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Dear Faithful Readers and Friends,

Yesterday I was sitting beside Preacher Moore's bed, getting ready to ask him some questions that I thought maybe a young preacher would like to ask. I said, "Preacher Moore, there were so many years you preached camp meetings in tents, churches, under arbors—all kinds of places. Some of those camp meetings went on for years (even over a decade), and every year the crowds would grow larger. People could hardly wait for camp meeting! Can you tell me some of the things you would say to a young preacher about camp meetings? What was important to you?"

Immediately he said: "Make sure everyone felt and was welcome! No one was left out. No matter what they believed, whether they went to church or didn't go to church, who they came with, how they got there, or what denomination they were or thought I was—I would say, 'It's good to see God's people!' I would draw them in by including everybody! It was an important meeting for everyone who was there: some by themselves and others representing their people. Never put anyone down because they are different or believe differently than you. There's only one God: He is God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The primary focus is always on Jesus and what He wants to accomplish, why He came, to make you more conscious of God, and God's will, and what God has for YOU individually."

At first, I was surprised at what he said, but then thinking it through, I realized that has been his whole life: Meeting people where they are, no matter who they are, and introducing them to His Saviour. Perhaps Preacher Moore introduced His Saviour to you or had a great influence in a major change in your life? Pray for him and pray for each other.

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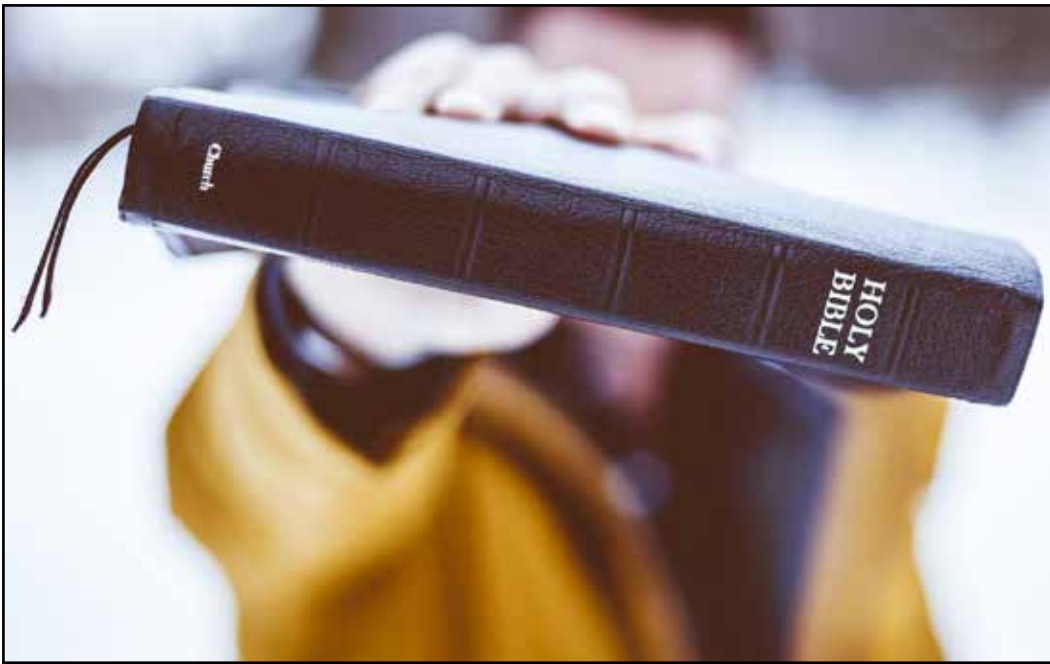
Father of Tolbert Moore

When Dr. Moore came home from the hospital to continue his convalescence from Covid, one day he said, "When my dad prayed, he would say, 'Lord, your blessings go before us like a running stream!'" Known for his anointed praying, we who were privileged to hear him pray, can picture in our minds and hearts those chosen words of praise and pleading that left us all in awe of his ability to reach His God (even our God) on our behalf. Obviously, Dr. Moore was thinking about how God was taking care of him through all the obstacles!

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by **Dr. Tolbert Moore**

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A NEW COMMANDMENT

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” Jesus said this is the first and great commandment, and then He said, “*And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*” (Matthew 22:37-39)

But in John 13:33-35 He said, “*Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*”

I am preaching today on **A NEW COMMANDMENT**. If you give careful reading to the above scriptures and pay particular attention, you will find there is a difference in what He is saying. In the first

passage He says, “*love thy neighbor as thyself,*” but in John, He refers to “*a new commandment*” when He says, “*love one another; as I have loved you.*” Let us look at this very carefully. What does it mean to love the way Jesus loved?

Jesus Paid the Debts of Others

There was a debt that everyone owed—that we were unable to pay, and Jesus paid it for us.

