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THE APOSTASY OF THE VISIBLE CHURCH

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(PART SIX)

II Tim.3:1-5 *"This know that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more (rather) than, lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."* This passage is the Swan Song of Paul. It is his last book, written shortly before his execution at the hands of Rome. He is undoubtedly speaking to Timothy about the most important things and issues for which he was concerned. Now Paul understood that it was time for him to go. In chapter four, verse six of this same epistle he said, "I am now

ready to be offered, the time of my departure is at hand." When a man is at death's door, what he says is most important. People hang on every word. They listen carefully, because he is speaking things he will not be able to say again, and the last thing Paul talks about is the apostasy. In chapter four he says that the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine. Church congregations will not endure sound doctrine, sound Bible preaching against sin, about judgment, about the true condition of man's heart. They will not tolerate such preachers or such preaching because, as we see in chapter three, verse five, they have a "form of godliness" but the power is gone from it. That power is the Holy Spirit. The word here *power* is the word for ability or strength. In other words the ability of the message to save, the strength of

the message is gone, leaving only a shell remaining. That is the condition of the average church in the last days. Now there is a remnant. There is always the remnant who are genuine believers.

You know, the rapture used to be presented as "millions missing". Dramatic drawings showed millions missing, airplanes crashing, buses wrecking bringing total chaos. Perhaps there will be some incidents like that. But I saw a headline in the paper a day or two ago concerning a little town in eastern Ohio, where there had been a flash flood and fifty one people were still missing. Nobody thought that was the rapture. No one in the paper suggested that the rapture might have come. The paper simply said they were missing. What I'm saying is this, when the rapture takes place, I don't believe

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THE PREEMINENCE OF LOVE

An Outline Study of I Corinthians 13
BY RANDALL DOUGLAS, MISSIONARY
Part II - I Corinthians 13:1-3

Love isn't a replacement or a substitute for gifts. Love is superior to gifts and is the solution to the Corinthians' problems, including their abuse of spiritual gifts. They were chasing gifts when they should have been choosing love. Their zeal for the attention getting gifts, such as speaking in tongues, caused them to become disoriented and disorderly. Love would correct that imbalance.

The love of chapter thirteen is God's love. This reveals its preeminence. Love is God's very nature (1 John 4.16) and the Giver is always superior to any gift. There are other valid reasons why love is superior to gifts. First, gifts are dependent on love to give them value (vv.1-3). Second, love produces the Christ life and likeness in yielded believers. Love is

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Editor's Desk

Personally I believe that modern psychology is the curse of the "last days" and is the agent which has released and will continue to release the ever increasing flood of "self-image", "self-esteem" heresies which unfortunately the Fundamental Churches and schools of America have by and large adopted, and which will likely prove to be their downfall.

Self-esteem is not the same as self-respect; we must understand that. The synonym for self-esteem in Webster's New World Dictionary is "pride", whereas the definition for self-respect is: "proper respect for one's self and one's worth as a person." The Christian should understand that he has no worth as a person apart from the fact that he was created in the image and likeness of God. In light of the fact that Adam's fall ruined us all and that "They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one", (Psalm 14:3) it seems Christians are out of line promoting self-esteem. Our problem is not that we do not think highly enough of ourselves, but rather that we love self rather than loving God. Therapy will not help you love God more, nor is it designed for that; it is designed to help you love yourself more. The "self" cult of our day, and I think it proper to call it a cult, is a curse upon the human race and it is especially sad to see it take over so much of the Christian culture of our day. We do not need a higher opinion

of ourselves; we need repentance for our pride and a falling upon our face before a Holy and righteous God. When we see ourselves as God sees us, I'm afraid the picture will not lift us up but bring us down in humility and repentance. □

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dr. Hobbs,

Have you written any more on Bill Gothard since these publications mentioned above? If so, may I order reprints from you? Do you know if anyone else has written on Bill Gothard, and if so, who? (Our family are alumni during the past four years of the basic and the advanced seminars. We were totally surprised when we learned of these negative things from Dave Hunt and Bible For Today. Yet, we are thankful to have our eyes opened up to these true facts. No one should be unaccountable. No one is above criticism from qualified Christians of good character.)

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Yours in Christ,

A. L.

Dear Dayton Hobbs,

Thank you so much for your letter of 3rd and for all the enclosures.

Your own articles on the Apostasy Of The Visible Church were every bit as good as we thought they would be and we would see them as recommended reading for all interested in a further insight of the great deceptions of these days. May the Lord bless you greatly for your writing of them as this kind of highlighting of the truth sadly does not go down too well in most Christian circles in these days.

Indeed your publication is of such blessing to us that we are greatly indebted to you. . . .

Thank you again for all your

help to date and may the Lord bless you and yours and all involved in the production of the Projector. Be encouraged and keep up this most excellent work.

D. & M. O.

Dear Dayton/ Carolyn,

. . . I'll be heading back to our work in Hokkaido about Sept. 1 or shortly thereafter. I thought it would be mighty good to have some of your new video programs for use over there. Order enclosed... Many thanks. God bless you both. I do appreciate your ministry of warning.

B. K.

Teaching Separation In Your Church

by *John E. Ashbrook*

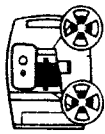
Pastor, Bible Community Church
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Billy Graham is coming to Columbus in the summer of 1993. An Announcement Celebration was held May 28, 1992 with 154 churches in attendance. Publicity will soon begin to flow to all of the churches in central Ohio. The media will publicize Billy Graham, the mass choir, exciting personalities, Operation Andrew and plans for young people. Those already enlisted in the Crusade will spread the news to Christian co-workers. The furor will begin with the ecumenical and new evangelical churches, but will soon overflow into the fundamental churches.

