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HE'S GOT A LOT GOING FOR HIM!

Titus 1:1-3

- I. Many movie stars & performers are totally unknown to me.
 - A. The little short fellow c Dolly Partin in "Rhinestone."
 - B. Beatles - "Ringo Starr" with us today. (Clip on Modern Music).
 - C. Little girl came to me at Richmond, Ky. - about 5 - dress covered c Michael Jackson buttons. "He's got a lot going for him."
- II. So it was in another & better way with a man by the name of Paul.
 - A. I want to see his testimony of what he had.
 - B. Seems I've got a lot too as a Christian - shall we rejoice in it? Let's see & compare.
- III. Paul in the introduction allocates 9 things to himself.
 - A. Servant of God.
 - B. Apostle of Jesus Christ.
 - C. Extender of the faith of the elect.
 - D. In agreement with the truth.
 - E. Practitioner of godliness.
 - F. Hope of eternal life.
 - G. Respector of God.
 - H. Preacher of the word.
 - I. Saved by God.
 1. We shall look at all in the order named.
 2. We'll make a 20th century application.
- IV. Paul - and you Christians - are servants of God.

A. Only here calls self servant of God, tho close usage elsewhere.

- 1. Do you always identify self in same way.
- 2. Can there be latitude in description.

B. It's the word for slave - Draper says it's used 4 ways in N. T.

- 1.) One who is born into slavery (we are the 2nd time & oddly then only are we made free.)
- 2.) One bound so tightly only death breaks the bond
- 3.) One who is lost in the will of another.
- 4.) One who serves another with complete disregard for self.

C. These thots on slavery.

- 1. Whatever is in the best interest of God is for our: also. *Chas W. Benson of G. A. P.*
- 2. God's way is the best way of doing everything.
- 3. I serve one or the other master: God or Devil.
- 4. One needs very deeply to feel the impact of his obligation to his Master. *9.2% in Ave City 22nd church - Gaylor cell.*
- 5. Highest officers in the church are but servants. (Used to see Notgrass, Sprott, Fish, Melton meet on Mon. nite c their wives to visit at Grace).

6. Slaves have no higher goal than to serve Masters do we God? - *Stateline Nat. Survey #1*

D. Serving quotes.

- 1. "Life is like a game of tennis - you can't win without serving," - Letha Del Cannon Vaughn.
"The simplest and shortest ethical precept is to be served by others as little as possible, and

to serve others as much as possible, " - Leo Tolstoy.

2. Hazelip. #2

V. Paul was an Apostle of Jesus Christ.

A. Word usage.

1. Disciple.

a.) 230 x in gospels & 160 x of these it means apostles.

b.) 30 X in Acts but never means the 12.

2. Apostle.

a.) 8 X in gospels, 7 of the 8 X it means 12.

b.) 30 X in Acts & 27 X it means the 12.

B. Word defined.

1. One sent. Missionary.

Mk. 3:14 Ordained 12 - be c him - send them forth to preach.

2. One who acts on behalf of another - Power of attorney idea - (Jordan card). #3

3. Paul felt the authority of his commission - no one can counter the preaching of God's truth.

4. He was preaching not because he'd decided - job, staff, but called to it.

5. Do we feel any sense of obligation to reach the lost or willingness to try.

a.) Jonathan Snell goes as a nurse to Latin Am.

b.) Ron Hunter as dentist.

c.) Our folk to Oxon Hill is spirit we need to develop.

6. Are we people c a mission?

a.) Bisagno Card. #4

- b.) Salesman call cost. #5
- c.) Tame duck card. #6
- d.) Holy Hoarder card. #17
- e.) Powell card. #8
- f.) Eusebius quote.
- g.) West card.
- h.) Poem.

Sheet End 7-8-84

9:00

9:30

10% of folk on church roll ^{#1}

10:00

Carryover to forums

10:30

20% of listed members never

11:00

attend

11:30

25% church members never

12:00

pray

1:00

35% church members never

1:30

use Bible

2:00

40% never contribute

2:30

70% never attend Sun. mtg

3:00

75% never assume responsibility

3:30

in a work program

4:00

95% never convert anyone

4:30

100% expect to go to Heaven

5:00

(From National Survey)

WHAT CAUSES A CHURCH TO GROW?

#1/2

A church growth consultant has just released some revealing facts about church growth. He has surveyed Christian and non-Christian people for two years on what factors attracted unsaved people to congregations and what factors are keeping unsaved people from such churches.

FACTORS THAT ATTRACT UNSAVED PEOPLE TO CHURCHES

1. The joy of the people at church, home, work and in every area of their lives.
2. The love of the people for each other.
3. The strength they manifest in the face of trials and tragedies.
4. The assurance of their personal relationship with Christ.
5. The reality of their lives and their church services.

