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Where Is It?

Compromise in Missions

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devastatingly harmful to missions, is the high esteem heaped on it, unworthy, as the sacred cow of Christianity. The credulous saint, with his pastor's wholehearted encouragement (and the mission board's undying gratitude), has too readily assumed that everything is right with missions—at least enough to refrain from sullying its reputation by public clamor.

In an era of rapid change, one might assume that the changes coming in evangelical missions are to be expected and not suspected. The credulous generalization which approves or justifies change as an effort toward modernization, efficiency, and improvement is now being applied to the current missions scene, with the result that "blindness in part is happened," affecting alike hard-working missionaries, conscientious administrators, and sacrificial supporters.

Another widely-held impression, that has been

Well, is something wrong? Indeed, something IS wrong! Not only that, something has been wrong for years—about 75 years, in fact. I say this not as an enemy, but as an ardent proponent and steward of the proclamation of the Gospel to the ends of the earth. As an "insider," I feel constrained to devote some articles to inform and perchance instruct the friends of missions regarding serious trends and issues affecting missionary effort in the world today.

WHILE MEN SLEPT... So serious have been the problems within missions, one might suspect it has

been bent on its own self-destruction since the days of its early successes. The threats from without have been inconsequential, but from within has arisen all manner of subtlety, perversion, and unfaithfulness. For example, the birth and growth of world-wide ecumenism is directly attributed to missions. Missions can also be blamed for the national church revolt against mission domination and reliance upon colonialist governments, among other things.

Since missions—or any religious movement, for that matter—has had little ability or inclination to correct its own problems, the voice of the people, in this case the supporting churches, must be raised and heard. But where has that voice been? Hosea admitted: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). If this is the reason, it behoves us who have given of our lives and possessions for this noble cause to sit down and learn, analyze, pray, and act. (See Page 2)

Loaded With Extras

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BY DR. ALAN J. BRADSHAW



"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psalm 68:19

I would like to talk with you on the subject of "loaded with extras." I got the idea for the title of this sermon from reading the newspaper. And would anyone care to guess from which section? Right. It's from the used car section. I believe if you're honest and if you've ever ridden into a car lot you have noticed the signs "loaded with extras." In fact,

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Rock Music Can It Be Sacred?

By Frank Garlock

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His brass arrangements are used around the world, and many of these arrangements have been published by Sacred Brass Publications.



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There is a growing trend, even in our "evangelical" churches today, not only to accept rock music, but to try to use it as a means of communicating spiritual truth. The first reason that those who use rock in their churches give for employing what has obviously been the tool of Satan is that it "communicates to the teenagers."

No one denies that rock music communicates. But the question that should be asked is, "WHAT IS BEING COMMUNICATED?" First, what are the words that are being set to the big beat;

and second, what does the music itself actually say?

To find the answers to these questions, we will go first to the rock culture in general, and then to the folk-rock musicals and songs that are so popular among those who claim they are winning teenagers to Christ by using this music.

"AND ROCK FINDS GOD"—this is the title of a full-page article in the LOS ANGELES HERALD EXAMINER, Sunday, June 13, 1971. This article is trying to show how rock music has finally reached out and found God. Listen to

what it says in the introduction, "In a new day, for a new age, for the children of the media, the answers are not to be found in sophisticated dissertations. Indeed not, the Children at the Gate have found the answers in their own language; they have found the answers in rock music." And what answers have they found? "In the beginning Man created God; and in the image of Man created he him," is a quotation from one of the two main albums that are mentioned in this article.

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EDITOR'S DESK

THE PROJECTOR has received wonderful reception these three months it has been in production, and we appreciate your letters, comments and help in enlisting subscribers. The costs have exceeded the money coming in for subscriptions and the donations that some have sent in. We are asking at least 35 of you who receive THE PROJECTOR to help us over a hard spot. We need an additional \$350 a month for the next six months to pay paper and printing costs. If 35 of you will pledge \$10 per month for six months, we can meet this. If you cannot pledge \$10, then maybe you can send \$5. Each dollar you send will put a missionary, pastor or church on the paid mailing list for one year. Your gifts to THE PROJECTOR are tax deductible. If you enjoy the paper, I feel sure you will want to have a part in this effort. Only time and eternity will reveal the results already realized by the paper as it has been obvious that it is meeting a real need in our day. I wish I could share with you all the

many letters and personal comments from readers as to how it has helped them. If you will pledge a definite amount for six months, or if you will send a one time gift, please write today and let us know. A tax exempt receipt will be sent for all gifts.

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We will be leading a group on a tour of the Holy Land as well as Lebanon, Athens, Rome, Paris and a 4-day cruise of the Grecian islands (including Ephesus, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete and others). The dates are from June 1 to June 22, 1972. Due to a couple of cancellations, I have openings for two people. It will be the tour and opportunity of a lifetime. If you are interested, contact me immediately for details and price. Phone (904) 623-6419 or 623-4671. Better call person to person.

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Compromise in Missions—Where is it?

One of Christ's parables explaining the mystery of the growth of the kingdom of heaven, The Tares, is appropriate to our present consideration. "A man . . . sowed good seed in his field: But WHILE MEN SLEPT, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also" (Matt. 13:24-26).

Sleep is a normal, healthful function, except in spiritual work, wherein we are exhorted to "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). While avoiding the distraction of explaining why men slept, we do need reminding that they have—and do. And while they sleep, the Devil sows tares, which look like the genuine product and are not distinguishable as rank weeds until they are fully grown.

To keep from exposing our own fields of stewardship to the Trespasser and Perverter of God's work, let us awake to the uppermost problem affecting missions today. The tares are in the good field of world-wide missionary enterprise. While the evangelistic product appears to be genuine, upon closer examination the true nature can be readily discerned. What name can be given to these tares? COMPROMISE. Compromise in missions.

How do I know? What does it look like? WHERE IS IT? If we can develop it in future articles, we shall see compromise is evident 1) in the administrative philosophies of mission boards, 2) in the fellowships and associations of mission boards, and 3) in the actual ministries on the field.

COMPROMISE IN ADMINISTRATIVE PHILOSOPHIES

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that's their sales pitch. I read the ads in the paper this week and sure enough, there it was, "come and see this one, loaded with extras." So here we have a sermon loaded with extras. You say, "Preacher, what are you getting at?" Well, remember that Scripture in Psalm 103 that we read, "Forget not all His benefits"—well, go back now to Psalm 68:19 and notice what it says: "Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits." Now go on to Psalm 116, verse 12 and there it says, "What shall I render unto the Lord for ALL His benefits?" or "His extras." That's what He's talking about. It's His extras.

If a believer and an unbeliever are equal in all areas such as intelligence, physical appearance, talents, and ability, the believer ought to be head and shoulders over the unbeliever because of all the extras he has as a Christian. If you're a Christian, you ought to be more honest than an unsaved person. If you're a Christian,

No ship in transoceanic cruise suddenly finds itself in dangerous waters. The officers of that ship have constant control of the ship's direction and instant knowledge of its position. They know where the ship is going and what dangers to avoid. If it runs aground or strays into dangerous waters, the captain and his staff are held in derelict of duty. They are responsible. Their record of service, previous heroics, and perennial reliability are all erased by one unseasonable act of negligence.

