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## BIBLICAL DISCIPLINE

### GOD'S DISCIPLINE OF HIS CHILDREN

BY DR. DAYTON HOBBS

*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening (discipline) of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:*

*For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth (disciplines), and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

*If ye endure chastening (discipline), God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth (disciplines) not?*

*But if ye be without chastisement (discipline), whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards (illegitimate), and not sons.*

*Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected (disci-*

*plined us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?*

*For they verily for a few days chastened (disciplined) us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.*

*Now no chastening (discipline) for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised (trained) thereby.*

*Hebrews 12:5-11*

Discipline is for children. Discipline is the tool for training

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## "WE MAY NEVER PASS THIS WAY AGAIN"

BY L. H. OPAGER

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:*

*A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;*

*A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;*

*A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;*

*A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;*

*A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;*

*A time to love, and a time to hate;*

*a time of war, and a time of peace.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

This passage in Holy Scripture paints a beautiful picture of the normalcy of change in the human framework. Change is particularly commonplace in all human relationships. God has appointed a particular time for all human and spiritual events to occur. Many of you have been waiting a long time for this day to arrive, and it is finally here on schedule as ordained by Almighty God. God knew the guest list of this gathering as well as He knows the roll of every graduation class until He comes to take us home. Every event has its appointment with time.

We have heard, "We may never pass this way again" — a proper

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## WHAT'S WRONG WITH POSTMILLENNIALISM?

BY PETER J. FOXX

Part 1

Just a few years ago many pre-millennial theologians and preachers were announcing the death of post-millennialism. World wars, economic depressions, and ecumenical liberalism all argued strongly against the idea of a golden age on earth ushered in by the efforts of man, albeit under the power of God. Even the prominent scholar, J. Dwight Pentecost wrote in his book, *Things To Come*, "Postmillennialism finds no defenders or advocates in the present chiliastic discussions within the theological world."

Postmillennial thought and doctrine are not dead, but alive and well and flourishing within fundamentalist and evangelical communities. Some men like Rousas J. Rushdoony openly preach anti-chiliasm while others, many of them claiming to be premillennialists, obviously share the postmillennial dream of a golden age of Christianity as they set out to save America or cure society's ills.

A person's eschatology is basic to one's philosophy of life and present manner of living. Faulty eschatology lends itself to a faulty practice of Christianity. The Apostle Paul directly connected the living of a righteous and godly life with the looking for that "blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:12-13). What a person believes about the millennium is therefore all important. It dictates what a man believes his responsibilities are as a Christian individual, what the role of the church is in this present age, where to expend energies and talents, what problems to attempt to correct, and ultimately where to place hope.

Doctrinal Development  
of Chiliasm

A working knowledge of the develop-

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## Editor's Desk

Postmillennialism is on the rise in Fundamentalist circles. If you were to ask the average pastor what his position or the position of his church is as regards the millennium, he would likely say that it is pre-millennial, but if you were to observe the day-to-day practice of that church or individual pastor, you might be surprised to find practical postmillennialism at work.

The average church today, I fear, is not waiting expectantly for her Lord's return. The "blessed hope" has been replaced by human effort to fix up a decayed society; by pastors and laymen alike working more at repairing breaches than looking heavenward. No longer need we be concerned for fear of being "so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good", for our problem is being "so earthly minded we are no heavenly good".

The "blessed hope" of the Church is not the salvation of society; it is not even the establishing of the Kingdom of God on earth. The "blessed hope" of the church is the return of her risen Lord; her heavenly Bridegroom in the air to rapture her to be with Him throughout the ages of eternity.

When our attention is involved more with the condition of things on earth rather than our Lord's imminent return to earth, we are, in fact, Postmillennialists in practice. It is to them that "look for Him" that He is to "appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Hebrews 9:28).