FACTORS THAT REPEL LOST PEOPLE FROM CHURCHES

1. Extravagance - spending too much money on non-essential things.
2. Exclusiveness and egotism - The "We are better than you" philosophy. To put it simply, pride and selfishness among church members turn the unsaved person from Christ and the church.
3. Phoney baloney! People in church that are not real - not genuine - they are full of fakery and falsehood.
4. Lack of love - the people at church don't really love God - each other - and they surely don't love us as outsiders. They never tell us or show us that they care for us.
5. Poor reputation and record of the church - the track record of the church is one of division - disgruntled members - and deadness.

Julian

Woolfenden

SERVANT OR STUDENT

Harold Hazelip, Dean of the Harding Graduate School, recently revealed information from a study conducted by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. It was funded by the Lilly Foundation and entitled "Readiness For Ministry." Through an elaborate gathering system, 4,895 questionnaires were collected from randomly selected people in 47 religious groups, with the purpose of identifying the significant characteristics people look for in young ministers.

The people gave top rank to "service without regard to acclaim," based upon belief in the gospel. Their second highest factor was "personal integrity" and the third was "Christian example." "Skills" were placed fourth and leadership ability was fifth. The sixth-ranked dimension was counseling, followed by the minister as a thinker and student. Most severe criticism was directed toward self-serving characteristics, followed by undisciplined living by immaturity.

It is interesting to observe that these people wanted a humble servant rather than a powerful preacher. They were looking for an "example" rather than an "exegete". All of which emphasizes that men trust their eyes rather than their ears. Sermons are many times preached more effectively by lives than by lips. Most assuredly our proclamations without our exemplifications are "love's labor lost." (W.F.W.)

This is not a "call" for preachers or a blueprint of procedure just for clergymen. This fact becomes quite clear as we observe what happened to and with the eleven friends of Jesus when he gave them final directions just before his ascension. Look at them. There is not a Levite, a scribe, a rabbi, a priest, or an ordained minister among them. They are not professionals in the area of religion. Four are fishermen. One is a tax collector. They are laymen; there is not a preacher in the group.

from "Christ, Communism and the Clock"
by G. Ray Jordan
page 120

Cavan Galesine

Evangelism

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It is said that big men think big and little men do not think at all. Jesus had big plans. Imagine the overwhelming awe they must have felt when he told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It was physically impossible. They had no ships, planes, no way to go. It was numerically impossible. They were too few. It was financially impossible. They had no money. It was legally impossible. The law forbade speaking in the name of Christ. It was socially impossible. Who would listen? And yet, he expected them to do it. How much more does he expect of us? With all of the resources that are at our disposal, is it any wonder that he said, "These things that I do shall ye do and greater." He said, "Ask anything in my name and I will do it." He thought big. He planned big. He commanded big. He expected big. The truth is that we do not plan to do big things. If you can win fifty, you can win sixty. If you can win sixty, you can win a hundred. If you can win a hundred, you can win a thousand. If you can win the world! Draw a strategy, dream a dream, plan a plan. With his help, you can do what you think you can do.

Whatever you plan, whatever you envision for tomorrow, next week, next year, change it, enlarge it. No one ever did what he did not plan to do and he never planned what he did not dream. The fulfillment of the Great Commission in our generation is a possibility, but it will take big men with big dreams, willing to do a big job for a big God.

The Communists dreamed of conquering the world in 1907. In less than seventy years they are half way there. In two thousand years the Christian church only dreams and seems to be farther behind than when it started. Henry Ford dreamed of an automobile and built an empire. Campus Crusade's founder Bill Bright dreamed of taking the gospel to the world in one generation and is well on the way to its accomplishment. Jack Hyles dreamed of baptizing ten thousand converts and is well on the way. What is your dream? God is in a hurry. The world is on fire and billions are in the valley of decision. Make no little plans. Dream no little dreams. Enlarge your vision. Think big, the world is your parish."

SALESMAN'S CALL—Cost Is
Rising

Twenty years ago the average
cost of a salesman's call was

computed to be \$17.24. By 1969
McGraw-Hill computed the cost
to be \$49.30. The 1975 figure is in
the area of \$60 per call — and
climbing! Take note: That's \$60
per call, not per sale. Talk to
just about any sales executive
these days and you will hear
something like this. "Our cost
per call has gone out of sight.
Cold calls have become too d--
expensive. I wish we had an
efficient lead-generating sys-
tem." The sad truth is, wishing
doesn't make it so. —
Advertising Age.