Some fundamental churches will pass through the Crusade unscathed. Others will be torn apart with conflicting opinions. Churches where pastors and leaders have done a good job of educating their people to the dangers of compromise will hold the rudder steady and sail through the storm. Churches where pastors take a good personal stand but have failed to educate their people are liable to be torn apart on the shoals of compromise. The pastors will stand

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Stars of the Morning

By: "Aunt Carolyn"

What Every Kid Wants to Know



"What is electricity?" "Where does it come from?" "Can I touch a high line wire?" "What about the birds?" So goes the power company's commercial.

Questions, questions, questions, until mothers become exasperated and teachers run out of time and patience!

Kids are full of questions. Yet healthy curiosity is good, and asking questions is one of the best ways to learn. Asking the right questions and getting the right answers may make all the difference in survival, in life and death.

"Will that dog bite?" "Are these berries poison?" "Is that wire 'live'?" "Is that snake poison?" And in quiet, serious moments, kids ask the most important questions of all -- "Where did I come from?", "Who am I?", "Who is God?", "What is sin?", "Who is Jesus Christ?", "How can I be saved?", "Does it really matter?" Finding the right answers to those questions does, indeed, make all the difference. It is, indeed, a matter of life and death.

Here are some things every kid wants to know.

WHO IS GOD?

God is the self-existing, eternal, invisible, true God, who created the heavens and earth and all that is in them.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT IS TRUE?

Because God says it in His Word, the BIBLE. He gave it to us, so we could know about Him, His love, and His salvation. "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17).

WHAT IS SIN?

Sin is any act, thought, or attitude that does not please and glorify God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

He is God's eternal, only begotten Son. "For we...know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (John 4:42). "And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:69).

WHO IS A SINNER?

Everyone. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).

DOES "Everyone" INCLUDE ME?

Yes. "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Rom. 3:10).

DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO ANSWER TO GOD FOR HIS SIN?

Yes. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:12).

IS THERE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN?

Yes. "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23). This means eternal death in hell away from God.

IS THERE ANY WAY TO ESCAPE THAT PENALTY?

Yes. By trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as your only Savior. He died on the cross to take the punishment and pay the debt for your sin. "Christ died for our sins." (I Cor. 15:3).

WHY DID HE DO THAT?

Because God loves you. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY TO BE SAVED?

No. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

HOW CAN I BE SAVED THEN?

By believing in Christ and receiving Him. "But 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).

WHAT MUST I BELIEVE ABOUT CHRIST?

"That Christ died for our sins...And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3,4).

WHEN SHOULD I RECEIVE CHRIST?

Now. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation." (II Cor. 6:2).

HOW CAN I RECEIVE CHRIST?

Realizing that you are a sinner, ask Him to forgive your sin, believe His Word, and trust Him to save you. Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37).

HOW CAN I KNOW IF I AM SAVED?

By believing God's promises. "These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:31).

WILL SALVATION MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

True faith in Christ brings a changed life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). Now you can live for Christ.

HOW MAY I LIVE FOR CHRIST?

Read the Bible. Obey God's Word. It will teach you what to do and how to live. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (Ps. 119:11).

Pray. Talk with God. Tell Him every problem. Ask Him to help you know what is right and to help you do what is right. "...In every thing by prayer...let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6).

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Witness. Tell someone else about the Savior so that they may know Him and have salvation, too. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me..." (Acts 1:8).

"Serve the Lord with gladness." (Ps. 100:2). Be thankful for salvation and for a home in Heaven. "These things have I spoken unto you...that your joy might be full." (John 15:11).

IS THAT WHAT EVERY KID WANTS TO KNOW?

Yep! That's what every kid wants to know!

THEY COULDN'T BE BOUGHT

by *Tod Brainard*

Pay-offs, bribes, nepotism, preferential treatment, gifts from lobbyists, conflicts of interest are daily headlines in our newspapers. This, of course, is the way men and women go places in this wicked world's system. Man's heart is indeed deceitful and desperately wicked. Is the church free from such corrupt activity? I'm afraid not. As a matter of fact, it is my contention that it is far too prevalent.

Let me say first that I am not referring to huge financial pay-offs of pastors or blackmail of church members involved in less than ethical behavior, although this may take place. I am referring to attitudes that reflect partiality toward some individuals within churches, fellowships, pastors' groups, etc., because of perceived benefits or notoriety.

Paul gave Timothy a strong charge in I Timothy 5:21 "that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality." There is no place in the

Christian's life for partiality. God hates partiality. He is no respecter of persons, and neither should we be.

It is interesting to note that mankind in general has the innate ability to locate those individuals who act in preferential ways. Ask just a few questions, and you can determine whether or not you can gain a partial or impartial judgment in your behalf.

An Old Testament illustration of partiality/impartiality is found in I Kings 1:7-8. David was nearing the end of his forty year reign and his son Adonijah had great aspirations of becoming the next king of Israel. Adonijah sought out men to side with him against his father, David. He found two men, Joab and Abiathar, a warrior and a priest. Both of these men had accomplished great things for King David and had been friends of David during his rulership.

Joab had been a faithful helper and was devoted to David's interests, but in David's last days Joab cast his lot with Adonijah against the prophecy of the Word of God which stated that Solomon would be king (I Chron. 28:1-10). Likewise Abiathar, who had supported David during Absalom's rebellion, adhered to Adonijah against the prophecy of the Word of God.