Fulfilling one's individual responsibility as a citizen is one thing; putting time, money and effort to fix up this world is not the responsibility of the Christian. The mission we have been given is that of the calling out of a "people for His name." When that body is complete, our Lord will return for His body, the Church. Let us not be sidetracked from our heavenly calling.

# Tee Ball World Series 1983

Nineteen teams of youngsters, ages 5-7, along with their managers, coaches, parents, relatives, friends, and others interested in the sports program converged on Santa Rosa Christian School's Ball Park for the 1983 Tee Ball World Series, June 24-30. Much work and thought goes into the Tee Ball Program each year, but it has proved to be an excellent tool in training physical ability, building character, and presenting the Gospel to many youngsters. Each franchised league has four to six teams in it. Teams for the World

Series are made up of All-Star players chosen from those leagues. A total of 37 games completes the tournament brackets over six days of play. Men who are interested in a Tee Ball program for the children in their church or community are urged to come see the program in action or write for complete information.

Following are excerpts from an article written last year during the 1982 World Series, by Sports Editor Bud Bishop after an interview with Dr. Hobbs.



Dr. Dayton Hobbs, Commissioner

Founder and Pioneer  
of Tee Ball Baseball

## HOBBS' INVENTION SPAWNS TEE BALL WORLD SERIES

Article by Bud Bishop  
The Press Gazette, July, 1982

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The annual Tee Ball World Series closed out its 13th year Thursday evening at the Gospel Projects complex at Santa Rosa Christian School in Milton.

Dr. Dayton Hobbs, founder of the institution 31 years ago, sat in the stands, viewing the vast athletic complex at the school and watching the youngsters exhibit their skills on the diamond.

As he watched, Hobbs recalled many fond memories of the past, his affiliation with the school, and the birth of Tee Ball.

"You were here in 1971 for the Dixie Youth State Championships, if I recall," he said. "As you can see,

we've grown some since then. In fact, we're about to add another baseball field here. That will give us five."

But on this hot summer evening, Tee Ball was the name of the game, a sport created here in 1960.

"We started Tee Ball back then in Bagdad," Hobbs said. "We wanted to come up with some type of program for younger boys, in an effort to keep them interested in baseball, because they were too young to play in Dixie Youth baseball. So Tee Ball really got going. The managers had a lot of fun, the parents liked it, so the next year we advanced a little bit and chose up teams. The next year we put down some rules. It was obvious by then that we had to make some changes."

From that point, many of opposing teams in the Dixie Youth program learned of the Tee Ball growth in Milton and requested that officials from the Santa Rosa School "come over and explain things about Tee Ball."

"We traveled around the country to a lot of different places explaining the game," said Hobbs. "Well, it just kept growing until, in 1970, we had our first Tee Ball World Series. We had the game patented and we have the name 'Tee Ball Baseball' as well. We print the rule book here and send it out all over the United States. Of course there are a lot of people playing it now that do not franchise with us, but they play the game and that's our primary concern. We had a lot of Navy people that helped us and they traveled all over the country, taking the game with them and started it in other programs, so it has really spread."

The Tee Ball World Series is but the beginning of post-season play in youth baseball circles, but it

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# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

## "Summer Fun!"



"Summer Fun! Summer Fun! A-O.K. Summer Fun!" All she had heard for weeks was how much fun she would have at summer camp, but as far as she was concerned, there was no such thing as fun--summer, winter, or any other kind. "A-O.K.", indeed! Betsy was miserable!

Her thoughts were steaming! Sure she had been swimming at camp. So what! She had a pool in her own backyard at home. She had been horseback riding. Well, what was so great about that? She could ride horses any weekend she wanted at Grandpa's farm. She had worked on many craft projects. So? She could have bought supplies at the hobby shop and worked on them in the comfort of her own air-conditioned room, thank you, away from the heat and all these crummy kids. That was it! When it was all boiled down, what really bugged her were these crummy kids! Oh, they were clean and nice all right. In fact, everyone around seemed to think they were great--spelling off Bible memory verses like computers, singing choruses and hymns with such heart it made the rafters ring, reading their Bibles like elevated saints, and cooperating with counselors like spellbound soldiers acting as if they loved every minute of it. It made Betsy absolutely sick! What ailed these kooks anyway? Whatever it was she wanted no part of it. She would abide by their dumb rules if she must. She had signed a statement agreeing to do so, but she had not agreed to smile or look happy or act satisfied. Whatever Betsy was, she was not and would not be a fake!

