter six, we have the very familiar story of Isaiah’s vision of the Lord’s glory and his resulting surrender to service. The last two words of the verse are “send me.” The interesting thing about this is that it is chapter six, not chapter one. Isaiah has already been preaching and prophesying for Jehovah. Chapter five is filled with woes proclaimed by him upon the nation of Israel. These first five chapters are filled with great truth and powerful insight from the man of God. Yet, it is not until chapter six that we see this particular moment of surrender. It is a reminder to all of us that one experience in God’s presence may not be sufficient for a lifetime of Christian service. There may well be several times in our lives when we have to give ourselves to the service of the King.

Let’s also consider the surrender itself. Isaiah says, “Send me.” These are

two very important words of commitment and dedication, words that signify a sacrificial offering of the prophet’s life. Isaiah is saying, “I will go, wherever, whenever, and for whatever purpose. I’m yours, Lord. Do with me as You will.” A total offering of life, with its talents, energy, and time is given here.

The hymn writer put it this way:
*Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee:
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

Isn’t God looking for this kind of commitment? Is not this the dedication of service required of us as Paul writes to say, “. . . present

your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service,” Romans 12:1.

We all will say “Yes” to this and pray earnestly that we will be found faithful in our willingness to serve the God Who has saved us by His grace. We have all heard this preached before. If you have been in the Christian faith long, you have heard it preached often, and well we should. It is a topic that should come up often in the pastor’s pulpit and on a regular basis when our evangelists come to preach.

It is not, however, where I want to place my emphasis. Instead, I want to consider the three words that precede it. Just before Isaiah says, “Send me,” he says, “Here am I.” I want us to consider the prophet’s meaning of “Here.”

I don’t believe it’s just a prelude to his declaration of commitment. I think it goes deeper than that.

Just where is “here” for Isaiah? We realize that this is a vision given to him of God, so “here” is not a physical place on earth but rather a spiritual place where he finds himself in the presence of God.

Isaiah has just had a very powerful experience of worship, a very personal and private experience. I love to worship in the congregation of God’s people, but Daniel had his most moving experience in personal, private worship, as did Moses, Elijah, Paul, and John. How often have you had such a private moment in the presence of God that it impacted your whole life? This is the kind of worship Isaiah had, and it caused him to say to God, “Here am I.”

Isaiah in a vision enters into the throne room of God and sees God as Holy, Holy, Holy! When we consider those in the Scripture who had an encounter with God, we find that so often the first thing they mentioned when they came into His presence is His Holiness. Of all the attributes of God, Holiness is preeminent. I do believe that one of the things that makes it hard for us as Christians is a wrong idea of our worthiness. It is imperative that we see God in His Holy character, so that we can see ourselves in our sinfulness, unworthiness, and ruin, for it is only then that we can offer our confession just as Isaiah did. In the presence of the Holy

God, Isaiah immediately recognized his sin and the sin of his generation.

I’m not as sure as others that I really understand what is meant by “I am a man of unclean lips,” but I can clearly see that as he dwelt among a people of “unclean lips” that the sin of his day was the same sin with which he struggled. This is our problem today as well. The sin of the “me first” people affects us all. The sins of comfort, pleasure, having and getting stuff, are the sins of our generation and, whether we like to admit it or not, they are our sins also. We don’t just live in a “me first” world: we are “me first” ourselves. Lest we linger too long here, let’s go now to the next part of this worship that Isaiah experienced.

He confessed to God on his behalf and on behalf of his generation. “Woe is me!” he exclaims. Just one chapter before he was proclaiming woe to Israel. Now the woe is personal. He is broken in the company of God Almighty, and he offers no excuse, just

Think about that: a live coal placed on his lips! I think that’s gotta hurt! It’s painful to come face to face with our unworthiness, to confess our faults, and to own up to our frailties. Yet this is how he received forgiveness and cleansing, and that is WHERE we need to be standing before we say, “Send me.”


Now Isaiah is a different person, no longer the same as before, because of his experience with God. I Timothy 2:8 gives us the conclusion we seek, “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.”

Envision for a moment one who comes to present his sacrifice to the priest in the Old Testament. He lays his hands, so full of sin, filth and vile affections, on the neck of the sacrificial lamb signifying the transfer of guilt from himself to the lamb to be offered for sin. Then the deed is done—the lamb’s blood is shed, the life flows out of his body, and the worshiper is declared free of sin. He then walks out into the courtyard of the Temple and lifts up those same hands to God, but now they are clean, holy, and acceptable to God. He can say unto God, “**HERE** am I.” I stand in forgiveness. I’m here in Your righteousness. I was broken but remade. Now I stand ready to serve.

For the Christian, we do not need to wait for the Day of Atonement to find cleansing or offer up a lamb of sacrifice to make us whole, for Christ Jesus Himself has made the once-and-for-all, never-to-be-repeated sacrifice for our sin. We confess, and God is “faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” We can stand **where** Isaiah stood, and we can say, “I am ready now to serve, wherever, whenever, and however You direct me.” What wonderful words to be uttered from us to our God . . . **HERE AM I, SEND ME!** ✚



confession. Once he has seen himself sinful and offered his repentance, then a live coal comes off the altar and is placed on his lips so that his iniquity is taken away and his sin is purged.