Adonijah found these men to be partial to his own cause and invited them both to support him in his run for the kingdom, and "they following Adonijah helped him." But notice which men did not follow Adonijah and his bid for the throne: Zadok - faithful priest and teacher of holiness to the people of God; Benaiah - faithful and valiant son of the great high priest, Jehoiada, who later slew Joab; Nathan - the stalwart prophet, who exposed the error of David's sin with Bathsheba; others such as Shimei, Rei, and other mighty men, who also refused to be counted with Adonijah.

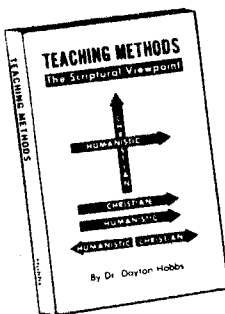
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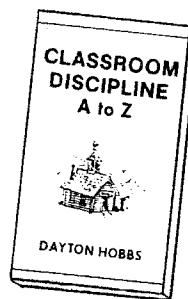
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 that there is going to be too much commotion or concern. Oh, there may be some strange things happening that cause many to wonder and there may be some natural catastrophes that take place at the same time. At other events in God's plan, for instance at the death of Christ, there were great earthquakes and a time of great darkness. It may be that the world will attribute the missing to some natural calamity, a flood, a tornado, or an earthquake, but I don't think anybody is going to think those missing went to heaven in a Rapture! Most of those left behind are not going to believe that that's what happened! In the first place they will be glad to be rid of them. They were probably the problem makers in the church. In the past, in the churches of America, the problem people were the unsaved who got in. Now there are so many unsaved in the churches that the problem people are likely to be the saved. That's true! The ones who want someone to preach the Word, to stand for right, are

considered the troublemakers. They will be the ones who will be missing, so most folks remaining will be happy that those troublesome people are gone. But the thing that I want us to get hold of is that we have a paradox here in Scripture. In II Thess. 2:7, we studied earlier what is there called the "mystery of iniquity". The word mystery is used many times in the New Testament. It's a word that means secret. It's not something that can't be known, but it's something that cannot be known until God has revealed it. Once God has revealed it, it still can only be known by those taught by the Holy Spirit; by those who are hungry to know the truth, that have a love for the truth. Now folks, how you respond to the truth will determine your destiny. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men", (Titus 2:11) the Scripture says, and how men respond to the light that God gives to them, the truth that God gives them, determines their destiny. If you receive the light that God gives you He will give you more light. He will lead you to the

truth. But if you don't love the truth that He gives you, you won't get more truth, and you will never come to "The Truth". Understand? It's that simple. You have to have a love for the truth. In II Thess. 2:10 the Scripture says, "They received not the *love of the truth*, that they might be saved." That tells me that if you don't receive the love of truth you can't be saved. That's very clear in the Scripture. (Verse 12) "That they all might be damned who *believed not the truth*, but had pleasure in unrighteousness, (Verse 13)"... "God hath from the beginning, chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and *belief of the truth*." So those who hunger to know the truth can understand the secret. Regarding Jesus' first coming, Isaiah (6:9,10) said that Jesus would teach in parables and dark sayings so that those who were dull of heart, those who cared not for the truth, would not understand. This was the way those who rejected Christ and those who accepted Christ were identified, for Jesus Christ was the truth personified.

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Teaching Tips

by Mrs. Doris Pappard

Teaching Kids to Cut-up



What? How dare I suggest we teach our children to "cut-up!" Believe me, they come to us with this skill as innate ability. No - we're talking about teaching the skill of cutting with scissors. Some may just put the scissors on a child's desk and expect them to "know how" or "watch the others" to see how. This skill is a part of the motor skills development that should be taught. It is a lot of fun to watch the children learn to develop this skill!

Let's start at the beginning.

1. Manual dexterity - pick up small objects with first finger and thumb (Cheerios and money work wonderfully)
2. Proper hold - place scissors in the child's hands so they get the "feel."
3. Manipulate hand to open and shut scissors in the air.
4. Manipulate scissors with one hand while holding a piece of paper with the other.
5. Practice straight on: (a) straight, solid lines, (b) straight-dotted lines, (c) zigzag lines, (d) large shapes, (e) objects with uneven borders.

Younger children may benefit by cutting play-dough, straws, or stiffer paper first. Kindergarteners should be ready to start with paper.

These sequencing steps are important for children to master. They are fun and enjoyable for the children as well. I thought it was interesting to watch the 4-year olds concentrate so hard on cutting that they would often hold their tongues out on one side of their mouths. Maybe it helps them keep their balance.

Every developmental-motor skill will help the children prepare for

more difficult tasks. It will also familiarize them with learning through a step-by-step process.

"God's plan has ordained that a child's physical progress includes a sequence of orderly patterns that correlates with a systematic mental development....A child with irregular or retarded physical development may experience academic difficulties in school." (Loreen Itermann from the *Introduction to Perceptual Motor Skills Development* by Audrey Byars Mullen). □

HUMILITY

"Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is for me to have no trouble: never to be fretted or vexed or irritated or sore or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness when all around and above is trouble. It is the fruit of the Lord Jesus Christ's redemptive work on Calvary's Cross, manifest in those of His own who are definitely subjected to the Holy Spirit."

Andrew Murray

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transcendent because it is transforming (vv.4-7). Gifts of the Spirit can never do this. Third, love is preeminent because it is permanent (vv.8-13). Gifts cease but love continues. Love is foremost, fruitful, and forever. Comparatively, love is vastly more important than gifts. In fact, love is the greatest!