Let us not give way to spineless sentimentality or poor widow tones of pity. We mission administrators realize (I say it with fear) that God has set us in places of awesome responsibility. If something goes wrong with the Gospel ship entrusted to us, we are responsible. We have to answer to those who have poured their mites or treasures into the coffers, to those who by their zeal and devotion to the Cause have left great memorials of their sacrificial service—even to the point of a mound of dirt or simple slab of stone—but above all to that One Who raised up the ship and crew and prospered its journeys through the years. We are responsible!

If it is true that cancerous compromise has affected evangelical missions, we will find evidence of it in the administrations and mission boards; and we will see that the compromise direction was not accidental, but advised. In fact, in examining the writings of various evangelical leaders, we will note a definite softening of attitude and accommodating posture towards ecumenists and their consorts, who should, by every test of orthodoxy, be counted as adversaries and antagonists.

A SOFTNESS TOWARDS ECUMENISM AND LIBERALISM. The two great mission movements,

denominational and evangelical, have a common past and parallel history. The former wave, denominational missions, faced the question of compromise and unity in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The outcome is now historical fact: the birth and world-wide development of the ecumenical movement, which was inaugurated by the Ecumenical Missionary Conference in New York in 1900 and implemented by the World Missionary Conference of 1910 in Edinburgh.

Thousands of books and volumes of magazine articles are available to plainly warn evangelicals of the progress and development of ecumenism, if they want to know how to remain uncorrupted by the ecumenical leaven. Evangelicals could be armed to the teeth for a broadside attack against certain mission field practices that would make the prodigious ecumenical movement flounder, if they wished. Evangelical missions are strong and widespread enough that they could contain and destroy the ecumenical spirit, if they so purposed.

But instead they have launched the queerest sort of attack, lamenting on one hand the present form of ecumenism while endeavoring to purify the principle of it on the other. Thus, one evidence of the compromise spirit in missions lies in the half-hearted attack and double-minded stance towards ecumenism.

This spirit will be further developed and documented as the series continues. May the Lord help us now to wholeheartedly and consistently disassociate ourselves from any area of Gospel work which has been corrupted, so that we can keep our Gospel fields pure for the Lord Jesus Christ and a bountiful harvest.

you ought to be more straightforward in your dealings. If you're a Christian, you ought to be totally detached from anything that is worldly. Let's notice seven extras a Christian possesses.

1. REDEMPTION BY GRACE

First of all, we have redemption by grace. Ephesians 1:7 gives us this verse that most of you know, and yet what a verse it is. And it's an extra for the Christian. Redemption by grace, Ephesians 1:7—"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

Have you ever thought what that means? To be redeemed? You must realize, in order to understand all of its implications, just what redemption implies. First of all, you must realize that before you are saved you are a slave to sin. This is why we have the drink problem in America. This is why we have a dope problem. This is why we have a lying

problem and a cheating problem. This is why there's a problem with adultery and fornication. This is why there are problems in our homes and bickering and fighting and arguing. Why? Because the person OUTSIDE of Jesus Christ is a slave to sin. The Bible says, "Know ye not to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are."

And beloved, listen, there are folks all over the world that are addicted to sin. They're a slave to sin; they're hooked on sin; they're on a trip brother, and they're going down. Therefore, because of the fact that they are a slave to sin, they are in the slave market of sin and someone has to go in and get them out. They can't redeem themselves. There's not enough power and ability to redeem ourselves, therefore someone is going to have to go in and break the power of cancelled sin and set the prisoner free. And praise God, I have the One who has

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Rock Music—Can it be Sacred?

This is from the back cover of the perverted album, "Aqualung," by Jethro Tull. As the book **ROCK BEYOND WOODSTOCK** says, "Rock became a religion... a way to God, a direct, honest, personal God shaped by the music and the demands of your own head." If the only God that a person has is one shaped by rock music and the demands of his own head, a figment of his imagination, then that person doesn't have any God at all, especially not the God of the Bible.

The second album that this article mentions is the famous **JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR**. Does "SUPERSTAR" reach out and find God? Let's ask Tim Rice, the man who wrote the words to this rock opera. What about it, Tim? "Basically, the idea of the whole opera is to have Christ seen through the eyes of Judas, and Christ as a man, not as a god. And the fact that Christ himself is just as mixed up and unaware of exactly what he is, as Judas is." But do the actual words of the opera get this message across? Let's look at the words and

see. Here are the first lines that are sung by Judas, "My mind is clearer now—at last all too well—I can see where we all soon will be—if you strip away the myth from the man—you will see where we all soon will be." What myth is he talking about? What myth is there which we need to know about Jesus?

I had the opportunity not long ago of "debating," on television, one of the heads of the religion department at a large state university. This man very clearly explained the "myths" for which he said **SUPERSTAR** is a "corrective." He mentioned five myths in particular: 1) the virgin birth of Christ—he said this was a "post-Easter" idea which was advanced after Christ died; 2) the sinless life of our Savior—"in looking back, people tend to overlook the bad things and just remember the good;" 3) the miracles—"the disciples made these things up to make it look good;" 4) the resurrection—"the leaving out of the resurrection in **SUPERSTAR** was no accident;" and 5) Christ's divinity—

"Jesus never claimed to be the Son of God, and never showed any consciousness that he was." And this is exactly what **SUPERSTAR** is doing. It is an attempt of the devil to discredit God and His Word by explaining away all of the supernatural as being only "myths." Is this how rock music finds God? It is obvious that these folks have not only not found God, but they have been deluded into believing a lie.

Let me share a true story with you that I think will clear up much of the confusion about this trend toward Jesus rock music. A medical missionary to Africa said that when a group of missionaries went into the interior, they found a village which had never seen a white man, had never heard anyone preach the gospel, and had never seen or read a Bible. And yet, when the missionaries arrived, they found that these people were already worshipping Jesus. So the missionaries took their Bibles and began to preach about the Jesus Christ Whom they thought these people were ignorantly worshipping. To the missionaries' surprise, they found out very quickly that the Jesus these were worshipping was NOT the Christ of the Bible. He was a demon that one of the witch doctors had conjured up in a seance and had presented to these people to worship. The missionaries said that it was almost impossible to reach these people with the Gospel of Salvation because they already had their own Jesus.

I believe this is what is happening on a large scale right here in America today. Thousands of people are flocking after someone named "Jesus," but He is not the Christ of the Bible. He is a "superstar," a myth, a sinner, a revolutionary, a criminal, a good man, a reformer, a son of God but not God the Son, a hippie, or some other figment of man's depraved imagination, but he is not the spotless Son of God Who died to take away the sin of the world.

"Godspell," another religious rock opera supposedly about Jesus Christ presents him as a clown. One religious magazine in trying to defend this circus says, "(Jesus') attitudes are joyful, as one who will 'slap people on the back (and) tell them a good joke.'" Is this the Christ of the Bible?

Many teenagers have been duped into thinking that "My Sweet Lord," by George Harrison, a former Beatle, is about Jesus Christ. There are several places where Harrison gives the song away. Near the end, he mentions Krishna, Vishnu, and Rama. These are three Hindu gods, and when the song says, "My Lord, I want to know you, but it takes so long," it is ac-

tually praying for these Hindu gods to come and reincarnate themselves in the person singing the song.

I suppose the most blatant blasphemy that could be imagined is the song, "Jesus Is a Soul Man." According to Lawrence Reynolds, (the fellow who wrote the song), Janis Joplin, Arthur Brown of the Negro rock culture, and many others, the term soul as it is used in the rock culture is not the traditional use. What it really means, they say, is "sex." It is difficult to imagine how far down these people have stooped in their blasphemy, but they are not alone. Some gay clergymen have recently tried to claim that Jesus was a homosexual. **NONSENSE**. They are not talking about the Christ of the Bible! They are referring to some other Jesus whom their depraved minds have conjured up.