Have you ever paid a debt which was not your debt? Or have you ever paid a debt that you didn't feel was your debt? I'll tell you, that will get us bent out of shape in a hurry! It really will. If the telephone company sends us a bill with a call charged on it which isn't ours, we won't waste a minute calling them up. It doesn't matter if it isn't but \$1.35. “Hey, this isn't my call. What are you doing putting it on my bill?” It doesn't make any difference if

you have the \$1.35 or not. That is not the question. You don't want to pay anyone else's bills.

You pay your children's bills. That is a part of life, and sometimes, that gets heavy. At one time, two of our children were in college at the same time. The bills got pretty steep, but I knew they were where they should be, doing what they should do, and I knew my job was to pay their bills, pay their college fees.

I remember one time in particular when it had come time to pay another quarter's tuition. I did not have the money and could not see from where it would come. About three years before I had been given a new Cadillac automobile, and I said to my wife, “I'm going to sell that car and pay that college bill.” It was a joy and a blessing to us to do this for our children, but I wouldn't have done it for my neighbor's child; and, as good as I love you, I'm sure I probably wouldn't have done it for your child!

But do you know what? **JESUS PAID OUR DEBT AND DID NOT COMPLAIN. HE UTTERED NOT A WORD!**

Jesus Took Our Guilt

There is another step which really gets us bound up. Jesus did not go to the cross because of His sin—He knew no sin. He became sin for us that He might redeem us from the curse.

I'll tell you now, you let even a little child get accused of something that his brother or sister did, and, boy, you talk about getting upset! It's not just adults who don't want to be accused! “Mama, I didn't do it! Gary did it! David did it! I did not do it!”

When we get older, we say, “Don't you put that guilt on me! Don't you put that guilt trip on me!” Oh, no! **YET, JESUS TOOK OUR GUILT. HE PAID OUR DEBT!**

Have you ever paid a debt that you didn't feel was your debt? I'll tell you, that will get us bent out of shape in a hurry!

Jesus Experienced Our Fear

Paul wrote in Hebrews 5:7 (concerning Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane), “Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.” Jesus took our fear. He was saying, “O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me.” His soul was pouring out! His life was ebbing from Him. He became so weak physically, and His sweat became as great drops of blood for you and for me. HE TOOK OUR FEAR.

Jesus has loved us in a particular, special way, and He says, if we will love one another as He has loved us, then—

All Men Will Know That We Are His Disciples

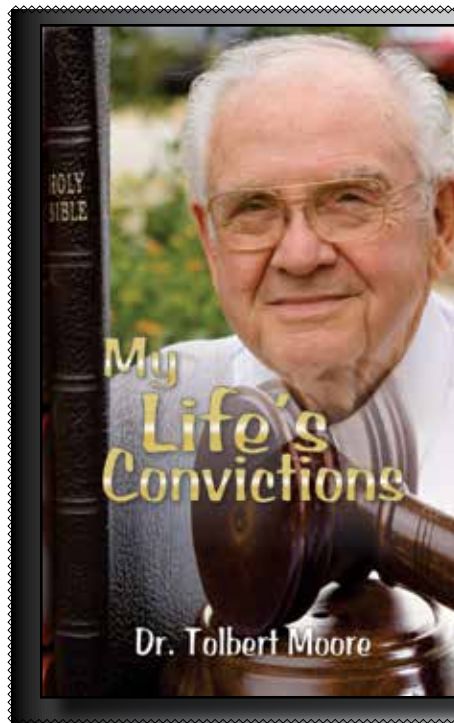
Now, there is something about the love of the brotherhood of the family of God which is unexplainable. There is a love and a tie when we are in Christ, when we are walking in Christ and in His Word, when we are living true to Him, that cannot be explained. It is more beautiful, more wonderful, more strengthening, more healing than anything you could experience.

Today’s Christian seminars and therapy classes are side stepping guilt and pushing a superficial, put-on love, but it won’t work! True love, forgiveness, and a spirit free from fear come only from a work of grace in the life of a believer – from the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Now, Preacher Moore, I’ll agree. The Bible says I should love people like Jesus did, but I can’t!” I’m glad you made that confession. I’m glad you admitted the truth. Most folks will never admit that they are not what they should be.

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What about the person in the church who is supposed to hold a position and is supposed to be doing something towards the work of the ministry and he gets slack about his job—he puts the load on someone else? He is out of order, and someone else has to make up the difference.



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In my Sunday school class this morning, I asked how many really believed that they should and could do better than they were doing. It was unanimous! I did not have one in my class who thought they were perfect! If we will be honest, all of us will admit we are not doing what we could do, and when we start tightening down on ourselves, practicing what we know is right, it gets to us. If someone begins to put something on us, or if we have to pay more than our part, our old nature begins to rise!