Contests, swim meets, ball games, nature hikes, skit nights, and mountains of delicious food--for Betsy all the plusses of camp were neutralized by mandatory devotions, chapels, singspirations, testimony meetings, and preaching services. The counselor said there really were not as many as Betsy felt, but to Betsy they seemed endless, non-stop, every hour on the hour, around

the clock.

"If Mother ever comes to get me-- if she EVER comes to take me home, you'll never get me back to a place like this again!" Betsy blurted bitterly.

"Well, it's not that bad, is it?" answered Margo. "I like it myself. I came as a camper two or three years, and now that I am in Christian college, I get to come work as a counselor. I wouldn't miss the fun."

"Fun! You must be sick, but so is everybody else around here."

"Well," mused Margo, "Everybody is entitled to an opinion, but I thought we had a pretty healthy crew."

"Huh, everybody is alike. You are all one way, and you expect everybody to be like you, or you think they are wrong."

"No, Betsy, we don't expect everyone to be like us, but we do want everyone to believe the truth of God's Word. We do want everyone to be saved by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior."

"That's just what I mean. Talk about clones! We studied about them in school, and there are all sorts of stories and comics and wild films about them these days, but that is just what you Christians want to do. Christians would like to make everyone in the world like themselves!"

"That's interesting that you would think that, Betsy. You are sensing the desire of every true Christian, even as Paul expressed it before King Agrippa, "...I would to God, not only that thou, but also all that hear me this day were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." (Acts 16:29)

"Well, I'll be! For everything I say, somebody has a Bible answer. Bible, Bible, Bible!"

"Well, Betsy, that's it! God's Word is everything. Man's opinions are of little value, but God's precepts and commands are all important!"

"But I--I have a right to do what I want! I have a right to choose my own way," Betsy insisted.

"Yes, Betsy, indeed you do. Man, created by God and in the image of God, has been given a free will to make choices; however, he must realize that he must accept the consequences of his choices. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me'. (John 14:6) According to His own Word, Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. Man must accept truth or face eternal consequences. 'The wages of sin is death.'" (Romans 6:23)

"But why--why does everything always have to be God's way?" Betsy pressed.

"Simply because He is God. Yet it is wonderful that even though we have sinned against Him, God, through the sacrifice of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, has provided a way of salvation for lost, sinful man. It would be the height of ingratitude, pride, and rebellion for any man to reject that grace, mercy, and love."

"I never thought of it just like that." Betsy slumped on her bunk. "I never thought of it like that. Do you really mean that I am a sinner?"

"Oh, yes, my dear. And if you will think about it, you will know it, too. You were born with a sinful nature and from that sinful heart has come all kinds of sinful acts and ways. God knows what they are, and you do, too. Even this resentment against God, the Bible, and Christians here at camp is an evidence of sin and self-will in wanting your own way. But that is Biblical, too. Isaiah said, 'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.'" (Isa. 53:6)

Betsy sat stunned. Her heart almost seemed to hurt physically as she considered all she had heard. Yes, she was a sinner. Yes, she needed to be saved. The admission came slowly and so did the tears, but the conviction was real. But what would her family and friends think if she got saved? Would they think she was a Christian clone, too? Well, if so, that is the way it would have to be. Think what they would; her mind was made up.

Quietly there in the cabin beside her bunk, Betsy bowed her head and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive her sins, and she surrendered her stubborn will to Him.