We have a great reluctance to attribute things that happen to the work of the devil or to demons. When I make the statement that rock music is "Satan's tool," spiritually ignorant young people laugh at someone who would make such a foolish statement. But if the truth were known, and Christians were more sensitive to spiritual things, much more would be attributed to the work of the devil than is now done. There is a spiritual battle going on right now! Satan is the "father of lies," and he still believes the first one he ever told: "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God... I will be like the most High." The devil believed his own first lie, **AND HE STILL BELIEVES IT!** That is why he is doing all he can to thwart the plan of God, and to gain "converts" to himself. He still thinks he can overthrow God, and as the time for the "showdown" approaches, he is increasing the intensity of his attack.

The strange thing is that his disciples don't try to hide what they are doing. Perhaps it is because they know they have so many people on their side, and that those on the side of righteousness are so full of apathy and laziness that it won't make any difference, but listen to some of the things they say. Frank Zappa of the Mothers of Invention claims to be the devil's advocate, going so far as to say that he and his cohorts have worshippers. He says their worshippers are called "groupies;" girls who give their bodies to the musicians.

When Jim Morrison, found dead in a Paris bathtub at 27, was through with one of his most indecent performances, he was asked why he did those lewd acts in front of twelve and thirteen-year-old kids. He said, "I feel spiritual up there." Sure he's spiritual,

but it's the **SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS** that God warns us about in Ephesians 6:12, and the Bible tells us that we are to fight against it.

THE GREENING OF AMERICA is a book which is the number one best seller right now. It is written by Charles Reich, a professor at Yale University, and is being hailed by all the liberals (Justice William Douglas, Senator George McGovern, Justice Hugo Black, William McPherson of **THE WASHINGTON POST**, etc.) as "a gripping, penetrating analysis of American society," and "a brilliant synthesis of contemporary ideas." In other words, this is not a criticism of what is happening in the United States today, but a liberal's impression of the sequence of events which has led up to the current situation and his ideas as to the direction in which "the revolution" is headed.

Mr. Reich defines the state of things by using the term "consciousness," which he defines as being "a total configuration in any given individual, which makes up his whole perception of reality, his whole world view... It is the whole man; his 'head'; his way of life. It is that by which he creates his own life and thus creates the society in which he lives." Mr. Reich's "Consciousness III" is "the new generation," or "the revolution" that is going on in America, especially among young people. I have said all this to point up the import of what Mr. Reich says about the music of the new generation.

Listen to this:

When we turn to the music of Consciousness III, we come to the chief medium of expression, the chief means by which feelings are communicated. Music has become the deepest means of communication and expression for an entire culture. The dominant means of communication in our society—words—has been so abused, distorted and preempted that at present it does not seem adequate for people of the new consciousness. Music, on the other hand, says all the things they want to say or feel. It expresses raunchy, sweaty sex. It is a repository of fantastic energy—as anyone who has watched a rock band knows. The older music was essentially intellectual; it was located in the mind and in the feelings known to the mind; the new music rocks the whole body, and penetrates the soul. The new music is a music of unrestrained creativity and self-expression.

Thus, the liberals show how rock music is being used to capture the hearts, minds, bodies and even the souls of the "younger (See Page 4)



Missions Militant

by Dr. Gerry Johnson

There is much uncertainty in modern Korea. Dishonesty and corruption is rampant in all levels of society and in the government itself. Inflation is growing and the rich grow richer and the poor become steadily poorer. In the midst of this state of uneasiness we are exalting Christ as the answer to every problem of life. In the past month we sent out hundreds of correspondence courses and thousands of tracts.

We started a new evening Bible Institute with the purpose of training men to be pastors and evangelists. We would like to always give rosy reports as to progress, but the devil opposes with all his might the type of ministry we are carrying on. This is only natural and to be expected. The past month Satan tried to thwart our ministry of training evangelists. Some of the students came to our school evidently without the real aim of studying and learning the Word of God in order to serve the Lord. When we clearly taught the truths of God's Word some of the students rebelled against the teachings of the Lord and quit. However we prefer to have a few good students who study with the purpose of serving Jesus Christ and preaching the

Gospel than have a large number of students who are wishy-washy and have no clear-cut aim in life. So we feel the Lord has led us through the battle with victory. At present we have about 25 students and we are trusting the Lord to develop some real soldiers of Christ.

200,000 of John R. Rice's **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?** booklets have been printed and now these books are being carefully used in evangelism throughout the land. Already we are receiving decisions for Christ as a result of the blessings of God upon the message of these booklets.

Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." The implied meaning in this verse is that we must make our life's work the winning of the lost. The spreading of the Gospel of Christ is the most important work in the world. The only way we can lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven is by using our talents, our means, our testimony, to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Stars of the Morning

by "Aunt Carolyn"

A corner nook of hints and tidbits for folks who love boys and girls and want to win them to the Lord Jesus Christ.



Suzanna Wesley, the faithful mother of at least two stalwart Christians, with compassion and purpose said she found it essential to break a child's will before his first birthday. What a remarkable woman she must have been to realize the value of the child's spirit, his eternal soul, and the necessity of his will being broken to that of his mother if it were ever to be yielded to the will of God.

How blessed is the child today whose parents realize the importance of this task and who are willing to put forth the effort and love to break that stubborn will which stands like a defiant, aggressive warrior challenging any who would bring him down from his high position. How happy is the child in whose heart the rebellion has melted to loving obedience and self will has given way to God's will. How joyful is the heart which has yielded under the first voice, the first call, the first command rather than having to be brought into obedience and subjection by force, pressure, or harsh judgment.

A dog or horse trainer knows the patience and toil that goes into the training of a prize animal. Some animals respond quickly and the task is a pleasure. Others rebel and disobey. The trainer knows how to break these also, but it is a much longer task and far more painful to the animal. Yet the full beauty, potential and worth of an animal cannot be realized in the show arena or in the work field until the will is yielded without reservation to the master.

So it is with children. They may yield willingly to parental authority and be happy, satisfied youngsters. Or they may choose the path of self will and rebellion and be miserable and never satisfied.

One little tyke was standing up in the car seat. After repeated commands by the father to sit down, the little fellow finally sat as demanded but breathed aloud his true feelings, "I'm sitting down on the outside but I'm standing up on the inside."

Ten year old Barbara had been unbending in the battle of wills in school and in the home. Some weeks of this passed and she flew into the kitchen from school one afternoon with her final pronouncement, "I hate that

school. Why, they won't even let you commit adultery!" The shocked mother, trying to conceal her amazement replied, "Well, do you know what that is? Is that something you want to do?" "Well, I don't know," the child retorted, "but I don't want there to be anything I can't do!"

So the pride, self-will, defiance and rebellion roots, builds and swells until it consumes a life and renders it useless to the Lord. Yet God knows how to bring us down. He knows our soft spots.

In II Kings 19:27, 28 God said of the defiant Sennacherib, "I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. Because thy rage against me and thy tumult is come up into my ears, therefore I will put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest."

Yes, God has a wrench to fit every bolt. He knows our soft spots.