Paul's discussion of love actually begins at 12.31 and ends at 14.1. These two verses are book-ends to chapter thirteen and should be studied along with chapter thirteen.

I. WHAT PAUL PROPOSED

See 1 Corinthians 12.31 and 14.1. His proposition precedes (12.31) and concludes (14.1) his exposition of love. His proposal was worthy of the Corinthians' serious consideration. They had a "shopping list" mentality

about gifts and were following a path that centered in spiritual gifts. Paul proposed "a more excellent way" - the way of love.

A. Praise Love

See 1 Corinthians 12.31. "Covet" translates zeloo, which can also mean zeal, desire, or envy. See 1 Corinthians 13.4. The question arises: "Is this a concession or a command?" In other words, is this zeal for gifts to be initiated or terminated by the Corinthians? Whatever our conclusion, it is obvious love is "a more excellent way."

If this is a concession, Paul is saying, "You zealously desire what you consider to be the best gifts." This should be stopped since no gift is given because it is desired or deserved. See 1 Corinthians 12.7, 11. On the other hand, if this is a command, then the Corinthians should seek the best, or greater gifts. There are gifts that are greater in value, the value being determined by the ability to edify. See 1 Corinthians 12.7; 14.3, 12, 26. The best gifts were apostles, prophets, and teachers. See 1 Corinthians 12.28. The gift of tongues is last and least. See 14.1, 2. Paul limits the desire to the greater gifts. Even 1 Corinthians 14.1 limits the desire to the gift of prophecy.

There are other limitations. First, apostleship is the greatest gift. Yet, no amount of praying and seeking will bring this gift. In fact, no one in Corinth, or the world today, could meet the condition for one to be an apostle. See 1 Corinthians 9.1; 15.7, 8. Second, the gift of pastor-teacher (Ephesians 4.11), one of the greater gifts, was not available to women. See 1 Timothy 3.1, 2. Third, if Paul does command them to earnestly desire the best gifts, it was only because they were seeking the more sensational and spectacular gifts that were least in value and ability to edify. If this is a command, it would appear to be directed, not to individuals in the church, but to the church collectively. The church should seek those who had the greater gifts that would edify. Speaking in tongues failed at both points.

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The phrase, "a more excellent way," is translated "beyond measure" in Galatians 1.13. The path of love is preeminent because it is beyond measure. Love has no limitations. It is not limited by time or eternity. Love has its own value and excellence apart from gifts. However, gifts have no value apart from love.

B. Prefer Love

See 1 Corinthians 14.1. The way of love is to be pursued, not as a path to getting or using the gifts, but because love is beyond gifts. Love is superior, not supplemental, to gifts. Love is not a means to an end.

II. WHAT PAUL SUPPOSED

See 1 Corinthians 13.1-3. Note the repeated words. "Though" is found five times. "I" is found eight times. "All" is found four times and implied once. The nature of Paul's speech is significant.

A. Paul Spoke in a Figurative Sense

These are "suppose so" statements. Paul exaggerates for the sake of emphasis. Love's preeminence is this emphasis. His exaggeration is that even if one had all the gifts of the Spirit, whatever is said, done, or given without love will result in nothing of value or benefit to one's self or others. All that Paul refers to is hypothetical. Nothing is actual or even possible. Certainly he hadn't done any of these things and didn't expect the Corinthians to do any of them either.

B. Paul Spoke in a Future Sense

"Though" means "if ever in the future" and shows Paul had never realized any of these acts in his speaking and serving ministry. If it be demanded that Paul spoke all the languages of men and angels, then it must also be admitted he had all knowledge, understood all mysteries, had all faith, gave all his goods to the poor, and even donated his body to be burned. As far as the biblical record is concerned, Paul never did any of these things. Though the Apostle was richly endowed with spiritual gifts, he never realized these extremes. See 1

Corinthians 14.18; 2 Corinthians 12.12.

III. WHAT PAUL EXPOSED

See vv.1-3. Tongues, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, faith, and, possibly, mercy (v.3) are contrasted to God's love. Clearly, love is preeminent to any gift. A believer may have gifts of the Spirit and be empty and valueless without the fruit of the Spirit.

The fruit of the Spirit is vastly superior to and of more value than the gifts of the Spirit. Love gives merit and value to the possession and practice of spiritual gifts.

A. Love is Greater Than Eloquence

See v.1. Tongues are mentioned first. The Corinthians prized this gift above the others but abused it the most. They believed the use of tongues showed their spirituality. Of course, they were a refutation of that assumption. They were, of all the churches founded by Paul, the most carnal, critical, and chaotic. Whatever they were, they certainly weren't spiritual!

Note how exact this is. "Tongues" translates glossa and should read "languages." Human languages are in view, not ecstatic utterances or babble. See Acts 2.6, 8-11.

Note, also, how extreme this is. Paul's inclusion of tongues shows he is speaking hypothetically. This is not reference to a devotional language whereby one speaks to God. Any suggestion that the gift of tongues is an angelic language is an admission that the experience is not a duplication of Pentecost. On that day, the Apostles spoke human, not heavenly, languages. Also, the biblical gift of tongues can't be angelic language because Paul said "tongues will cease." There is no reason why angelic or heavenly language should cease.

The "tongues of angels" does not suggest or support the idea of a private praise and prayer language. Such a claim by Neo-Pentecostals is suspect. First, there is no principle or precedent for the practice in Scripture. Second, to claim that no one understands, not even the one speaking, only God understands what is said, is the

height of arrogance. There is no way one can prove such a claim. Third, there is definite biblical prohibition against this kind of praying.