That night at the campfire, the singing seemed to have a ring that Betsy had never noticed before. For the first time, the testimonies made wonderful sense, and before the fire burned low, Betsy found herself easing to her feet and thanking the Lord openly for saving her that day and for bringing her to the camp where she learned of His love.

"And I never thought much of clones," she added, "but if I could be like Jesus, that would be--well, that would be 'A-O.K.!'"

Margo softly began and soon all around the campfire were quietly singing the prayer-hymn:

Be like Jesus, this my song,  
In the home and in the throng,  
Be like Jesus all day long,  
I would be like Jesus.

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is the only event to be hosted this year by Santa Rosa Christian School.

Hobbs feels athletics, in relation to a Christian experience, plays a most important role in preparing the youngster for a mature adult Christian life.

"I've been pastoring here for 31 years," he said. "We started this ministry 31 years ago this August. Most all of those years I have been working with young people in sports. We started the church league here in 1958, before we got to the Dixie Youth program. To me, athletics is very important, because you can teach Christian values, character building better on the athletic field than you can about anywhere else. The weakness in a fellow's character is going to come out on the ball field, whether he doesn't hustle, has a bad temper, or whatever it is, it's going to show up, especially as the competition gets tighter. This is what I do it for, the entire reason we are in it. I feel like it's a very important part. And I also think there is a move in some churches to de-emphasize winning. I don't believe in cheating or cutting corners to win, but I believe that teaching a kid to win is a very basic part of life, very important. I feel very strongly about that at the age of Tee Ball. You have to be very careful about winning, putting too much pressure on the kids. You're primarily teaching a winning attitude."

The kids in this year's Tee Ball World Series definitely had a winning attitude. But, they had something else. Outstanding sportsmanship. Just like Hobbs said.

A dream of 22 years ago, to develop a program for the younger kids, has become a reality for Dr. Dayton Hobbs. The dream was an outstanding exhibition of athletic competition this week during the Tee Ball World Series.

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From  
The  
President



The long hot days of summer are here, and it is a little difficult to think about another school year. However, the days pass swiftly, and the decision to continue your education, as the Lord directs, must be made soon if you have not done so already.

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## MARKS OF AN EDUCATED MAN

To be truly educated, a person should be able:

### TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY

No one can be generously educated and understanding without being able to be a good listener. We are to be teachable more than talkative. Solomon made the observation that: "he that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Proverbs 17:27-28).

### TO THINK CLEARLY

To think at all is one of life's deepest disciplines. To think clearly should be the evidence of an educated person. With perspicacity and penetration, with reason and reasonableness, with common sense and caution, with instruction and insight, he should be well advised and not worldly wise. With observation and objectivity he can sift evidence from opinions, proof from propaganda, and with good judgment he can weigh evidence. He has foresight, and is also taught by hindsight, and should be free from folly and frivolity. To every problem there is an answer, and by diligent observation and

logical thinking he proceeds toward the solution thereof.

### TO SPEAK AND TO WRITE ACCURATELY

An educated person should be concise and not clumsy, precise and not ponderous. Good grammar is a godsend to him and correct spelling is evidence of his education. He has both clarity of thought and felicity of expression so as to communicate cogently and not to confuse himself or others. To be effective in communicating to others, he is unaffected and unostentatious.

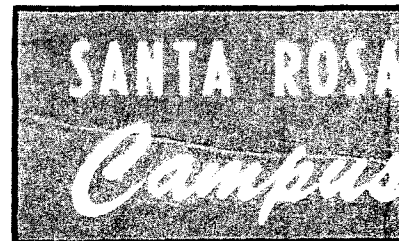
### TO READ WIDELY

It was Sir Francis Bacon who wrote: "Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." He added: "Read not to contradict, nor to believe, but to weigh and to consider." To be educated is to be interested, inquisitive, industrious, informed. It is to be intrigued with learning, to be independent of the opinions of others and yet not to be opinionated. It is to be eager and earnest in the pursuit of knowledge, and never idle. College years should be but the beginning of a lifetime of learning. Sometimes that is not the case. One should heed the warning given by the great lexicographer, Samuel Johnson, who said: "In my early years I read very hard. It is a sad reflection, but a true one, that I knew almost as much at eighteen as I do now."