There was in the state of Kansas a dairyman known nationwide as a breeder of fine stock. His Holsteins won purple championship ribbons, trophies and recognition across the country. His name was synonymous with leadership and promotion of the dairy industry. But all was not glory, for a Holstein bull can be one of the most vicious, dangerous beasts to challenge man. More than one had challenged this man's authority and more than once he had been mauled and nearly killed. What was the answer?"

Great pilings were installed as fence posts for the bull's pen. Huge planks were bolted on for fencing. Electric wire charged with a high voltage was installed inside the plank fence, but above all that, my uncle knew the mammoth bull's soft spot. All his fury was brought low when the chain connected to the big ring in the bull's nose touched against the electric wire. The massive beast's strength and rage could be controlled by pressure to his "soft spot," by a ring in his nose.

Now a few miles away the brother of this dairyman bred and raised herefords. How in the same family one brother loved and lived dairy cattle and one brother loved and lived beef cattle is

still an amazement to me, but on that subject never the twain should meet. This is how it was though. This cattleman was also a horseman. No horse came too fast, too spirited, too mean for him to handle. It took nerve, wisdom, patience, understanding and know-how, but sooner or later every horse yielded to Dad's authority. The toughest bronc was controlled by a bridle—by the bit in his mouth. Now the gentle mare who was broken and trained needed only a straight smooth bit simply to receive the messages and know the will of the rider. But the mustang who still wanted to be boss wore a tough, harshly shaped bit which put the pressure on the mouth when Dad pulled back on the reins. The horse himself at last determined his own bridle. How much pressure and force he had to work under was determined by how willingly he yielded himself to his master.

Parents, children's workers—help children to realize this truth early! There can be no salvation until the will is broken. There can be no service until the will is broken. There can be no happiness or joy until the child is completely submissive first to parents and then to God. Yes, God has a ring for every nose and a bridle for every mouth. He knows our soft spots. He can bring the rebel down, but how much more pleasant and rewarding it is to see a child yielded willingly with God's first gentle touch and have a life time of joyful, fruitful service rather than having to be "broken" by a long painful experience like a wild rebellious horse.

The cry of our day is "happiness." Young folks want to be "happy." Parents want their children to be "happy." But if parents and teachers lead children to obtain this goal it will not be in leading them to seek happiness or allow self will and self indulgence. It will be in leading them to deny self, lay down personal desire and do God's will without reserve.

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11.—Our goal for children is not a ring or a bridle, but a will yielded to God's word—not force and pressure but voice control.

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generation." It is not a vehicle for anything spiritual, but something to brainwash a whole generation into thinking that self-expression and permissiveness are the answers to life's problems, and as Mr. Reich says, rock music has become the "deepest means of communication and expression" for the disciples of rebellion.

This, I believe, is just another evidence that the devil is using every means possible and is attacking from every angle possible, and he has centered his attack on the young people of this generation, especially those in their teenage years. He has used communism, drugs, alcohol, illicit sex and rock music as his prime weapons. The problem is that rock music is his most subtle weapon, and therefore, the most dangerous. It can work on the hearts and minds of its listeners without their ever having been aware that it has done what it set out to do.

Knowing this makes it a little easier to understand why the world is often aware of problems and dangers to which Christians are oblivious. For instance, listen to what one secular reporter, Norman Nadel of the Scripps-Howard staff, says about the most famous rock opera:

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is a tasteless, morally offensive, carnival-type show that exploits one of the most elevating episodes in man's history for the purpose of making a lot of money. Pious pronouncements by the producers and the authors

ring as false as the rock opera itself.... The words are shallow and frequently silly (the Bible says it all better), and the music, apart from occasional original devices, is essentially mundane rock.... One does not have to be a Christian to have respect and reverence for the life and teachings of Jesus. So for anyone of sensibility, regardless of his religious upbringing, the spectacle and an insipid, neurotic Jesus.... bleating into a hand microphone entwined with rope so it will look properly New Testament is depressing to say the least.

It has been argued that JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR should be forgiven its transgressions in that it interests young people who otherwise wouldn't pay much attention to the Christian message. This is a modern application of the early Jesuit philosophy that the end justifies the means.

I don't buy that. A "Christian" fervor generated by this carnival probably would be as spurious as the show itself. Jesus of Nazareth deserves far better.

It certainly is a strange day when worldly people have more insight into spiritual things than Christians do. Here are the words of another secular reporter, Alan Rich, writing for NEW YORK magazine: "Rich and Webber (retell) a biblical story in words and music drawn from the vernacular. What is decadent is the result they have achieved in this particular work, which is cheap, shoddy, vulgar and, worst of all, cynical...." (See Page 6)

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The Other Side

with Dave Johnson

God's Will

There was a time when the chief desire of Christian young people was to know the Lord's will for their lives. With the current age of "you do your thing and I'll do mine," the matter of knowing and doing God's will seems to have been relegated to a distant corner of the lives of youth and adults alike.

GOD'S WILL FOR EVERY PERSON

God's eternal purpose, planned before the foundation of the world, is to create a family which is patterned after His beloved Son. In Romans 8:29 we are told that Jesus Christ, God's perfect eternal Son, is the first-born among many brethren. God created Adam and Eve in a perfect environment as the first phase of this wonderful plan. However, the sin of Adam and Eve caused man to lose his position in God's eternal family. Satan had become the father of all mankind and God's plan was interrupted.

It is still God's will that we become His children, but the method of entering God's family now includes being re-born into the family of God. This is done through the new birth as explained in John 3:1-21.

God is not willing that any should perish; therefore, God's will is the same for all persons. Being re-born into God's family is the first step in finding God's will for your life.

God's reason for saving you is to make you like Jesus and to proudly display you as an example of His handiwork. "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins . . . we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:1-10.

When you realize that one day you will be exactly like Jesus, the Bible says that you will want to become pure like He is now. I John 3:1-3 reads, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him: for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." This is part of God's will for your life. Christ is to be your example now and your character is to be patterned after His. I Peter 2:21 tells us that Christ left us an example and "ye should follow His steps."

Becoming Christ-like involves yielding to the Holy Spirit. When your life is fully yielded to Christ, the Holy Spirit who dwells in every believer becomes manifest in your actions. The fruits of the Spirit are listed in Galatians 5:22 and 23. When you are in God's will these

characteristics will abound in your life. Christ was completely surrendered to the Father's will in every word and deed. This should be your desire if you truly seek God's will for your life. The Holy Spirit will reproduce the character of Christ in you if you will fully surrender to Him.

Christ never sought self glory, but always the Father's glory (I John 8:49-50). You should do the same. He suffered rejection by the world of sinners (I John 3:1). You must be willing to do the same. God's will for you today and forever is Christ-likeness. If you will let Him, God will mold you into the likeness of His Son.

Satan stands opposed to your being in the will of God. Satan would have you to continue in his likeness even though you are a Christian. He wants you to be like he is—selfish, rebellious, and running your own life. The decision is yours. If you refuse to let God mold you into His likeness, then you are letting Satan mold you into his likeness. Which will it be?

COOPERATING WITH GOD'S WILL

Many young people are misled into thinking that God's will is found by some mysterious happening which takes place during a special meeting at church or camp, etc. Others think that by simply wanting to be in God's will He puts you there.

God's will for you is Christ-likeness. You must not only be willing for God to make you like Christ, but you must do your part in cooperating with God's will. Here are some things God says you must do if you want to grow more like Christ and let God perform His perfect will in your life.