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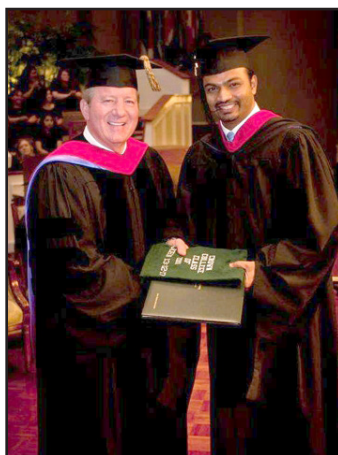
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The Gospel Preacher Association was started first as a missionary outreach to the English speaking world. Over the years, God, in His infinite wisdom, has added again and again to our vision. Now in addition to our missionaries from Eastern Europe to South America, God has given us a missionary family to India. I am sure many are praying with me that this is just the beginning of many missionaries to the Eastern Hemisphere. The great commission is to the whole world, and it is our desire to do all we can to fulfill that commission in our lifetime.

Vara Earlagadda is a 2010 graduate of Crown College and was recommended to us personally by Dr. Clarence Sexton. It is our joy to see his work begin to flourish there in Nizam-pet, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh. This area is ninety percent Hindu and the rest Muslim, but by God's grace a church has now been planted and has been meeting regularly for eight

months. Eight souls have been saved recently, and the congregation is now nine families and five young men along with over thirty in Sunday School.

The battle has been great because Nizam-pet is filled with strong idol worship, and the people put their



Vara Earlagadda at his graduation from Crown College in 2010 with Dr. Clarence Sexton



faith in all religions. However, the power of God has moved, and they are coming out of the darkness of idol worship and into the light of true salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the only way to Heaven.

As the work continues, we ask that you pray for a permanent place for the church as now the church meets in the houses of the members. Vara writes, "We believe the Lord will continue to do great things in this ministry."

We are praying and believing with him that God's blessing and power will supply every need and move on a multitude of hearts. Even in the spiritual darkness of India, we are asking that the Kingdom of God will grow to the glory of the Father. ✠

—Dr. Gary S. Moore

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He Came to Take Over

(Acts 1:8) “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

(John 16:8-11) “And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”

When the Spirit came on the day of Pentecost, He came to take over! We may well understand that the apostles had no power while in the upper room. When the Spirit came, their preaching turned thousands toward Christ and salvation. The men had no more power within themselves than they had in the upper room. The difference was the Spirit of God working through these men. The Spirit took over.

Adam Clarke’s *Commentary on the Bible* says of the phrase, **He will reprove**— “He will demonstrate these matters so clearly as to leave no doubt on the minds of those who are simple of heart; and so fully as to confound and shut the mouths of those who are gainsayers.”

It seems we have become more concerned with our abilities, methods, and ambitions than whether or not the Spirit of God is working in our services. More importantly, is He working in our daily lives? Our churches are filled with those who seem uninterested in the work of God. In fact it often seems a great burden is placed upon them just to

attend a few services a year. We often hear of churches discontinuing Sunday and Wednesday evening services. We could easily criticize them, call them compromisers, and say they are departing from the faith, but the truth is most of the members discontinued attending years ago. Actually, they realized that it was a futile effort to try propping up a dead service.

Jamieson, Fausset and Brown make an interesting observation. **He will reprove**— “This is too weak a word to express what is meant. *Reproof* is indeed implied in the term employed, and doubtless the word begins with it. But *convict* or *convince* is the thing intended; and as the one expresses the work of the Spirit on the *unbelieving* portion of mankind, and the other on the *believing*, it is better not to restrict it to either.”

The same Spirit that convicts the lost of their condition, convinces the saved of their condition. This begs the question as to whether or not we have Spirit-filled churches. If so, we must have Spirit-filled Christians. If

we have Spirit-filled Christians, how can a church with twenty thousand members only have a couple thousand attend regularly? The other question is, how is it the work of the Holy Spirit to convict a sinner to be saved and yet never convince him to change his lifestyle? That, to me, is a contradiction in terms.

It is common to have several professions of faith in a revival with only a few, if any, to follow on in baptism and fewer still to become faithful in church attendance. God help us in this area. Where is the dedication? We often are told we need to weep over the lost, and that is true, but if the average church does not start weeping over wayward church members, we shall disappear as an entity.

We must realize that any power we have is given to us by the Holy Spirit. We must also understand that the Holy Spirit must convict the sinner before he can be saved. Then we need to realize that there is a problem in our assemblies with the lifestyle of many of our members.

The answer I believe is to **let the Holy Spirit take over**, rather than expecting Him to execute our feeble plans.

(Romans 1:16) “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” †

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