### TO LIVE HONESTLY AND HEARTILY

While preparing for life during college years, one should not forget to live! Education should cultivate integrity and uprightness, probity and high principles. One is to be both trustful and trustworthy, open-minded and open-hearted, courageous and constant, conscientious and consistent. Life is the great adventure entrusted to us by the Almighty, to be followed by eternal life whose duties and delights we can only faintly discern. Life is an opportunity to serve Jesus Christ and our fellow men, an apprenticeship to learn the gladness of giving and the triumph of trusting, and the discipline to overcome obstacles that develops Christian character. Life, I repeat, can and should be

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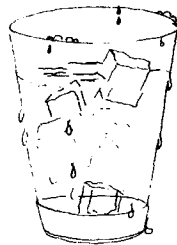
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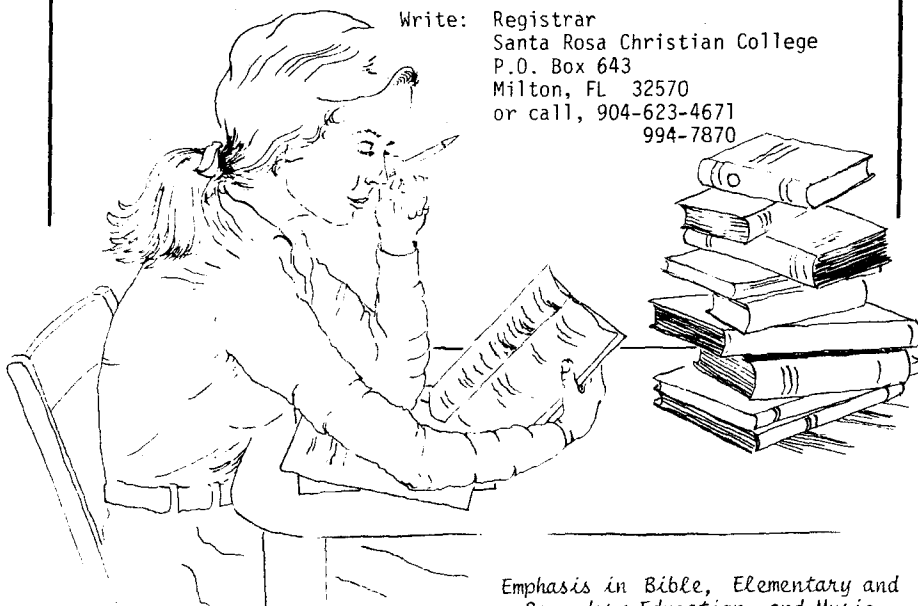
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**TO MOVE PURPOSEFULLY AND PRAYERFULLY**

To be liberally educated is to have aims and goals, and the earnest endeavor to reach them. One is to be a pilgrim on his way to the City of the Great King, and not merely a purposeless, wandering hobo throughout life. He makes decisions and with determination pursues the chosen pathway. He has perseverance, patience, and old-fashioned pluck. He has both spontaneity and originality, and is responsible in the performance of life's profession.

**TO HAVE CONVICTIONS AND STAND FOR THEM**

The educated person is tolerant of others and willing to evaluate their opinions. He is, however, intolerant of error and untruthfulness. He has come to convictions of his own, achieved by study and thought, and in matters spiritual (and others as well) he is "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope" that he has.

**TO EXPERIENCE THE FREEDOM  
THAT IS IN CHRIST**

and to live triumphantly therein. The Lord Jesus declared plainly: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). That freedom includes forgiveness of sins to the penitent who accepts the Savior's offer of pardon. He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

The Bible further states that: "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). There is freedom from the penalty of sin by the death of the Savior, and freedom from the domination of the old life because of His indwelling presence. The Scriptures give that assurance, saying: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:10).