1. Read and meditate on God's word (Psalm 119:9, 11). You need a definite time during the day when you can spend some time in God's word. Set a time now and make it the most important thirty minutes of the day. Plan it during a time when nothing will interfere.

2. Memorize portions of His word (Proverbs 3:1-4). You should know what the Bible teaches and have important doctrinal and soul winning verses committed to your memory.

3. Pray and thank God (I Thessalonians 5:17-18). God talks to you through the Bible and you must talk with Him in prayer giving thanks for all that you are in Him.

4. Confess your sins (I John 1:9). Unconfessed sin in the life of a Christian means an unclean vessel which cannot be filled with the blessings of God.

5. Put God first, others second, and self last (Mark 12:30, 31). In other words, just try being unselfish. This is a character trait of Godly love.

6. Always depend on the Lord and never on self (Proverbs 3:5). It is too easy for self to fail but it is impossible for Him to

fail.

7. Attend church services regularly (Hebrews 10:25). Fellowship with other believers and feeding on the Word is essential to Christian growth. If your church doesn't give you the straight Bible preaching and teaching that you need, find another church.

8. Avoid all questionable practices (Colossians 3:17). If you can't do something in Jesus' name thanking God for the opportunity, you obviously are doing something which is questionable for a Christian.

9. Avoid worldly companions (II Corinthians 6:14-18). The unequal yoke is always forbidden in the Scriptures. This is true in dating, business, marriage, etc.—every phase of life.

10. Witness for Jesus Christ (Acts:18). Telling others about the saving power of Christ is the greatest experience and challenge to every born again believer. I don't know anyone who has been saved as a direct result of "silent witnessing."

If you refuse to do these things, then God cannot accomplish His will in your life, and there is no need for you to seek further for the details of His will for you. You must surrender to Him in all your ways before He will direct your paths (Proverbs 3:5-6).

You have the choice of either cooperating or rebelling. If you cooperate with God's will, He will bring you abundant happiness (John 10:10). If you rebel against Him, your life will be wasted and ruined.

WHY MUST I FIND GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE?

God created you and surely He knows what is best. He has an abundant life for all of His family of believers. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10. As a matter of fact, you are not able to plan your own life. Jeremiah 10:23 says, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Only God knows what your future holds, but Ephesians 5:17 commands you to know what the will of the Lord is.

You must find God's will for your life if you are to know the peace and joy that God intends for you to have as a Christian. Isaiah 48:17 reads, "Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee by the way that thou shouldst go. O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

If you don't find God's plan for your life, you will live a life of regret and sorrow.

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(Continued From Page 2) done it! And that's the Lord Jesus Christ. For the Bible tells us that He has redeemed us. "For we were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot." We're redeemed! The Bible says, "Through His blood, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Jesus Christ went down to that slave market and in that day that slave market was on the cross of Calvary. There on the cross of Calvary and there in the empty tomb Jesus redeemed us from the curse and

from the slavery of our sin so that we, who by faith believe on the Lord Jesus, might be set free. Oh, listen to me, Jesus can set you free! You got a habit? Jesus can break it. Are you addicted to something today? Is there some sin that's got you by the throat? Is there some habit that's pulling you down? Are you feeling that today you just can't break loose? Then Jesus Christ can set you free! Oh, what a wonderful thing!

I had a man in my office this week and he was talking about redemption. I said, "Sir, have you ever thought about what the word 'redemption' means in the Greek?" He said, "No, I never heard that." I said, "Sir, I just wrote down the three words that mean redemption in the Greek. Let me share them with you. The first word for redemption in the Greek is 'agorazo' and that simply means to buy in the market. In those days they took the slaves or servants down to a common market. The buyers would come and they would bid upon the slaves and when they paid the price they would take the slave and that slave would be his. And that's why the Bible says we're not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold. Jesus didn't go down and lay down some money for our redemption. He laid down His precious blood! He found us as a slave to sin in the slave market. And the word is 'agorazo.'" I said, "Sir, here's one that'll thrill you even more than that. There is another Greek word meaning redemption from the same word 'agorazo' but they put an 'ex' in front of it, making it 'exagorazo.' The word 'ex' means 'out of' and it implies this—that when Jesus went down to the slave market to buy us, not only did He pay the price, not only did He buy us in the market, but He bought us OUT OF the market never to be put on sale again. Oh, that's the victory! It's one thing to be a slave sold under sin and someone pays your price, but another, when my Saviour walked down to the slave market and on Calvary's cross with His precious blood, paid my price, He rose triumphant from the grave so that I could never be put on sale again. That's redemption! Then the other word is 'lutroo' which means 'to loose' by paying a price and that's what my Saviour did. He loosed me, He set me free." All hail the power of Jesus' name—He set me free! And that's what we have, Christian. Listen to me. This is the first benefit that you have of being in Christ, you have redemption by grace.

II. REMEDY FOR GUILT

Not only do you have redemption by grace, but you have remedy for guilt. One of the great problems in the world today is that of guilt. The Bible says, "That we may all stand guilty before God." And we ARE guilty. But the trouble is we have today a vast increase in guilt. There has always been guilt, but it seems like today with so much looseness and perversion and immorality that the problem with guilt is worse than it has ever been and the world does not know what to do with it. A psychiatrist will tell you that people escape guilt in three different ways.

First of all, they will try to suppress guilt. I'm not saying the psychiatrist says to do this, but this is what the world does to get rid of guilt. They try to suppress it through the means of alcohol, through the means of drugs, or through the means of sex. Today

tranquillizers are outselling all other drugs because there are folks who are hooked on sin and are trying to suppress it. Now I'm not saying there isn't a time and place for certain tranquillizers, but I am saying that when a person cannot be happy unless he is sedated, brother, there's something wrong. We need to be set free, and this guilt problem that we have cannot be suppressed. It's not the answer.

Others say, "Well, I can't suppress my guilt so I'll transfer it." They pass it on. They blame it on the other guy. It's the other guy's fault. You've heard it, you know what I mean. Your child comes home from school with an "F" and the parent says, "Honey, what happened to this? This is an 'F'. This isn't right." The child replies, "The teacher didn't tell us. The teacher didn't even warn us. The teacher just said, 'Pull out your papers and start writing.' That's not fair; she shouldn't have done that to us and therefore, it's not my fault I got an 'F'. It's the teacher's fault." That's called transferring guilt and that happens every day. You let a man get a ticket: "It's not my fault, officer. It's yours. You had no business hiding behind a bush when I was going 90 miles an hour. You should have been sitting out in the open so I could see you and slow down." So they transfer the guilt.

And then, of course, the third way is to ignore guilt. What do I mean? Well, they say, "I'm an atheist, I don't believe in God." You know what they are saying? "I've got so much sin in my life that I can't face up to God so the best thing to do is to do away with God. That way you don't have to face Him." Or they resort to evolution! We came from the monkeys. We came from animals. There's no great person behind us. We are just an evolutionary chance and because of this we will never have to give an account to anyone greater because at the present time we are the greatest force in evolution. "I'm the highest being, see?" And they keep thinking that they're going to evolve and they'll be God someday, but that won't work.