God has already worked out the giving for us. Ten per cent of your income belongs to God. It doesn’t matter if you make \$10.00 a week or \$1,000 a week (little or big or whatever), your part has been determined. If we do what we should do

and tithe to our local church, we will all give our own part. We will not be paying someone else’s debt. The problem is, there comes a time when someone is slack. There was a time in my life when I was slack about giving. Someone else had to make up the giving in my place since I was being slack.

Then, there are some things that get even heavier. What about the person in the church who is supposed to hold a position and is supposed to be doing something towards the work of the ministry and he gets slack about his job—he puts the load on someone else? He is out of order, and someone else has to make up the difference.

Did you know in the book of II Thessalonians (you have heard me quote this—I don’t know if you have looked up the



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context or not) the writer says, "If any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." He is talking about those who eat and will not work. He is talking about those who want to have a part at the table, sharing and receiving everything that everyone else is receiving, but not carrying their load, not doing their part of the work. He said they are disorderly.

Now we have been taught if someone gets into immorality, we are supposed to care about them and deal with them. We are supposed to do it in love; but, after a while, if we cannot get them to stop, we are instructed to disassociate with them, withdraw from them—"That he may be ashamed." Oh, if we did that, we would have a skinny crowd, wouldn't we? Yet, that is what the Book says. Listen now, I want to put it right where the Bible puts it—not my philosophy, not my ideas, but exactly where the Bible puts it.

He said you need to be willing to do more than your part. You need to be willing to pay when you do not really have to pay, and it is not your obligation. You need to be willing to work when it is someone else's work! You need to take on more work than is really yours. You need to have a burden. You need to take on more of the guilt. You need to take more of the fear, and it doesn't need to be dependent on whether or not you are appreciated!

"I can't do it!"

No, you cannot, and I cannot. That is why the Bible said. . .

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

You cannot do it without God; but when we are filled with His Spirit, we can bear, we can pay, and we can love like Jesus loved.

And we need to...

Be Filled with the Word of God

Do you know what makes the Bible holy? **The Author!**

If we have the Holy Spirit and the Holy Word, we will have the faith we need, because faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Faith comes by hearing, and if you hear the Word of God, the living Word of God, and your faith is built on it, you will have the kind of faith you need.

Someone said, "I'm defeated!" Depression is the opposite of faith. Discouragement is the opposite of faith. WHEN YOU START HAVING REAL PROBLEMS, DON'T WORK ON YOUR PROBLEMS, WORK ON YOUR FAITH! "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Don't blame your circumstance. Don't blame someone or something else; instead, you should say, "I need to do something about my faith!"

If we are going to love like Jesus loved, we are going to

have to pay debts that are not ours, we are going to have to suffer guilt that is not ours, we are going to have to experience fear that we do not deserve, and we cannot do this on our own. However, if we are filled with the Spirit and filled with the Word, we will have faith which will withstand the circumstance and the onslaught of the devil.

You have heard the saying, we are taking it broadside. It is hitting us broadside! Those are sailor's terms. If you go into a storm in a ship and the storm hits you broadside, it will destroy the ship. The way real sailors do when they are going into a storm is to bat down their hatches, tie down everything, and turn the ship straight into the storm. The bow of the ship is designed to cut through that storm.

If you get your faith strengthened, you can face straight into whatever is happening in your life, and you will come out victorious. You will be able to love like Jesus loved. By doing this, the scriptures say, ALL MEN WILL KNOW YOU ARE HIS DISCIPLE. †

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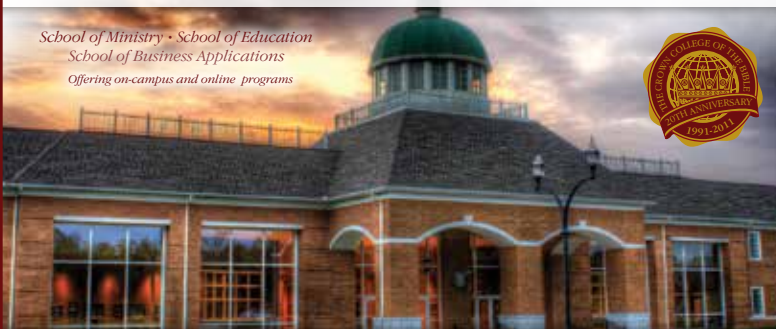

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During July and August, as part of our summer mission trips, we had Rick and Nancy Montes in Houston. As of this writing, in Houston WE HAVE HAD NINE SOULS TRUST THE LORD FOR SALVATION. The team has done two weeks of Vacation Bible School and the opening Sunday of the campaign at Iglesia Bautista Fundamental El Faro with Pastor Jaime Ortega had its LARGEST CONGREGATION SINCE THE COVID-19 restrictions. They saw eight people walk the aisle in the morning service alone. This week the mission continues with an evangelistic meeting.