See Matthew 6.7-9. Note the prohibited prayer. Jesus said, "Don't pray this way" (v.7)! See verse nine where He said, "This is the way to pray." The phrase, "use vain repetition," translates a Greek verb, *battalogo*, meaning "to babble, to speak words without thinking, to repeat the same thing over and over, to speak without the understanding." Babbling and stammering are meant. Pagans pray this way.

Note the pattern prayer. See Matthew 6.9. How does a Neo-Pentecostal know he is worshiping God and hallowing His name if he doesn't understand what he is saying? See 1 Corinthians 12.3! This model prayer contains specific requests that can only be offered by one who has control of his mental and emotional faculties. This prayer is a model of simplicity and clarity. Other Scriptures instruct believers how to pray. See Matthew 7.7-11; Philippians 4.6; Hebrews 4.16. See how Christ (John 17) and Paul prayed (Ephesians 2.16ff; 3.14ff).

The biblical record is silent concerning angelic language. Whenever angels spoke to humans, they used that person's language. When the person responded, his or her native language was always used. Angels always understood. Scripture indicates that when God spoke to man He always used human language. See Acts 26.14. Since the gift of tongues has its source in God, there would be no practical reason why one should be speaking it back to God. He knew the content.

Finally, note how empty this is. Even if such an exact and extreme ability as Paul mentions was a possibility, there would only be emptiness apart from love. One would be noticed, but apart from love, he would only be noise. This is what Paul declared, "I am noise if I don't have love!"

B. Love is Greater Than Intelligence

See v.2a. In verse one, Paul spoke to the heart. Here, in verse two, See Love, page 11

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II Thess. 2:11 says that those who reject the truth will believe the lie. There are two things here, folks, the lie on one hand and the truth on the other. Which will you have? What is your desire when you come to the spiritual table to eat? At the one table there is the lie of Satan that man is becoming a god and has no need for a Savior. At the other table there is the truth that man is a lost sinner with a depraved nature and a deceived heart; that Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, took upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh, yet without sin, and on the Cross of Calvary bore our sins in His own body, shedding His blood there that His blood might be the means of our salvation. At which table will you sit? Just suppose now that all the lights are turned out, and it is totally dark, and we have these two tables set up. One of them is truth and one of them is error. The table of truth is on our right and the table of error is on our left. You can't see at which table I eat, and I can't see the table at which you eat. If you could see which one your neighbor or some friend goes to you might go there with him. That is the reason I said to turn the lights out, because peer pressure is great on all of us. But suppose it's totally dark and you can't see where anybody else is going and so everybody comes to a table. I say, "Is everyone at his table?" "Yes," comes the answer. "Turn the lights on." You say, "Look at how few people are over at the table of truth, and look how many are over eating at the table of error!" That's exactly what he's talking about. You see, deceived people call truth, error, and error, truth. That's what it means to be deceived.

Take for instance, the professional humanists of America. I am talking particularly about folks like most educators in the state universities of America. The high priests of humanism are in the universities of America. They're the ones who promote deception and lies for a living; lies such as evolution and individualism. These are those who train most of the teachers who go into the classrooms and deceive the children of America. The greatest success story America has ever

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known is the public education system of America. Many people say the greatest failure America has ever seen is the public education system, but they don't understand the purpose for which it was founded. They think it was designed to teach truth. It never was designed for that. Horace Mann designed the public school systems of Massachusetts from which the public schools of America grew. He studied the school system of Germany and picked up just about every evil, bad idea theologically and philosophically that came out of Germany, brought these ideas to America, and incorporated them in the schools of Massachusetts. People thought it was wonderful, but what was his goal? His goal was to get the Bible out of the minds of the youth of Massachusetts! Why was he so intent on such a purpose? Because he was reared in a Gospel preaching, Calvinistic church and he hated it, so much so, in fact, that when he was twelve years old he rejected Bible truth and never

returned to it. Of this decision he wrote, "Such a faith spread a pall of blackness over the whole heavens...the consequences on my mind and happiness were disastrous in the extreme...I remained in that condition of mind until I was twelve years of age. I remember the day, the hour, the place, the circumstances, as well as though the event had happened but yesterday, when, in an agony of despair, I broke the spell that had bound me. From that day, I began to construct the theory of Christian ethics and doctrine respecting virtue and vice, rewards and penalties, time and eternity, God and his providence, which, with such modifications as advancing age and a wider vision must impart, I still retain, and out of which my life has flowed." His whole being revolted against the idea of "a cruel creator" and he declared his hatred of Him! Rejecting the Bible and the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Savior, Mann accepted Deism and chose natural religion as revealed in nature. "I know it (Natural Religion) is thought by many, perhaps by most professing Christians, to be a fatal heresy, worthy of being purged by fire; but, for myself, natural religion stands as pre-eminent over revealed religion as the deepest experience over the lightest heresy." His driving force was the need for children to be educated but also to remove the Word of God from their minds and thoughts for their "happiness" and for his dreamed utopia. A man of high morals himself, ("I have always been exempt from what may be called common vices. I was never intoxicated in my life...I never swore...never used the 'vile weed'...resolution to be a slave to no habit..."), he had little patience with those of less character, yet he never recognized sin as the problem, and by his own design of removing the Word of God also removed that which held back moral evil. He thought man was basically good and did not reckon where his ideas would lead. If he were to come back today he would be mortified to see all the immorality, selfishness, and godlessness of the young people. He would grieve at that, but he would rejoice that their minds are clear of

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cause, which sided against the Word of God, cost him his life (I Kings 2:34). Abiathar's partiality banished him to Anathoth, removing him from his high-priestly office (I Kings 2:26,27). This confined the high priestly succession to Zadok and his family. With Adonijah's removal, the rule of Eli's house ended as prophesied in Scripture (I Sam. 2:31-35).