True education causes us to be increasingly aware of our utter dependence upon God. It makes us sensitive of heart toward Him and swift of action to do His bidding. Worship and work are alike our duty and delight.

Sensitive to the Word and will of God, solicitous for the welfare of one's fellow men, sensible in thought and sound in speech; such are the marks of an educated man.

**HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?**

**DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN**  
from COLLEGIATE CONVERSATIONALS

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theme for this day, a nostalgic phrase, a phrase that makes us treasure this moment and brings to our minds the probability of continued absence one from another. This is a special time that we have together, and it ought to be coveted and held as long as possible. Let us learn a lesson from these treasured times of moments' length. Appreciate in all their fulness those special times of life God gives to each of us. Appreciate today. Live your life today, and don't wish your todays away.

I have many children in my home, and I hear comments like, "I wish this school year would end," or "I can't wait until I grow up," or "I'll die if I don't get a letter." Wishes for the present to pass in hopes of a better tomorrow are common. I realize that we all look for a better tomorrow when Christ comes to take us home, but I believe Christ expects us to live for Him today and to be content with today. The apostle Paul said in his letter to the Philippians, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

Change is inevitable in this life, but God expects us to live for Him within those changes, always keeping our faith in the constancy of God.

I love the chorus we sing in Sunday School:

*What though wars may come, with marching feet and beat of the drum,*

*For I have Christ in my heart;  
What though nations rage, as we approach the end of the age,*

*For I have Christ in my heart;  
God is still on the throne,  
Almighty God is He;  
And He cares for His own through all eternity,*

*So let come what may, whatever it is I only say that*

*I have Christ in my heart.*

This chorus expresses in vivid language a comparison of the possible change in human relationships to the constancy of Jesus Christ. What if our homes are blown away through war? What if we lose our friends and loved ones? What if we grow old or misshapen? God is still on the throne, Almighty God is He! But not only is He on the throne, He cares for His own: those who believe in Him. Jesus Christ is truly the same yesterday, today, and forever and the only true foundation upon which we can build our lives.

"We may never pass this way again." Most likely this particular group will never be together again. Change will come. It is a constant you can depend upon. We age, our appearance changes, friendships

cease and begin, our health and wealth fluctuate, we may have sorrow, pain, and suffering. We may be enslaved, our nation may be laid in ruins, we may be powerful or weak, poor or rich, crippled or strong. Change will come, but the foundation which we can depend on is that foundation which you have come face to face with at Santa Rosa Christian School — Jesus Christ, that "Solid Rock...all other ground is sinking sand."

With this year's graduation, Santa Rosa Christian School will have graduated 163 students in 13 classes. Many of our graduates have taken the training they have received and put it to good use in serving the Lord. Some of those are in this very room. Others have chosen to stand on sinking sand and use their lives for self-serving purposes. All of our graduates are living through rapid change which is inevitable in our day.

Listen to this comment published in this week's TIME magazine.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, a Russian exile imprisoned for his writings against Communism and tyranny in Russia, said in a recent speech:

*The entire 20th Century is being sucked into the vortex of atheism and self destruction. We can only reach with determination for the warm hand of God, which we have so rashly and self-confidently pushed away. There is nothing else to cling to in the landslide.*

Young people, today's world is a landslide of clashing values and beliefs. This world has much to

offer in immediate gratification. Much tinsel and stardust is cast your way hoping you will bite the carrot of the immediate. God requires of us faith to see beyond this life.

What kind of foundation will you cling to while living through the landslide of change in this age? Will your foundation support you through the major changes you will face in the next 10 years? Will your foundation help you with your marriage, your children, establishing a new home, possible suffering or tragedy or loss of loved ones? This modern age of self-gratification and self-love is totally at odds with the Christian.

"You may never pass this way again." This may be the last appointment God has for you to receive encouragement to build your life on that which is sure, that which will not move through the landslide of change — that sure foundation, our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Rock of Ages. If you build your life on the Rock of Ages, you will build your life for eternity.