EVANGELISM

Commitment and Involvement

by J. Edward Moseley

Chapt. II, pgs. 32-33

#6

"Tame Duck"

by Kenneth Kaufman, in *Level Lane* (Dallas:
the Kaleidograph Press). Used by permission.

There are three tame ducks in our back yard,
Dabbling in mud and trying hard
To get their share and maybe more
Of the overflowing barnyard store;
Satisfied with the task they're at
Of eating and sleeping and getting fat.
But, whenever the free wild ducks go by,

In a long line streaming down the sky,
They cock a quizzical eye
And flap their wings and try to fly.
I think my soul is a tame old duck
Dabbling around in a barnyard suck,
Fat and lazy with useless wings.
But sometimes when the North wind sings
And the wild ones hurtle overhead,
It remembers something lost and dead
And cocks a very, bewildered eye
And makes a feeble attempt to fly.
It's fairly content with the state it's in,
But it isn't the duck it might have been.

In the church there are many holy hoarders. "Their religion," as the sainted Guthrie said of a certain man, "is just the size of his coffin--exactly large enough for himself, but no larger." The man who hoards the bread of eternal life from hungry humanity is a traitor to the government of God. He commits a crime against humanity. It is a sin to be silent when there is food in the camp. A moral obligation rests upon believers to declare that provision has been made for full salvation for all.

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"Fire on the Earth" - By Sidney W. Powell - Page 115

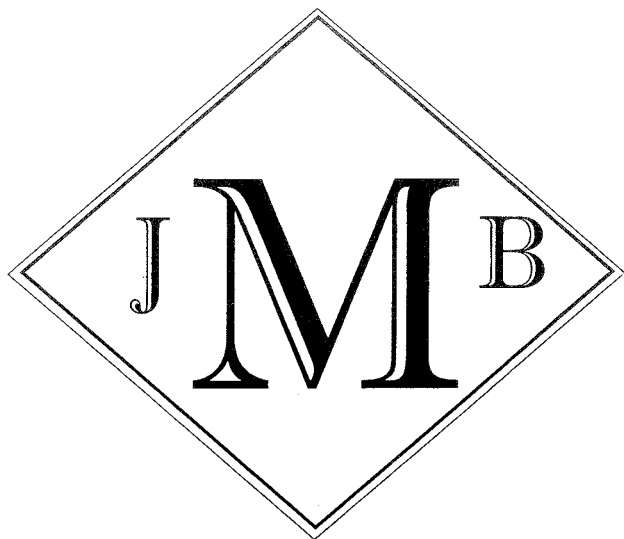
Evangelism

It is estimated that in the last nineteen hundred years Christianity has averaged five hundred thousand converts a year, while in the last sixty years communism has averaged seventeen million converts a year. That makes the per minute ratio about one to two thousand. Why this disparity in these candidates for worldwide acceptance?

#8

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Evangelism



GOD, IS MY CLOCK SET C YOURS?

Titus 1:1-4

I. The criterion of Standards can be a rather odd thing

A. Story of man who set his clock by Jewelry store clock.

B. I often wonder if we set our clocks by God or He by us.

C. The intent of this lesson is to see:

1. God who keeps a promise.

2. But one who knows exactly when to fulfill it.

Titus 1:1-4 "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle

II. Gloriously may we know God ever intended us to be c Him.

A. The thought dazzles.

B. The grace is magnified.

III. God wants me to have ~~eternal~~ eternal life - He so expressed it.

A. God cannot lie.

1. That's one thing He can't do.

a.) Make a rock so big He can't move it.

b.) Make a square circle or a round triangle.

c.) Deeper - God can't lie!

2. Cretans could lie.

Titus 1:12 "The Cretians are always liars,

3. God won't deceive.

Nu. 23:19 "God is not a man, that he should lie; nei

Heb. 6:18 "That by two immutable things, in which i

4. God is the God of candor, honesty, integrity - keeps His word.

B. God made a Promise.

- 1. "The promise of eternal life is result of divine purpose fixed from eternity." Ellicott
- 2. Salvation not based on emotion, feeling but on fact God promised it.
- 3. A security is there not torn by doubts - God promised. Our children, "But you promised!"
- 4. Tell story of Dad & Edward Steele Edwards.

5. About promises:

- a.) It's a thing freely offered, volunteered - not extracted, coerced, or wrung.
- b.) In N. T. it's God's, not man's except 2 places
 Acts 23:21 "But do not thou yield unto them: for there"
 Mk. 14:11 "And when they heard it, they were glad"
- c.) Pentecost is a promise.
 Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be"
- d.) Forgiveness more than escaping a penalty - rather restore to a lost relationship.
- e.) Can depend on them.