We also had a wonderful outreach in New Orleans during the month of July supported by *Mercy's Vessel*. Three teams held two weeks of Vacation Bible School and an Evangelistic Meeting for one week under the tent that we donated to the Terrytown Family Baptist Church. Special thanks to Barry Crohn and Tom Gouge for all their incredible hard work for over six weeks. By Labor Day, this summer's mission trips will come to an end, but we see much work to be done in the coming year.

At this moment, we have many missionaries asking us to bring the Medical Clinic to their area with both basic health care and evangelistic outreach. Of course, COVID-19 has held us in the United States during 2020 and 2021, but as we see restrictions lift, we are making plans to resume our international work. Your prayers are greatly needed as we look ahead to 2022.

On the calendar for early next year is a short period of dry dock inspection as required by the Coast Guard. We will have to voyage to Mobile, AL for this, as it is the nearest point to dry dock a vessel our size. After that, we are planning a spring trip with two ports of call. The exact locations and time are still under review as we continue to consider existing COVID restrictions. For more information or to donate visit us at www.gpamm.com ☩



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ISAAC . . . who didn't let dirt get into his eyes



“**And** Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham . . .” Genesis 26:18a. Isaac was a wise man. We should congratulate him. Dirt can be a great hindrance, especially when it spoils our vision.

► **A Great Drought**

The need for water was urgent, and everyone realized it had to be found at all costs. Each passing day brought disaster nearer. The lowing of the cattle, the bleating of the sheep, and the lines of anxiety on the faces of worried men, told their own poignant tale. In a land where water was at a premium, the inhabitants valued it above gold. Isaac, the leader of the people, appreciated the urgency of the moment and faced his greatest problem. His anxious eyes searched the countryside where the drought had wasted the land and where the earth was bare and barren. He sighed as he watched his people, and his silent prayer went up to heaven. Oh, for a stream of living water!

► **A Great Decision**

Isaac stood in the doorway of his tent, and resolution was born in his soul. He remembered how his father had passed this way, and how he also had been confronted by a similar

need. He had found water. Isaac search for those old wells and frowned when he saw they had been filled with earth. The enemy had been busy. Obviously, the springs had dried up, for no sane man would ever ruin a valuable well. To the followers of Isaac, it seemed that Abraham's wells were no longer of use. Perhaps they would have passed by in their search for new springs; but Isaac stood still. The wells seemed to be utterly useless, and yet—his father had found water there. Could it be that beneath the rubbish the old springs were waiting to come to life? Would he be wise in looking beyond the dirt? He made his decision and commanded his men to dig.

► **A Great Discovery**

“And Isaac's servants digged in the valley and found there a well of springing water.” Other men would have considered the dirt and abandoned the task as hopeless. Rubbish would have impaired their vision. Isaac was too wise to permit the dirt to get into his eyes, and subsequent events proved the greatness of his decision. The toilers removed the rubbish from Abraham's wells, and soon a great cry of relief went up from the camp. The bubbling, sparkling flow of life-giving water arose to fill the well, and the desperation of anxious men gave place

to praise. They had proved that the springs were still there.

► **A Great Declaration**

Indeed, this is so important that it should be broadcast throughout the world. The need of man is still great. The fear of war, the unrest of human hearts, the intense yearning for reality can be found everywhere. It might be well to ask where our fathers found the sufficiency for their needs. They found that God was a refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. The Church and the Bible were the wells in which they found refreshment. Yet today the man of the world scorns such ideas. He glibly declares that the Church is filled with rubbish and hypocrites. Alas, he has allowed dirt to get into his eyes. Nothing can alter the fact that millions of souls have proved that the old springs of God are still operative. If we have the determination to look beyond our disappointments we shall discover the springs of pardon, and peace, and eternal joy are still realities, and our barren hearts will blossom as the rose.

“And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.” There is no drought here! If I must dig, it is better to dig a well for my soul than a grave for my hopes. †

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GOD IN YOU

Sight, Light, & Might

by Dr. Dennis Petty

Until Jesus was born and was given a human body, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost were all Spirit, and you can't see a spirit.

When you get to Heaven, you are not going to see anybody but Jesus Christ because He is the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Psalm 119:129, *"Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them."*

As I read that verse this week, I got a notepad and wrote down "thy words are wonderful." Dear friends, this is the best Book you will ever read because of what it says and Who it represents.

In John 1:1-2 the Bible says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."* Then in John 1:14 it says, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

We are clearly aware that this is the incarnation of Christ, when God took on the human face and came among us so that you and I could know what God is like. Jesus said in John 14:9, *"... Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"*

Isn't that awesome? By looking at the Lord Jesus Christ, we can see God Himself Who loved us and gave His darling

Son so you and I could have this life in Christ Jesus. What a wonderful, wonderful truth God has given us here in what is called the Incarnation—when God became a man.