Deuteronomy is a wonderful Old Testament book that gives to us as believers a glimpse into the heart of God into many matters of godly living and daily practice. Moses, in Duet. 16:18, declared to the people of Israel the following:

"Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee...and they shall judge the people with *just judgment*. *Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous*. That which is *altogether just* shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

These men were in places of leadership and authority. Their lives were to be exemplary and free from partiality. Notice, please, five things listed as the duties of these men in authority:

1. Judge (Discern) just (righteous) judgment
2. Do not twist or pervert judgment
3. Do not respect persons (as to influence, station in life, or power)
4. Do not take gifts
 - a. Gifts blind the eyes of individuals known to be wise
 - b. Gifts pervert (add or diminish) the words of the righteous
5. Follow those things which are "altogether just"

These men of God were not at liberty to make decisions based on emotional or preferential bias but rather upon tried principles and the established law of God. These principles are as good for today as they were for the judges and leaders of Israel.

Matthew Henry said it well, "A man that has given proofs of his resolute adherence to that which is good shall not be asked to do a bad thing." This is the key. By the grace of God as believers in positions of authority we must send out a signal that declares, "I won't be bought". Partiality in the Christian life can only hurt and render ineffective a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. A clear-cut testimony is more important than any perceived benefits from showing partiality to others. □

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anything that has to do with the Bible. In that regard, he was surely successful. But do you know what caused Horace Mann's death? Doctors could not explain why, at just age sixty three, he became depressed, despondent, and died of what appeared to be a broken heart. It was basically because he felt he was a failure. You see, he had founded a unitarian college in Youngstown, Ohio with no rules. He thought he would prove that man was not a sinner, so his college had no fences, no guidelines, no restrictions, no rules. He lasted there only two or three years as things went from bad to worse. The students began to steal the neighbors' fruit, to get into trouble and fights, and to cause problems in town. At last, the Board forced him to resign, because his experiment was a failure. That experience caused him to go home, stay there for two or three years, and then die, almost a recluse. He thought he had failed completely, yet he had planted the public school system in America that has damned this nation!

Now I blame the Church more than I blame the public schools. I blame the preachers of America for allowing it. They stood right by, watched it happen, and let it take place. They allowed the Bible and the Gospel to be taken away. They gave up their Christian schools, for there were many of them in the early years, and went to the state type school. This is how truth is believed to be error by those who reject it. And that is the lie, the blatant error, that is said to be true. Now today those who preach and stand uncompromisingly for the Word of

God are pricks in the side of the humanists. Those who refuse to bow, but stand for the truth of Scripture and preach the Word of God, are despised and hated, because they stand in the way of human progress. The work of the Holy Spirit is to hinder until He be taken out of the way, and we who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit are to stand in the way if the Holy Spirit is to do His work. To the humanists we are "bigots," who make a God out of Jesus, who preach the Bible as the infallible Word of God and who are keeping the humanists from being able to completely carry out their program; that is to have a utopia, a world democracy, a world where one man-one vote is the ideal. The Word of God and the Bible-believing Christians, the churches, and the pastors who stand for the Word of God, are the only thing keeping it from happening. Nothing else! In the past, the morality of our nation was also a restraining force, but that is long gone. All that is left is the Holy Spirit living in believers, resisting Satan's work, and when He is taken out of the way, Antichrist will be revealed. So today the Christian religion is like that fish that I described earlier. It looks like a fish, smells like a fish, but it's not a fish anymore. It's just a shell, just a hull. Now that doesn't mean that in the church today there is not the remnant. All over this nation there are godly preachers and some godly people in those churches standing for the Word of God. Thank God for them! But they are a minority, a very small minority. □

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by scriptural convictions, but their people will be weaned away by the enthusiasm of the media and Christian friends.

This problem brings me to the theme of my article. How can we teach Biblical separation to our people? We live in that time of history where Satan is building the one-world church in every possible way. What avenues can we use to counter his multi-media approach with Scripture truth?

PREACH THE PASSAGES

Our first line of defense must be preaching. We cannot and should not preach on separation at every service, but we must not miss the opportunity to preach on it when our progression through Scripture brings us to key passages which need to be expounded. Separatists have sometimes been criticized for harping on a one-string fiddle. Many have been so cowed by the criticism that they have failed entirely to pluck the separatist string. Key portions for teaching in the Old Testament would be the story of the nameless prophet in I Kings 13, the record of Jehoshaphat's compromise with Ahab in II Chronicles 18, 19 and the commendable actions of Zerubbabel in Ezra 4. Key portions in the New Testament would be the classic passage in II Corinthians 6:14-7:1, II John 9-11 and such texts as I Timothy 6:3-5, II Thessalonians 3:6 and Romans 16:17. These are just a few of the passages but they are ones which should not be missed. Why not preach a separation series for several weeks? The holiness of God is a frequent subject in Scripture. Holiness is God's most basic attribute. Whenever, in our preaching, we deal with that attribute we are dealing with the basic reason for separation and should point that out to our people. Satan's key word in our generation is "associate." Our people must see from Scripture that God's key word of protection is "separate."