Heb. 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith"

Heb. 6:17 "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to"

Rom. 4:2 "For if Abraham were justified by works, he"

6. Eternal life.

- a.) Quality.
- b.) One of Caesar's soldiers asked permission to commit suicide. He said, "Man, were you ever alive?"
- c.) Quality - not duration. Methuselah lived 969 & died (Gen. 5:27) - all he ever did was grow old & think how long it took him to do it

IV. God has a timetable.

A. Promised before world began.

1. Antiquity & stability in promise - Henry.
2. Promise existed before time - Broadmen.
3. Lit. before time eternal.

B. Due time manifested.

Gal. 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave

Heb. 4:1 (Tired eyes)

1. Just at right time gospel proclaimed.

I Tim. 2:6 "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be

2. Due time = in its own season. Stoics say history is circular - every 1000 yrs. or so it blows up & starts again - life's a treadmill - not a march to a goal.

3. Revealed what was previously hidden.

4. We dare not ask, "Why not sooner?"

5. Now is the accepted time.

2 Cor. 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a tim

6. Our work: Make known the manifest.

C. His word.

1. Paul a servant of it.

2. So was Titus - are we?

3. Preach it.

I Cor. 9:16 "For though I preach the gospel, I have

4. Thus saith Lord points to solid ground.

D. Thru Preaching.

1. It must be based on word of God.

2. Only here & 2 Pet. 2:5 about Noah.

3. Pure proclamation of God's message to man.

E. Committed - Command - Savior.

- 1. He was entrusted c it to proclaim.
- 2. Calling consistent c truth & life also.
- 3. Savior applies both to God & Jesus - equal.
- 4. Savior 10X here - only 2 X elsewhere.
- 5. God Savior 6X here - nowhere else.
- 6. Do we talk much about Savior - 24X in NT.

West End 8-19-84
 Madison 8-19-84
 Hermitage Springs 8-20-84

Standards

In a little village, once upon a time, a man always stopped by a clock shop window to set his watch every morning.

One day the clock shop owner stepped outside and asked this man, "Why do you stop here every morning and set your watch?" The man replied, "I work at the big factory down the street, and I am in charge of blowing the noon whistle every day. I stop here every morning to make sure I have the exact time."

The shop owner said, "That's funny because I set my clock every day at noon when you blow the whistle."

— *Who Sets the Standards*
Success Ideas

Quote _____ July 1,

ONE MINUTE CHANGED A LIFE

The beautiful story comes from Sherman Rogers' book, *Foremen: Leaders or Drivers?* During his college years, Rogers spent a summer in an Idaho logging camp. At one point, the superintendent had to leave for a few days and put Rogers in charge.

"What if the men refuse to follow my orders?" Rogers asked. He thought of Tony, an immigrant worker, who, grumbling and growling all day, gave everybody a hard time.

"Fire them," the superintendent said. Then, as if reading Rogers' mind, he added, "I suppose you think you are going to fire Tony if you get the chance. I'd feel badly about that. I have been logging for 40 years. Tony is the most reliable worker I've ever had. I know he is a grouch and that he hates everybody and everything. But, he comes in first and leaves last. There has not been an accident for eight years on the hill where he works."

Rogers took over the next day. He went to Tony and spoke to him. "Tony, do you know I'm in charge here today?"

Tony grunted.

"I was going to fire you the first

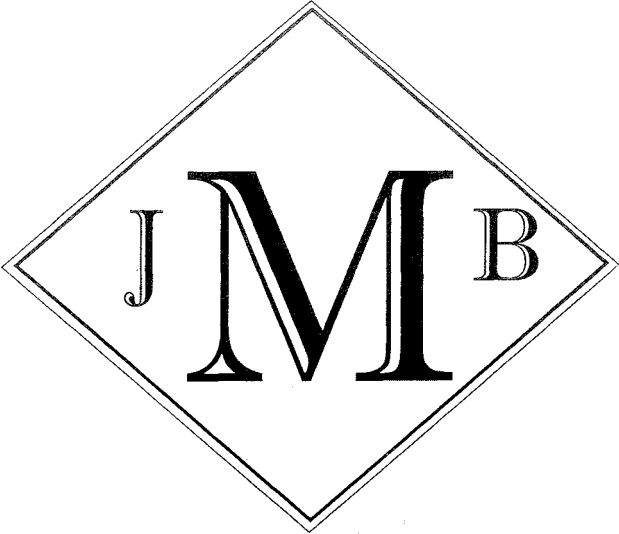
time we tangled, but I want you to know I'm not," he told Tony, adding what the superintendent had said. When he finished, Tony dropped the shovelful of sand he had held and tears streamed down his face.