Until then, God was a Spirit. John 4:24 says, *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* If God is a Spirit, which one is a Spirit? God the Father, God the Son, or God the Holy Ghost? Are you still with me?

Until Jesus Christ became a man, God had never been a man. Oh, absolutely not. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost was a Spirit because God was the head of an office of a person who was made up by three personalities—the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Until Jesus was born and was given a human body, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost were all Spirit, and you can't see a spirit.

You see, God became a man. When you get to Heaven, you are not going to see anybody but Jesus Christ because He is the fullness of the Godhead bodily. Stay with me now. Jesus said, if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. Let's look again at John 14:9-10, *"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the*



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Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

So, if you get to Heaven and see Jesus, you have seen God the Father. You are not going to see God the Father or God the Holy Ghost, but you will see God the Son Who is manifest in the body of the Godhead Himself. What an awesome truth that is right there clearly in the Bible for you and me!

Jesus is the God-man. He is as much man as if He had never been God. He is as much God as if He had never been man. He is God and man together. Oh, my soul!

He gave us the Word, and He said, **I am the Word.** Look again at John 1:14, *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

This is the written Word, but He gave us the Living Word. When you get in this Book, the Person that you get to look at and read about is the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ

Himself manifesting Himself as the Word of God. What an awesome truth this is. Here is the wonderful Word.

When you get in the Word of God, your heart will want to worship and praise. You will want to lift up the Name that is above every name. You will want to look at the One whose name shall be called Wonderful in Isaiah's prophecy. Not only is His name Wonderful but His testimonies are wonderful as we read earlier in Psalm 119:129. The testimonies of the Word of God are a miracle of God. God preserving this so you and I could have a copy of this is a wonder. When we begin to read the Bible, we begin to see ourselves for what we are. We begin to see God for Who He is. We begin to see all that He has done because He loved you and me. Isn't that something?

God is everything. God has everything. God doesn't need you or me, but oh we need Him!

He said, "You need me because you are a sinner and are on a road to a Christless Hell, so I am going to send my Son so you can get

on a road to a heavenly home in another world." What a God you and I serve!

God has given us a wonderful Word. If you will back up 100 chapters to Psalm 19:7-10, we read, *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold. . . ."* This blessed Book, the Word of God, is all of that to you and me!

I don't know if you have ever spent much time in the Word of God. Have you ever got into this Word until God has become so real that all you could do was fall across your desk and say, *"Oh God, have mercy on me!"* because you didn't know what to say. You were beside yourself because you recognized that you have been brought into the presence of the thrice Holy God and the best thing for you to do is to keep your mouth shut until the Holy Ghost begins to deal with you and then deal with whatever it is the Holy Ghost is dealing with you about. I am saying this is the wonderful, wonderful Word of God.

This blessed Book is the mind of God. Do you want to know what God is thinking? Get in here!

This not only tells me about the mind of God, it tells me about the state of man. He tells me that man is lost and needs a Saviour Who is Christ. He tells me about the way of salvation. He talks to me about the doom of the sinner and the joy of the saint. He tells me about the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. He tells me about the decisions that are unchangeable.

Jesus is the God-man. He is as much man as if He had never been God. He is as much God as if He had never been man. He is God and man together.


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Do you know why the world thinks what we are doing is foolish and crazy? They can't see it! Their eyes are blind to the truth of God's wonderful Words. They can't see how wonderful and precious it is.

You can't get saved and stay the same. You can't walk with Jesus and not be like Jesus.

You see, when God makes a decision, He never has to change His mind. Sometimes I have to change my mind—I am married. Yet, God never changes His mind.

When you read the Bible, it makes you wise. When you believe it, you are saved. When you practice it, you become holy.

When God Almighty reveals Himself through the truth of the Word of God, the truth inside of you excites you and pushes the truth of God in you along for the glory of God. If you want to start living right, live in the Book. Everything that you need to walk with God is right here in this Book.

Isn't it amazing? I have been preaching this Book for 53 years, and I have not even scratched the surface yet.

Last year was a bad year for evangelists and missionaries who were on the road. I had week after week after week with no place to go and preach. So, I went in the study, sat down, and opened my Bible to Colossians. I said, "Well, since I am not preparing to go and preach, I will just go through the whole book of Colossians and outline and study it." In a few minutes, I had 17 sermons.

But the thing that shocked me so was what it did to me personally from just spending hours a day in the Word of God. I am not talking about just passing by it. I am talking about getting in it and staying in it until the God of this Book gets in you, and if God ever gets in you, everybody around you will know it. The sinner will be miserable and the saints of God will rejoice in the fellowship you can have in the Lord Jesus Christ. Isn't it awesome what this wonderful Book will do for us?