USE LITERATURE

A second avenue of teaching is to provide your people with literature. I think of two kinds of literature in this area. First, there are booklets and

articles on separation by men like Ernest Pickering, Charles Woodbridge, William Ashbrook, David Beale and others. Every pastor needs to teach his people the history of modernism, fundamentalism and new evangelicalism. When people understand where they came from, they will have a foundation for understanding where they are going. In recent years I have written Axioms of Separation and New Neutralism II in the effort to provide pastors with helpful tools in this area. Our Ohio Bible Fellowship Visitor seeks to provide articles on the ecumenical movement, new evangelicalism, contemporary Christian music, the charismatic movement and other problems.

A second resource in the area of literature is provided by papers such as the Calvary Contender, the BDM (Biblical Discernment Ministries) Letter, A Christian View of the News, the Fundamentalist Digest, and the Projector. These are not the only such papers which are available, but they are representative of the group. (I have given some addresses at the end of this article. When you write for them remember that the servant who publishes such things is worthy of his hire. Some of the papers make a subscription charge. Others operate on donations.) These papers publish instances of apostasy and compromise and do some editorializing. Many of them will allow you to copy some or all of their paper for your congregation. You can encourage your people to subscribe to those papers which impress you the most. Every fundamental church needs a book table or literature rack which provides separatist literature for purchase. The ministry of such a table or rack is helped tremendously by a pastor who holds up specific items and commends them to people's reading.

USE THE BULLETIN BOARD

A bulletin board is a third avenue of teaching. The newspapers and religious magazines are full of pronouncements of apostasy and plain evidence of compromise. A pastor sees and reads those things because he is looking for them. Don't stop there. Cut out the article. Highlight the important

portions. Add a colored 3x5 card with your commentary on the item. Your people will gather around that bulletin board and get the message without any spoken word from you.

USE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Another avenue of teaching is the effective use of announcements. I recall Evangelist Don Jasmin taking five minutes each night during a meeting to highlight some problem of new evangelicalism. He would read a clipping, show how Scripture applied to it and give an exhortation about it. You can do the same thing in your evening service announcements. The Saturday church page of local newspapers is filled with enough evidence of compromise to give a separatist pastor grist for his mill each week. Many members of the congregation will have read the same items but may have failed to see how they apply. This is valuable because it keeps your people abreast of local apostasy and compromise.

GIVE A COURSE

Another avenue of teaching is to use a quarter of Sunday School lessons or several evenings of Bible Institute-type sessions to study the subject of separation. I did not write Axioms of Separation with this in mind, but I have received letters from quite a few pastors who reported blessing from using the booklet as a text for such a course. You might design your own course, picking out a dozen key passages to be studied. We offer courses on other doctrinal subjects, why not on separation?

HAVE A BIBLE CONFERENCE

A few weeks ago I was invited by Morrow Bible Church to have a weekend conference on "Biblical Fundamentalism." It was a good avenue for teaching separation in the local church. The conference began on Friday evening. There was a mens' breakfast Saturday morning and a Saturday evening service. There were three services on Sunday. These several meetings gave the opportunity to review the history of fundamentalism and to

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ANTI-SEMITISM

Excerpted from
Dr. J. Vernon McGee's booklet
"Antidote for Anti-Semitism"

We are alarmed to see anti-Semitism rearing its ugly head in our own American culture.

The enmity today against Jews is supernatural. All anti-Semitism has a supernatural basis. You say to me, "What is in back of it?" I say to you that it is satanic. And I would like to confirm that statement with one Scripture. I turn to the twelfth chapter of Revelation, the thirteenth verse:

And when the dragon (the dragon has been identified here as Satan) saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (the woman is Israel) which brought forth the man child (the man child is Christ).

That is carrying out the words of our Lord, "...Ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake" (Matthew 24:9).

My beloved, that speaks of the day when worldwide anti-Semitism shall sweep over the earth. It is a supernatural, satanic, diabolical, awful thing today. No Christian, I repeat, should have any part in it.

Now I know that there are folk who are saying that the Jews are in a minority group with very well-defined aggressive and materialistic characteristics. Probably that is true. But did you know that there are other minority groups that have equally well-defined characteristics which are equally as unlovely? I am part Scottish, and I suppose that some of the most unlovely people who have ever been in this world have been Scots, although some of them are very lovely, indeed. But, my beloved, you don't hate a race because of a racial characteristic.

You and I are living in a day when God has put all mankind on one basis, one basis alone. Listen to Paul, who claimed Abraham as his father and Benjamin as his tribe:

What then? are we (Jews) better than they (Gentiles)? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin. (Romans 3:9) □

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he speaks to the mind. Love is greater than emotional speaking and exceptional serving. Prophecy, wisdom, and knowledge were extremely valuable and desirable gifts in the infant church. Each gift involved divinely revealed truth and the ability to understand and declare that truth. However, love was of infinite value, even greater than these significant gifts. Even if one was omniscient, he was nothing without love.

Paul doesn't imply that prophecy, wisdom, or knowledge are unimportant. Each is a gift of the Spirit and all were of great value in the early church. Chapter fourteen underscores the importance of prophecy. Even today, an understanding of revealed and recorded truth is absolutely necessary. See Philippians 1:9; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18. However, compared with love, special intelligence necessary to discern and declare the great mysteries of God is nothing. One may possess communicative and interpretative skills and still be nothing apart from love. A classic case is the ancient prophet Balaam. See Numbers 22-24. Also read John 11:51; Matthew 7:21-23.