Young people, these years you have spent at Santa Rosa Christian Academy have been years of backbone strengthening. Do not waste the training on things that will not last past tomorrow. Stand for truth and righteousness today and each of your todays God gives. We may never pass this way again!

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# World Congress of Fundamentalists - 1983

Theme - "The Authority of Scripture"

The World Congress of Fundamentalists, sponsored by the International Committee for the Propagation and Defense of Biblical Fundamentalism, is scheduled to be held this August 1-7 at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Previous congresses have met in Edinburgh, Manila, and Singapore.

Delegates from throughout the world will receive pertinent information through panels, seminars, and preaching services which promise to cover nearly every aspect of Christian life. Since the meetings are not intended only for pastors and Christian workers, but are geared for the whole congregation, groups of church members are urged to attend.

One of the many emphases for this Congress will be Christian education. The philosophy of Christian education will be the theme of a seminar which will meet every afternoon. Thursday morning a panel discussion will be held under the direction of Dr. Clinton Branine of Indiana Baptist College in Indianapolis. Panelists will include Dr. Joseph A. Rammel of Pillsbury Baptist Bible College in Owatonna, Minnesota, who will discuss the authority of Scripture in Christian education. Dr. O. Talmadge Spence from Foundations Bible College in Dunn, North Carolina, will deal with the topic of humanism and the inroads it has made into Christian education. Humanism as well as traditional education will also be discussed by Dr. Dayton Hobbs of Santa Rosa Christian College in Milton, Florida. Mr. Wallace Sugimoto, an educator from Wahiawa, Hawaii, will finish the panel with a report on the dangers of progressive education. This Thursday meeting will be of interest to pastors, Christian teachers, prospective teachers, students, parents of school-age children, and all those who realize that the foundation must be established now for the leadership of true fundamentalism tomorrow.

Bob Jones University Vice President, Dr. Bob Wood, and Mr. W. Dean Cummings of Real Life Ministries will also speak on topics related to education in the afternoon seminar directed specifically to young people and youth workers.

Reservations for the 1983 World Congress can be made by calling (803)242-5100, extension 3130, or writing Box 34555, Greenville, SC 29614. On-campus accommodations and meal arrangements are also available

## POSTMILLENNIALISM, FROM PAGE 1

ment or the chiliastic or millennial doctrine is essential. What a disadvantage to tackle the millennial issue without an understanding of what has gone on before! A person better be somewhat careful about waving a flag simply because he is attracted to its colors or finds it convenient or popular to do. Where did the flag come from and what does it represent? The past of the flag gives meaning to its present and determines its future. So it is with the flag of postmillennialism.

It is important to realize that for the first 250 years of the Church, believers universally embraced what we now call premillennialism. God's people interpreted scripture literally and, on the face value of God's Word, believed in the personal, any moment return of Jesus Christ to rapture the saints. They believed Paul's words concerning a worsening apostasy and looked to Jesus Christ as the "blessed hope." They believed also in the personal reign of Christ on earth following His Second Coming. His rule of righteousness with a rod of iron would last a thousand years.

Men are free to believe and follow systems of eschatology other than premillennialism, but those who do should understand they are departing from the historical mooring of the early Church. They must be prepared to boldly declare that concerning Christ's return, Christians were wrong, believed erroneously and held to a false hope for the first two centuries of the Church's existence.

Amillennialism did not come on the scene until around 400 A.D. There are two key men in history responsible for the construction of this false system of eschatology. Origen (185-254 AD) paved the way by being the first major theologian to attack the literal interpretation of scripture. Augustine (354-430 AD) built upon this non-literal basis of interpretation to spiritualize his way to the development of amillennialism (no millennium). Pentecost writes in *Things To Come*, "While Origen laid the foundation in establishing the non-literal method of interpretation, it was Augustine who systematized the non-literal view of the millennium into what is now known as Amillennialism."