Luke 1:70 says, "As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: . . ." That means,

when God was putting this down, He was talking to men like you and me. The only difference was they were God's holy prophets. He gave them the message He wanted them to pen down. It was not their words but I know God used their words. Divine inspiration is the action of the Holy Ghost on the minds of sacred men as they write down what God is whispering into their spirit. What a wonderful Word God has given to you and me.

Three things and I will be through, and you can get out of here. I say a lot more in my introductions than I do in my message.

I. The preaching of the Word of God gives sight.

The Bible talks about the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," I Corinthians 1:21. Do you know what God does when He saves us? He gives us **sight**.

Listen to this story. Jesus is with Nicodemus in John 3:3, "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Do you know why the

world thinks what we are doing is foolish and crazy? They can't see it! Their eyes are blind to the truth of God's wonderful Words. They can't see how wonderful and precious it is.

This wonderful Book changes lives. God uses this blessed Book to bring us into His family. He said in I Peter 1:23-25: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever..."

I know the Holy Ghost convicts us, moves us, and draws us, and I know Jesus said without Me you cannot come to the Father (Matthew 11:27, "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.") However, He also uses this Book.

How do you get faith to get into the family of God? "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," Romans 10:17. If you will believe this Book, it will save you and transform your life. You can't get saved and stay the same. You can't walk with Jesus and not be like Jesus. Did you hear what I said?

People say, "I am saved, Preacher," but they live like the



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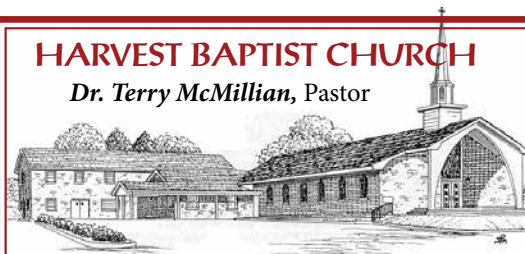


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devil. They never met God. When God saves a person, He transforms them from the inside out. We become a new creation, a new creature, in Christ Jesus. I don't know anybody who can create but God. Amen. I know man can invent things out of pre-existing material, but God creates out of NOTHING.

When He made you a new creation, He started with nothing. You see, we want to stick out our chest and think we are something. God took you when you were nothing and made you a child of the King. Now, I have dual citizenship. I am a citizen of this world, but I have been born again, and I have citizenship in another world. What a wonderful truth that is to my heart and my life, and it all came about by the wonderful Word of God.

The preaching of the Word gives **sight**. The Bible says in Luke 4:18-19, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."*

Thank God, when He saved me, I began to see. I got saved and had such a hunger for this Word. I carried it in my pocket all the time. When I went to lunch at work, I would sit there reading the Word of God. Wherever I went I had the Word of God. Yet my pea brain would not get hold of it, and it disturbed me to no end. So, I enrolled in a Bible school to learn to study so I would know what the Word of God is saying. I wonder how much time have you spent trying to find out what the Word of God is saying?

Blind Bartimaeus was sitting by the roadside. He didn't go there to get his sight. He didn't go there to see Jesus. He

went there to get a meager offering to support his meager way of living. However, when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he lifted up his voice and said, *"Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me."*

Let's read it in Luke 18:36-43, *"And hearing the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And they which went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried so much the more, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, Saying, What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God."*

Aren't you glad God can open your eyes, and you can behold in the pages of this blessed Book the God that you have fallen in love with. You can get to know Him better.

Jesus asked Bartimaeus the question, *"What would thou have me to do?"*

He said, *"That I might receive my sight."* Bartimaeus' problem was that he was blind.

When I came to Jesus crying out to Him, I did not hear Him say, *"What would you have me to do?"* But I was crying because I was aware that I was a sinner and knew that if I stayed in that condition I would spend a Christless eternity with the damned. Are you listening to me?

Jesus said to Bartimaeus, *"Receive your sight. Thy faith has made thee whole."* He took care of his physical problem, and He took care of his spiritual problem.

Thank God, He is in our physical problems, but I am delighted that He is in my spiritual problems. Amen. He meets our needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus.

Now, all of a sudden, Bartimaeus can join the man who was blind in John's Gospel chapter 9, verse 25, in saying: *"Whereas I know I was blind, but now I see."*

Aren't you glad that you can now see? The preaching of the Word of God gives you **sight**.

II. The entrance of God's Word gives light.

Now that I am saved by the grace of God, when I get into this Book, the entrance of His Word gives **light**. If I want

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to know how to live, He will give **light** on how to live.

Paul tells Timothy (1 Timothy 3:15) that he is writing to him so he will know how to act at the house of God.

What I have discovered is that when I spend time in the Word of God, He gives me **light** on how I should live. Then He gives me **light** on where I am not living like I should. Then God the Holy Ghost gives me conviction causing me to get on my face and live like I ought to live.