Listen to me, all over the world today people are committing suicide. I saw in the paper where one of our Pulitzer prize winners for poetry jumped off the bridge in Minnesota. We're seeing suicide on every side. Last week in Tampa a teenager committed suicide. It's happening every week, everywhere. Why? I don't know the details and I wouldn't want to know them. But I know this, that when there is no answer for guilt, suicide is many times the outcome. Many times today we're finding out that people cannot handle guilt. They cannot suppress it. They cannot transfer it. They cannot ignore it. But praise God, Christian, listen to me. If you've been blood bought, if you've been redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, you have a remedy for guilt of which the world knows nothing. And so that's another extra. That's another benefit. . . . think of it! Redemption by grace, remedy for guilt.

III. RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Then, of course, we have relationship with God. We Christians have a relationship with God of which the world knows nothing. The Bible tells us that when Adam and Eve sinned that Adam and Eve died. (Continued on Page 6)

The Negative Aspect of the Ministry

by Dr. Dayton Hobbs



Twenty one years ago, while home for the summer from my first year at Bob Jones University, and preaching a revival meeting in a small Methodist church not far from my home, I was approached by a preacher much my elder and whom I greatly admired and esteemed very highly as a man of God. In the service that night I had exposed some of the corrupt and unscriptural teaching of the literature from the denominational publishing house being used by this church and used the literature itself to point out my charges. I have always felt that sin should be uncovered and exposed wherever it is found and I still believe that. However, the preacher I referred to, who by the way was visiting the service and was not the pastor, although he was pastoring a very large church in the same town and of the same denomination, came to me after the service and told me I was too negative in my preaching. He assured me that Billy Graham had stated we are to be positive in our preaching and should never be negative. This was 1951.

Last fall, the dean of a large Christian school told a group of administrators, including myself (maybe I should say especially myself, as I had brought a Chapel message at this school the year before, pointing out the evils in the public school, especially their philosophy), that we were not to be negative in talking to their students. He pointed out that we were not to say anything bad about the public schools, only the glories of the Christian School. He said their students were trained to respond only to a positive approach, and were taught never to be negative.

Just recently I received a card from a man in the Biology Department of Tulane University who stated as follows:

"Dear Sir:
You say something about 'Projecting the light of the Word of God...' and then proceed to be NEGATIVE (emphasis mine) about everything. Impossible—God is by definition good, truth, positive (NO NEGATIVE) (emphasis mine)..."

Isn't it strange that I get the same response from a man who is very likely an evolutionary, unsaved Biology teacher as I get from the Dean of a Christian College and as I got from a pastor some twenty one years ago. That pastor, by the way, long ago yielded to pressures from an apostate denomination and an ambitious wife and has been walking the fearful and terrible trail of compromise for some years.

The question is, "Why?" The Answer: "Compromise!!" I believe understanding this question will help us understand why so many well meaning people walk the path that leads to becoming a "Castaway". Listen to the Scriptures: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil." Psalms 97:10a. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil..." Prov. 8:13a. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them..." Eph. 5:11. How can we possibly reprove these unfruitful works without naming and exposing them; this means being negative. "But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light, for whatsoever doth make manifest is light." This is exactly what we have proposed to do in THE PROJECTOR, "make manifest," that is focus the light of God's Word upon the issues of the day, making manifest the false as well as the true. We have the responsibility to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine." II Tim. 4:2.

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They loved that sort of thing in Sodom, and they love it here the cheap, slangy doggerel of the text (and) the music of like quality." In talking further about the music, he says: "Its dullness stems most of all from the composer's total failure to grasp the essentials of rhythm and movement. Nothing in the score moves, ever. Instead, there are a few external tricks Once these patterns are set up they, too, stick and REPEAT and blend into the over-all pattern of tedium. Yes, it is LOUD, and portentously scored." He then closes his article by saying: "It is being condemned by religious leaders of all faiths And it will succeed because, I am very much afraid, WE DESERVE IT." Here again is a case of an "outsider" recognizing spiritual wickedness that many Christians cannot even see.

Even TIME magazine in its February 28, 1972 issue shows an insight into the degradation of sacred music that has eluded many "fundamental Christians." In commenting about the new rock version of Handel's MESSIAH, it states: "Rarely has so much conceit, commercial cynicism, bad taste, musical ignorance and all-round incompetence been brought together within the grooves of a single LP The RCA MESSIAH has something to offend everyone." The article then discusses some of the new religious rock operas: "Not all of the religious rock

I believe that Romans 12:2 sets this principle up as well as any other place in Scripture: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed...." "Be not conformed: is the negative side: Don't go with the crowd; don't let the world slip in; fight off the pressures of the world to conform you to the world. This is negative. The positive side is "be transformed" in order to have the will of God in your life.

It is impossible to love the people of God without hating and opposing all evil forces that would cause them harm. It is impossible to love children without hating kidnappers, child molesters, infantile paralysis, leukemia, and all other evils

that would harm them. It is impossible to love and protect the sheep without hating wolves, lions, bears and hirelings, and using every weapon available to kill them or drive them away from the sheep. The protection of the sheep is all that occupies the shepherd's mind and attention. This often means open confrontation and it is neither tasteful or pleasant to have to openly expose and confront evil, but it is necessary. Ours is not a defensive battle, but an offensive one. We are to storm the "gates of hell," not wait to be overrun by the forces of evil.

If any think that our ministry be negative only, then let him look at the hundreds that are saved and trained yearly for the Lord. If any think we spend more time being negative than positive they need to see the activity of the ministry in an average day. If any feel this paper is too negative, look at the positive results accomplished by the men and women whose articles are found here.

No, the expression, "Don't

be negative, be positive," is a smoke screen thrown up by those who desire to cover their own compromise. There is nothing new, of course, in this tactic as it is as old as the Garden of Eden where Satan inferred to Eve that God was too negative in having one forbidden tree.

We are giant killers, hireling exposers, wolf hunters and bear trappers. If we are shepherds worth our salt we will give our lives if necessary for the sheep. Don't be afraid of being labeled "Negative." Dr. Bob, Sr. used to say we ought to be against something if it is only buttermilk. If the shepherds of God's flock can't find any hirelings, bears, lions or wolves in sheep's clothing who are attempting to harm the sheep or the lambs today, it is only because they have closed their eyes and turned their backs, and in my book that brands them Cowards and Compromisers.

If this brands me as "Negative," then Bless God, I'm negative, but let every enemy of the flock of God BEWARE!!

Next month, Mr. Gartlock will discuss the second aspect of the question, "Can Rock Music Be Sacred?" he will give an in-depth analysis of the rock musicals and rock-folk songs that are being written and performed by Christians to try to win the world to Christ. Don't miss this very revealing article about one of the greatest problems facing the church today.

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but they didn't die physically, they only died spiritually. They had been walking and talking with God. They had been having fellowship with Him. Oh what a wonderful day that must have been when Adam and Eve had perfect fellowship with Him. But suddenly Satan came in and sin came in. Adam and Eve were then hiding from God and trying to run away from a God with whom they had had such sweet fellowship. Why? Because the relationship between man and God was broken when sin came in. And when you and I come into this world, we come into it out of fellowship with God. We're dead in trespasses and in sin and there's no fellowship whatsoever. But oh, by faith when we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, that relationship, that gap is bridged and we're back in right relationship with God. God who once would have been our judge becomes our Father.

The Bible says that when we're saved that God gives us the Holy Spirit and the Spirit cries out, "Father." You'll find out as you pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven" that there's a relationship there because the Bible says, "to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." So God becomes our Father.