The emerging Roman Catholic Church then accepted Augustine's eschatology and thus amillennialism became the prevailing view of the nominal church through the Dark Ages. Sadly, the Protestant Reformers also retained Augustine's amillennial eschatology. Amillennialism

remains firmly entrenched in the major Protestant denominations today.

Postmillennialism appears to have been developed into a system by a Unitarian by the name of Daniel Whitby (1638-1726). Postmillennialism is in fact like amillennialism in that it is anti-chiliastic. The golden age of postmillennium is a far cry from the millennium of early Bible believers. Literal interpretation of the Bible is rejected and men are freed to pursue their hopes and dreams of a utopia on earth resulting from human efforts blessed by God.

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## Letters

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
Being a missionary to Canada places me and my wife in a position of not knowing what is going on back home. Since the "Voice of Fundamentalists" and "The Blue-Print" are no longer around, I rely on the "Projector" and "Faith for the Family" to keep me abreast. Thanks so much for sending it this way.

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## DISCIPLINE, FROM PAGE 1

children. Children are always under the authority of another, whether it be the children of God, as all believers are, or the children of men.

## DISCIPLINE IS GOD'S TRAINING METHOD

Discipline is the training method God uses on all His children. Every son He receives He disciplines because He loves him and desires him to be a partaker of His holiness. Love is the only legitimate reason for exercising discipline. Children who are loved, in the scriptural understanding of the word "love", are disciplined or trained by those responsible for them. To be undisciplined then is to be illegitimate from God's point of view.

## FOUR WAYS GOD DISCIPLINES

We will look at four scriptural ways that God takes care of this very important matter of the discipline of His children.

## The Word of God

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16*

*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Hebrews 4:12-13*

I believe God's primary resource for the training or discipline of His children is His Word. If we are responsive to His written Word, following its instruction in full obedience as the Holy Spirit gives us understanding, we will probably need very little else in the way of discipline. Our desire for our own children should be immediate "voice obedience", that is, prompt response to our voice commands to them in the right spirit. Our hearts should desire to please our Lord and to respond immediately to His expressed instruction to us.

## The Knife

*Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:2*

Those who are familiar with the growing of plants, trees, or vines

are very familiar with probably the most important device a gardener possesses--his pruning shears. Most successful gardeners carry them with them constantly. One well known gardening company recommends in their instructions of pruning that if you are not sure whether to cut a particular growth or not--cut! I am not so sure that is always good advice but it is certainly true that most pruners prune too little rather than too much. God knows all about pruning: He knows how much to prune, where to prune, and when to prune so far as His children are concerned, and He always accomplishes what He desires in our lives with His pruning knife. We may wonder at the time of cutting, but we know that He knows best and looking back at a later time we see the fruit produced by His wise and timely pruning.

## The Thorn

*And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.*

*For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.*

*And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

*II Corinthians 12:7-9*

In Paul's case, on one occasion God used a thorn in the flesh to keep Paul from being "exalted above measure". This discipline measure seems to be reserved for those who have been signally used of God, and for the purpose of maintaining humility lest reward should be lost. This infirmity brought about weakness in order that glory may be brought to God, and that the power of Christ may rest upon the recipient of the thorn. Would that we could be counted worthy of this form of discipline from the hand of God.

## The Rod

*And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:*


*For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Hebrews 12:5-6*

To "scourge" means to whip or to flog. It is used concerning the beating that Pilate had administered

to Jesus, and of Jewish scourgings (Matt. 10:17; 23:34). In the Old Testament God speaks of using the "rod of men" to chastise David's seed (II Sam. 7:14). The rod generally speaks of authority administered to bring about correction, and God may use a loving hand, as of a parent, or an enemy, as in the case of Israel, but for God's children His purpose is always for their good.

There are lessons for those of us involved in and concerned about the training of children in the methods God uses for our discipline. Let us examine them carefully and profit thereby.

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