Jesus said in John 8:12, “. . . *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*”

Get into the Word of God, and God will teach you how to live for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and you can show others how to live. When Jesus was here, He said, “I am the light of the world,” but He went back to the Father and then said, “You are the light of the world.” Does the world see Christ in you?

My last thought, if preaching the Word gives **sight**, and entrance into the Word gives **light**, then—

III. Abiding in the Word gives might.

He wants you to be strong in the Lord. He wants you to let the Word of God dwell in you richly so you will be strong in the Lord

Jesus Christ. Colossians 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*”

I am no match for the devil, but if I stay close to God and His blessed Son, when the enemy of our soul comes around, we can have the power and might of God. You see, He is our strength.

I am asking you, “Are you strong in the Lord?”

You could invent some new medicine or something that would make life easier for people, and they would love you for it. However, when you die, it is all over. Yet if you tell them about Jesus Christ and they get saved, it will last for eternity.

When I was a pastor, a young man in our church named Robert said he felt like God called him to the mission field. We helped him go to Tennessee Temple. He went to Japan, learned the language, and established a church.

He called me and said, “*Pastor, I believe we are ready to constitute the Church and ordain a national to take the work.*”

So, my wife, Amelia, and I flew to Japan. I was in the

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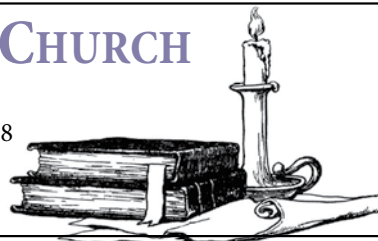
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pulpit area just walking around as the folks were coming in. Robert was at the back shaking hands with the people as they came in. This short, chubby man comes up to me. He said something to me in Japanese, and I don't know one word of Japanese, but he just rattled on. When he finished, I said, "Robert, come here quickly."

Robert came trotting over, and I said to Robert, "Ask him to tell you what he told me, and you tell me what he said."

So, Robert said something to him, and the young man started talking to Robert. The young man was standing there with tears falling off his chin. The Japanese are not emotional people.

Now, Robert is crying. I said, "Robert, don't just stand there. Tell me what he said."

He said, "Preacher Petty, thank you for sending Robert over here so I could hear about Jesus and go to Heaven with you all." Now, all three of us are crying.

This may never happen, but I am going to believe it will anyway. When I get to

Heaven, I believe there will be people who will come and tug on my robe and say, "I just want to tell you that I am here because of you."

You don't think we will be dumber up there than we are down here, do you? I am convinced the people who God lets us win to Him will come and say "I am here because of you." I am saying, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus." We need to be involved with getting the message of the Gospel out so sinners can go to Heaven. They may not get saved. They may turn a deaf ear and walk away, but at least we got to tell them about Jesus. Amen. They will have to face the consequences of that.

If you do not know Him as Saviour, you do not have to leave here in the dark. You can leave here with the light shining brightly in your soul. You can go to work on Monday, and they will know something happened to you.

I got saved on a Monday night at Brookwood Baptist Tabernacle in East Atlanta,

Georgia. Maze Jackson was the evangelist preaching that night. I went to work on Tuesday at the Post Office where I was employed. I was in charge of the mail going to South Carolina. I had three men who helped me get the mail on the trailer and get it out of there in the right order. I punched in at 6:00 AM. Twenty minutes later, I already had it half loaded by myself. The men were watching me. I was praying, but they did not know it. I was saying, "Lord, I know You have done something to me. I know You have changed my life. Will You tell me what to say to them? I will tell them what You tell me to say."

One of them said to me, "Petty, have you seen the light?"

I kicked the side of that trailer and said, "That's it! That's it! That's it!"


They ran out of the trailer. They said, "What is it?"

I said, "I saw the light!"

Jesus said in John 8:12, ". . . I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Jesus is the light of the world, and I have been telling it ever since. So, if you don't know Him, why don't you come and get acquainted with Him? If you do know Him, but you are not walking with Him, that is not good. Come today and start walking in the light! †

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BY YOUR STRIPES, I AM HEALED

by **Ollie Garcia**

Getting our spiritual life in order will have a direct effect on our physical life.

Have you ever been bombarded with a thought that will not leave you? Sometimes it keeps coming back until you do something about it. With me, most times, I just need to let the thought run its course to conclusion and then examine what God has shown me. Sometimes, I need to act immediately.

Such is the case with the phrase *by Your stripes I am healed*. In mid-June 2021, this thought kept running through my mind. I started thinking about all the people I knew who were suffering with an illness of some kind. After all, wasn't that what was causing this part of a Scripture to come to mind? Maybe it was, maybe it was not. So, I began praying calling everyone by name and asking for a resolution for them and their situation.

With that accomplished, I went on about my business.