The Bible says that the Son becomes our joint-heir because when the Spirit of God comes in, not only are we back in right relationship with God, but we become an heir, a joint-heir with Jesus Christ. He becomes

our Elder Brother. God is no longer some far-off being, but there is a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father and with His Son, the Lord Jesus. Anytime, any place, we have that privilege of having fellowship with Him.

The Spirit becomes our Comforter for Jesus said, "If I go not away, the Comforter cannot come." Therefore, we have a complete relationship with the Godhead: God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All three persons in this one God become real to us, become personal to us, and we're in right relationship with all of them the moment, by faith, we accept Jesus Christ. So you see, we're loaded with extras. We have redemption by grace, we have remedy for guilt, we have relationship with God, but that's not all. We also have righteousness as a garment.

IV. RIGHTEOUSNESS AS A GARMENT

The Bible says that all our righteousness is as filthy rags. When God looks down upon the world, although you may be wearing the latest suit or the latest dress or the latest style, God doesn't see you decked out in your Hart, Schaffner and Marx. God doesn't see you in your latest finery. God doesn't see you, teenager, so to speak, in your maxis. Let me just say this. God sees you in your actual robes and if He sees you NOT in Christ. He sees you in robes that are made of rags. They're filthy, wicked rags, just rotten rags, putrefying rags, rags that have been used to wipe up sores filled with all putrefaction. Oh, listen to me, that's how God sees you today if you're not IN CHRIST. He sees you in your own righteousnesses and sees them as rags. But oh, what a wonderful thing the moment by faith we accept Christ, He takes our rags, our wicked, foul, filthy rags and He takes that spotless sinless robe and He wraps that

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The Church Scene

by Jim Jones



The brightest day that has ever dawned was the day that Jesus rose from the dead. After the dark day of the Cross, the enemies of Christ remembered His words that He would rise again and so appealed to Pilate to make His grave secure (Matt. 27:64). Pilate gave the orders. A large stone was rolled across the entrance, the Roman seal was placed upon it, and guards were posted to watch it. Earth and hell did all they could to keep the Lord Jesus in the tomb for the hopes of the disciples and even the whole world were buried there.

But when the women arrived at the tomb on the dawning of that first Easter morn, they found that the stone had been rolled away. "They entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus." (vs. 2-3).

As the women stood by wondering, pondering in their hearts the meaning of the rolled-away stone and the empty tomb, two angelic messengers spoke.... "Why seek ye the living.... He is not here! He is risen!" (vs. 5-6).

The Italian artist, Tommaso Campanella was indignant over the sight of galleries of paintings which continually depict Christ in weakness, dying and hanging dead, as if that were the final scene, as if the curtain had fallen upon that seeming scene of horror and disaster. Campanella cried in protest, "Paint Christ not dead but risen, with His foot set in scorn upon the split rock with which they sought to hold Him down! Paint Him the Lord of life! Paint Him as what He is, the irresistible victor, who tested to the uttermost, has proven Himself mighty to save."

God did not roll back the stone to let Jesus out (John 20:19) but to let the disciples in for He wanted them to enter fully into the meaning of that vacated tomb!

I. ALL OF CHRIST'S CLAIMS REST UPON IT

His claim to Deity, His power and authority to forgive sins, His claim to be the resurrection and life, His offer of life to men and His worthiness to receive the devotion and allegiance of countless followers, depend upon the reality of His resurrection. There are

many witnesses to the Deity of Christ (His faultless life, His matchless teaching, His miraculous ministry) but none so powerful as that which He gave of Himself when He rose from the dead. He was "declared to be the Son of God with power... by the resurrection from the dead." (Rom. 1:4). His resurrection was the vindication of all the claims that He ever made.

II. THE VALUE OF THE WORK OF CHRIST ON CALVARY DEPENDS UPON IT

Our hope is in a living Saviour. There can be no real value in Jesus' death unless He rose again. It is the resurrection of Christ which distinguishes His death from that of the two thieves who died and that of the countless souls before and after. The resurrection is more than an appendage to the Christian faith, it is the Christian faith. It is the life blood, the very breath, the heart-beat of Christianity. In reading of the early Church, one cannot fail to recognize that the central theme of the first witness of Christ's followers to the world was the fact that Jesus Christ, who had been crucified had been raised from the dead. (Luke 24:34). Also Acts 13:28-30.

In the preaching of the early Apostles, both the cross and the resurrection were constant themes, inseparably linked. (I Cor. 15:1-4). Without the resurrection, the Cross is meaningless. Apart from the resurrection, it becomes only a tragic and needless blunder. Some drape the cross with black linen on "Good Friday." This would indeed have been a fit symbol to portray the darkness of our despair, the hopelessness and utter futility of our trust in Christ had He remained in the tomb, forever held in the icy grip of death. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has made the cross a sign of victory rather than a symbol of hopelessness.

If Christ's body lies decayed in a grave, then there is no 'good news' and life is devoid of meaning. The New Testament consequently becomes a myth, Christianity a fable, Christ a fraud and millions living and dead are made the victims of a gigantic hoax.

Yes, the value of the blood outpoured on Calvary's brow hinges on the fact of the resurrection.

Some years ago a submarine went down off the East Coast. As soon as possible, divers descended. When they had located the disabled ship, they moved about it seeking signs of life from within. At last they heard a faint tapping. Listening carefully they recognized the dots and dashes of a morse code message, "Is... there... any... hope?" This is the heart cry of humanity and Christ's resurrection is the answer to that cry!

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around our shoulders and He cloaks us with His righteousness. And some glorious day the Bible says, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints." Oh praise God, one day when we go before the Lord, we're going to be clothed visibly, although now we do not see our robe of righteousness. It is a robe of righteousness that God has given us by faith. One day, in actuality, we'll be walking around in these perfect, spotless robes. Why? Because they've been washed in the blood of the Lamb. What a wonderful thing! You know, that's ours! Christian, you ought to go home today and say "hallelujah!"

So there you have it. Look at the extras. Everything that God has for you—redemption by grace, remedy for guilt, relationship with God, righteousness as a garment. But notice, Christian, you also have resources for guidance.

V. RESOURCES FOR GUIDANCE

You actually have all the resources of God for guidance. Think of that! Every born again believer has the Word of God as his weapon. The Bible says, "The Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway." David said, "The Word will I hide in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." We have God's Word as a lamp. It's a guide and it is to guide us like a compass. It is like a light in a storm. We have God's Word and as a believer, you have all of the Word of God to be able to claim, to be able to read, to be able to believe, to be able to stand upon. All this is ours. The unsaved have no right to the Word of God except the plan of salvation. The unsaved have no promise that they can say, "This is mine," except the plan

III. THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS RESTS UPON IT

Heb. 7:25, I Cor. 15:17

Apart from this fact, mankind would be condemned to grope helplessly about in the chambers of eternal despair, forever bearing the burden and guilt of unforgiven sins. When Jesus died many asked, "Was this indeed the Son of God with authority to forgive sins?" All the universe bent low to view this scene and waited in breathless anticipation. Jesus' resurrection answered the question for all humanity and for all eternity.

"Go tell His disciples and Peter." Mark 16:7. A special message for Peter. Why was Peter singled out? Here was the hope of forgiveness for an erring disciple.

IV. OUR HOPE OF RESURRECTION RESTS UPON IT

If the tomb did not release its deathly grip on the body of Jesus Christ what possible hope can you and I have of being raised from the grave? But we have a forerunner.... One who has gone before us to instill hope in the human heart. His resurrection is the promise and pledge that we, too,

of salvation. But we as believers can claim the Word of God for our guidance.