C. Love is Greater Than Confidence

See v.2b. Faith is a fruit and a gift of the Spirit. The faith spoken of here is a gift of the Spirit. The gift of faith enables one to believe God for the impossible. See Matthew 17:20. The gift of faith had spectacular dimensions and potential. In verse one, appeal is made to the heart. In verse 2a, appeal is made to the mind. Now, Paul appeals to the will. A believer may have the gift of faith and can believe God for the impossible, but if he doesn't have love, his gift is valueless and empty. He is nothing.

Jonah illustrates this principle

perfectly. He had great faith but lacked love for the wicked Ninevites. Even after they were saved he didn't love them. He had great faith in God's Word, nature, and attribute of love. See Jonah 4:1-3. Everything God was, Jonah wasn't. His fear was not of failure, but of success. His message produced a miracle just as he believed and knew it would. But he was nothing. The narrative closes with Jonah sulking and pouting on an irrigation ditch. The one mountain faith can't remove is the mountain of loveless living and serving.

D. Love is Greater Than Benevolence

See v.3. Even though agape is characterized by self-denial and self-sacrifice, neither may be motivated by love. Acts of charity may be done to get attention or gain approval. One may do good for reputation or salvation.

Note that Paul speaks of parceling his belongings. He pictures one who, systematically and sacrificially, doles out his property piece by piece, bit by bit. The giving is continued over a period of time until "all" is given away. Yet, for all that, unless one had love, everything would be for nothing.

Furthermore, note that Paul speaks of presenting his body. He may mean one of two things. His body may be presented to be branded as a slave or to be burned as a sacrifice. The latter is probably correct. Execution at that time was by crucifixion (Roman) and stoning (Jewish), not burning at the stake. This would be an agonizing death but would be valueless apart from love. Many have died for an idea, a principle, or a cause with no love in their heart, only hatred for their tormentors.

The point is clear and convicting. Love is not necessarily shown in emotional speech, exceptional service, or excruciating sacrifice. All of these acts may be done completely apart from love. If such is the case, we are noise, nobody, and nothing. Love is shown by patience, kindness, courtesy and the other properties listed in verses four through seven. Without love we are nothing and accomplish nothing. □

Separation, from page 10 preach on the major Scripture passages. The use of current illustrations made application to the present scene. The Sunday School hour gave time for questions and discussion. Such a conference on a single subject gives greater emphasis to it than a similar number of messages spread over a long period of time. A good aid to such a conference is a book table of items supporting the theme.

TRAIN YOUR BOARD

In this area of concern every pastor needs to give special attention to the training of his board members -- be they elders or deacons. When some crisis of cooperation (like a Billy Graham Crusade) faces the church it is wonderful to have five good men who will stand with you. A pastor will not have those men to stand with him unless they have been trained to know what is going on. At the beginning of each board meeting a pastor could lead his men in studying some facet of ecumenical evangelism, compromise in missions or decline in schools. A pastor reads many factual items which come to his desk. He makes his decisions on the basis of that knowledge. He must realize that his elders or deacons are not in possession of that knowledge. They need the information. If they have the information they will take the right stand with him. I frequently get book orders from pastors who say, "I read your book and I want to get six copies, one for each of my board members." That is good. When you come across some helpful booklet, or article, you might want to circulate it among your men with each man signing his initials when he has completed it and passing it to the next fellow. You might copy articles you have read for each board member. I have found that godly men will make the right decision in these matters if they have the information and teaching.

BE CONSISTENT

Actions still speak louder than words. All of us need to be careful about the special speakers and evangelists we bring to our pulpits. We

should place before our congregations those who are consistent with our separatist position. People believe that "special speakers" are special and make heroes of them. If those speakers have new evangelical tendencies or connections, no matter how good they may be in some specialty, they will not help to maintain the stand of our churches.

These are not the only avenues of teaching. I am sure that many pastors who read this article would like to add something more creative they have done. Use all the ways the Lord shows you. You desire your people to stand with you in facing the temptations of compromise. They will stand with you if you have taught them from Scripture and if you have shown them the scriptural disobedience of what is going on.

NAME NAMES

Let me mention a question in closing. In our teaching in this area should we mention men, missions, schools and movements by name? Yes, by all means. When Paul spoke to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20 he said:

For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

You cannot fight wolves without aiming your gun specifically at wolves. You cannot fight "men...speaking perverse things," without identifying the men and telling what they said. Paul did that in his own case. He warned Timothy of Hymenaeus and Alexander who made a shipwreck of the faith (I Timothy 1:20) and of Alexander the coppersmith who did him much evil (II Timothy 4:14). The Apostle John warned by name of Diotrephes who loved to have the preeminence (III John 9). I have found that I can talk about Biblical principles of separation with no conflict; but, the rubber hits the road when I identify Billy Graham, the Sudan Interior Mission or Cedarville College.

I was trained in the school of frank identification. Years ago Dr. Charles Woodbridge wrote an excellent book titled *New Evangelicalism*. About the same time my father came out with *Evangelicalism: The New Neutralism*. I recall my father standing before a large audience in Dr. Woodbridge's presence. Holding both books aloft, and smiling at Dr. Woodbridge, he said "You need to buy Dr. Woodbridge's book for its excellent analysis of new evangelicalism; then you need to buy my book to see whom Dr. Woodbridge is taking about." I have tried to be equally specific in *New Neutralism II*. We will never hit the mark by shooting in the general direction.

DON'T BE LEFT ALONE

Pastor, don't be left standing alone when the crisis of cooperation comes. A church which is taught will stand with you. Ecumenism and new evangelicalism have thousands of teachers. They are teaching every day through newspapers, television, magazines, music and misguided celebrities. Unless your voice is heard you may be left standing all alone. A church which is taught will stand with you.

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