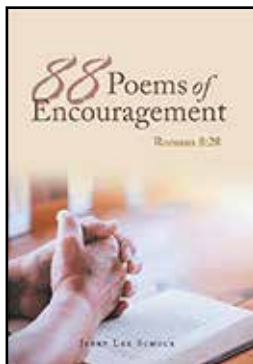
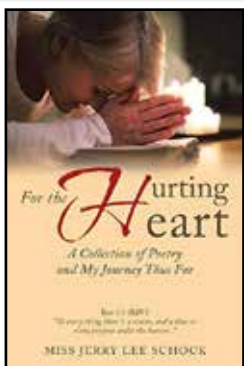
On June 19, 2021, I was again awakened with this thought. I knew it was time to get an answer about the thought itself. "Okay, Lord, what do You have to tell me? I adore and love You, Jesus. You love me and gave Your life for me. By Your stripes, I am healed. The crown of thorns on Your head, the piercing nails in Your hands and feet, the sword piercing Your side were all for me. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

"Your healing stripes were taken for me. Your stripes paid a debt I could not pay. Your stripes brought me salvation and put me back in a right relationship with God the Father. Your stripes also take away my physical pains and diseases. Your stripes take away my distress, worry, mental illness, emotional

breakdowns, brokenness of spirit (crown of thorns), sins that so easily beset me (piercing of hands and feet), weaknesses that cause me to doubt and disobey You (piercing of side). Your stripes heal me from all these things and bring me salvation too. Your stripes make me more than a conqueror. Your stripes set me free to go and sin no more. You wore the crown of thorns and took the piercing in hands, feet, and side for my healing. Your stripes bring healing to the nation." (1 Peter 2:24, Matthew 8:14-17)

I know these passages reference spiritual healing but aren't a lot of physical illnesses brought on by the sins in our lives. Consider these examples: alcoholism brings cirrhosis of the liver, smokers sometimes get cancer, drug addicts suffer mental issues, promiscuity can lead to sexual diseases, etc. Getting our spiritual life in order will have a direct effect on our physical life. Jesus is the cure and restoration for mankind. All we must do is believe in His finished work and take Him at His Word.

This conversation with my Father has strengthened my faith and encouraged me to continue in the fight for souls. Lord, take these words and use them for Your honor and glory. Amen! †



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My heartfelt thanks to all who have encouraged this publishing. Through the years, my desire was to publish and share with others who may need encouragement. Many poems have been emailed and handed to those in need along the way. As friends and loved ones were in valleys and going through trials, God would give me words of encouragement for them. Every poem was written out of a need someone had that the Lord sent my way. The poems span many years of writing and are from the heart, as the Holy Spirit led. May the words continue to bless and encourage those who read. God has answered so many prayers through the years, and with the publishing of this poetry, yet another is answered. May God bless each of you.

Jerry Lee Schock



by **Dr. Edwin G. Moore**
European Director for the GPA

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Pilate asked Jesus, “What is truth?” Then he turned Him over to be crucified.

That might be the question we would ask today. What is truth—about Covid? What is truth—about the last election? What is truth—about our government? How did I get in the wrong body? Should I be called a boy or a girl before I choose what sex I am? (There was a time when on a questionnaire the question of your sex had only two possible answers, male or female. Now, there are many possible answers.) The list of questions seeking the truth seems endless.

Five flubbed predictions are listed here. (See the link below for source. If reading online, you can click the hyperlink to go directly to the news source.)

1. *Population bomb to cause global famine by 2000.*
2. *Air pollution will be so bad that city dwellers will have to wear gas masks.*
3. *Entire nations could be wiped out by 1999.*
Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-NY, a self-avowed socialist, recently claimed that the world would end in 12 years if we don't radically transform our economy to combat climate change.

4. *Ice caps will melt away. (Al Gore got a Nobel Peace Prize for that in 2007.)*
5. *The coming Ice Age.*

WHAT IS TRUTH?

John 1:14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

John 1:17, “For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” Truth. If you reject that, you reject the entirety of Scripture and reject truth.

Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” Truth.

Exodus 20, The Ten Commandments. Truth. By these we know our responsibility and relationship to God, man, and family. The heathen laughs at them. The government tries to destroy them, but they stand as truth if no one believes them.

Psalms 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and

all the nations that forget God.” Truth. We are witnessing it happen before our eyes.

Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” The greatest truth of all!

Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

The problem, even in Christianity, is we have lost our bearings on TRUTH. Sadly, churches today are labeled as fundamental, conservative, traditional, or contemporary. I am sure you could add others. However, whether you believe it, hate it, hate those who believe it, or deny it to your eternal doom, Truth is the eternal Word of God, and that truth is embodied in Jesus Christ Who is full of mercy.

What is truth? I pray you find out before it's eternally too late. ✚

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