Not only that, we also have access to the Throne of Grace. Beloved, do you realize that right now, if suddenly into your home tragedy strikes, you can drop to your knees and in a second of time you can be connected with the Throne of Grace. That's yours! That's mine! Every day. "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear; what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."

This past week I sat in the waiting room of the Intensive Care Unit of a hospital and as I put my arm on this lady's arm and said to her, "Ma'am, are you saved?" she said, "I've been praying for my boy, I've been praying for my boy." I said, "Ma'am, are your prayers getting through?" She said, "I don't know, I hope so," I said, "Well, let me ask you, are you saved?" She answered, "No, preacher, I'm not." I said, "I've got news for you, your prayers aren't getting through. Would you like to get through?" She said, "I sure would." And one hour later there in the hospital room she said, "Lord Jesus, come into my heart and save me, a sinner." Oh now her prayers are getting through. In that very second of time when she bowed her head and invited Christ into her heart, she had resources for guidance now that she never knew before. She has the right to call Him Father and the right to come into His very presence and let her petitions be made known. The Bible says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Oh Christian, listen to me. I believe you've got a lot of extras you aren't using. Get in your car and go home and don't turn the air-conditioning on. Get in your car and don't push the button and roll the windows down. Get into your car and don't use the automatic transmission and don't turn on the

shall rise. Christ, the first fruits. I Cor. 15:20, 23; John 5:25-26; 11:25; 14:19.

It is the guarantee that all men believing and unbelieving, shall rise from the grave. It is no dread prospect but the glorious hope of those whose trust rests in a crucified and living Christ.

"Blessed be the God and Father.... who according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.... to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven...." I Pet. 1:3-4.

But for some who spurn the proffered grace of our loving Lord, it will be the most solemn moment of eternity.... the moment when the unbelieving fall beneath His judgment and the demands of His justice. Acts 17:30-31.

If you have not trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour, why not do it right now? Admit your inability to save yourself and ask Jesus to come into your heart. Write us and let us know of your decision. We will send you additional helpful literature.

radio. Get into your car and don't use the key. Get into your car and don't take all those extras you've got there. Brother, you're not going very far. You're not going to get too much out of that car. Those extras, those things that they put on there to make money, are for your convenience; you use them. Christians, we are to use them today. Every day we ought to claim these promises and claim our resources and draw upon them—not just when we're in trouble but daily we are to call upon Him.

Not only do we have the resources of His Word and of the Throne of Grace, but we have the resources of the indwelling Spirit of God. Folks, listen. Do you realize that the only person that really has a purpose for living is a believer? Do you know that all unsaved people, regardless of their ambitions and their plans, their promotion and everything that they have, are only existing? But a believer is more than existing. He is here with a plan and a purpose. God has a blueprint for his life. And as a believer, when you come to Calvary, Jesus lays out the blueprint and says, "Look what I've got planned for you." And yet, do we claim it? Do we really step out and claim our resources? Or do we say, "Well, Lord, I'm saved now. Hands off. I want to live my own life." If you do, you'll mess it up too. But as a Christian, you have resources for guidance.

VI. REFUGE FOR GRIEF

Not only as a Christian do we have redemption by grace, remedy for guilt, relationship with God, righteousness for a garment, resources for guidance, but we have a refuge for grief. Do you know that the Christian alone has this refuge? I talked with one of our men this morning whose uncle had passed away. He told me, "Brother Bradshaw, I want you to know I feel closer to the Lord than ever before." He said, "Through this time, these two

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or three days when everything has been so hectic, I've felt closer to the Lord. It seems so real." Why can a believer say that? Because he has refuge for grief. Listen to me, the Bible says, "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." God said He has given us these divine promises: these things we can stand upon in these days of trials and grief.

Christian, one thing you'll have more than the unsaved has—is your share of grief. In fact, I think the Christian has more grief in many ways because the devil seems to throw more things at you than he does the unsaved. The unsaved are already shackled and salted away, so to speak, but the Christian is trying to live for God and Satan comes and pulls you down. But listen to what you have in the hour of grief! If something's gone wrong, something you don't understand, aren't you glad you can say, "Well brother, 'all things work together for good to them that love God.'" Do you know that I visited a lady in the hospital this week who is dying with cancer who knows it and has accepted it. She thanked the doctor for being honest with her and telling her how serious she was. But do you know what she told me when I had prayer with her? She said, "Remember, Brother, Romans 8:28." Now that's what I'm talking about, a refuge for grief. When we're persecuted we can hide in the shelter of the Lord Jesus, knowing that they hated Him without a cause and they're going to hate us without a cause. Then, of course, there are financial difficulties, and who doesn't have those? We have the promise, "My God shall supply all your needs." When death comes as it did this week in two families, what do we have in grief? What's our refuge? And of course, Paul said, "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep. For we believe that if Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that have died in Christ will He bring with Him. For this is the Word of God, that the dead in Christ will rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

What's our comfort in grief? The fact that because He lives, we too shall live. We have that. I've seen the unsaved go to pieces and carry on like heathens. I've seen the unsaved run screaming from the funeral room unwilling even to look at death. Oh, but praise God! I've seen the believer whose husband or child or friend has been taken stand there and say, "Praise God. Isn't it wonderful? I'll see him again." We've noticed this morning that we have redemption by grace; we have remedy for guilt; we have relationship with God; we have righteousness for a garment; we have resources for guidance; we have a refuge for grief. Listen to the last one. We have a residence in glory.

VII. RESIDENCE IN GLORY

We have a home reserved for us eternal in the heavens. You know today is the big "bowl game" over here, but I'm not excited about it. A lot of folks are excited about it. I'm not excited about anything that takes the place of the house of

God. I'm not excited anytime—even if it were the Super Bowl—if it happens on Sunday I'm not for it. But that's incidental.

There are folks today who are reserving their places. In fact, I doubt that you could buy a ticket now. They're gone. There will be a few scalpers standing outside trying to make a fast buck, but basically every seat in that stadium will be taken for the game. And every seat in that place is a "reserved seat." You have to have a ticket to get in and when you get in, if you're late, your seat will still be there because it's reserved. I believe that when we walk down that golden street there's going to be a name plate and a number on every home, brother. And I don't know what home is going to be mine and what's going to be yours, but I've got news for

you, I'm going to live in a home in which I've sent up materials there to build. And if I've sent up plenty of materials, I'll have plenty of home. If I just get in by the skin of my teeth, I may have a golden tent, brother, but I thank God it'll be mine. It's reserved for me eternal in the heavens. He said, "In my Father's house are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you." Isn't that something?

Now listen, Christian, everything I've mentioned to you today is YOURS. It's one of those extras you got when you knelt at the foot of the cross. All you were wanting to do was to get saved, but I've got news for you. God didn't just SAVE you. He saved you all right, but when He saved you, He completed you. And that's why we are told

we are complete in Him, nothing to be added. We have redemption by grace; we have remedy for guilt; we have a relationship with God; we have righteousness for a garment; we have resources for guidance; we have a refuge for grief; and praise God, we have a residence in glory waiting for us.

Are you ready? Unsaved friend, you don't have any of these. That final call may come today. If it does, it will be too late. But Christian, listen to me now, with all of these benefits that you have, what are you griping about? What are you complaining about? What are you defeated about? Claim the promises. Stand upon them. Be "more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Let's pray.

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