"Why he no tell me dat eight years ago?"

That day Tony worked harder than ever before — and he smiled! He later said to Rogers, "I told Maria you first foreman in deese country who ever say, 'Good work, Tony,' and it make Maria feel like Christmas."

Twelve years later Rogers met Tony again. Tony was superintendent for railroad construction for one of the largest logging companies in the West. Rogers asked him how he came to California and happened to have such success. Tony replied, "If it not be fore the one minute you talk to me back in Idaho, I keel somebody someday. One minute, she change my whole life."

One minute. Have you got one minute to express your appreciation to someone? It might make a big difference.



THE SECOND OF THE BIG THREE--HOPE!

Titus 1:1-4

I. Forever etched in our minds is Paul's - "now abideth--" (1 Cor. 13:13).

A. But why hope?

B. What does it mean?

C. Why is it an imperative?

1. Johnson quote.

2. R. E. Lee Card.

II. Perhaps his salutation to Titus will help us further understand.

A. Paul, as well as all faithful Christians, was "in hope of eternal life."

1. Literally, he rests in the hope of eternal life.

2. Gospel is intended to excite faith & hope.

B. What is the Bible usage of hope?

1. Exclusively the Christian's possession - not the non-Christian's.

Eph. 2:12 "That at that time ye were without Christ,
a.) You are the optimist.

(Card on 2 sons).

b.) You can cope c life (Frankl Card) & Dickson.

c.) It's born of the Scriptures.

Rom. 15:4 "For whatsoever things were written aforet

Col. 1:23 "If ye continue in the faith grounded and s
(Last days of Pompeii)

d.) Dependent on Jesus.

Col. 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is

1 Tim. 1:1 "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the ca

(1) Cavour called it "the sense of the possible."

(2) "The Christian hope is not simply a trembling hesitant hope that perhaps the promises of God may be true. It is the confident expectation that they cannot be anything else than true,"
Barclay.

C. In what may we hope?

1. Resurrection.

Acts 23:6 "I am a Ph. . . of the hope & resurrection."
(Ezek. Card).

2. Glory of God.

Rom. 5:1-2 "Therefore being justified by faith, we have"

3. Fellow Christians' achievements.

2 Cor. 3:12 "Give you occasion to go on"

4. In our salvation.

II Cor. 1:10 "Who del. us from so great a death, and"

a.) Never wishful thinking. *Set our hope well!*

b.) Confident expectation. *delivered!*

c.) Bob Hendren, "Sprinkling is not baptism. To say "I hope so" in ans. to qt. "Are you saved" is as much error as sprinkling. (Bedlam Card).

d.) So afraid of Baptist doctrine in trying to get Jerusalem we go to Hebron!

e.) Safe shall be my going

Secretly armed against all death's endeavor
Safe tho all safety's lost; safe when men fail
And if these poor limbs die, safest of all.

Rupert Brooke

5. Hope of eternal life.

a.) Not duration.

b.) But quality - proper to God - living like He
does.

6. 2nd coming & hope laid up in Heaven.

Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the gl

1 Jn. 3:3 "And every man that hath this hope in him

a.) History is not a knotless thread, a haphazard collection of events, but rather a consummation. We are on our way to a goal.

b.) Laid up in heaven - not at mercy of chance or change.

West End 7-29-84

I could hardly believe my ears. A lady across the aisle from me in the flight to Dallas kept hand and handkerchief to her nose virtually all the way. After landing in Dallas, while waiting to deplane, she began to talk to the steward. She said, "I don't know what happens to me, but it seems like every time I fly my sinus becomes unbearable. It's just miserable. Do you know anything I could do next time?" He quickly answered, "Yes, take the bus."

GOETHE.

X The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope. — SAMUEL JOHNSON

Quote

_____ April 1,

History teaches us to hope. When Robert E. Lee walked out of the farmhouse parlor at Appomattox, having surrendered the remnant of his army and accepted total defeat, it was to face a new and entirely different kind of life. The South was crushed and embittered. Men faced the terrible burdens of rebuilding everything they had cherished. It was a time when the slightest word would have fanned the embers of revolt and kept alive the spirit of the Confederacy. But through these times, more bitter and disheartening than the war itself, moved a man in faith, humility, courage, and justice, who said over and over to his people, "We failed. But in the good providence of God apparent failure often proves a blessing. It is History that teaches us to hope."

A friend of mine has two sons, one fifteen years old and the other nine. Recently the three of them were talking, and the fifteen-year-old said to his father, "Dad, you've got it made. You don't have anything to worry about." Now that boy has a lot to learn about people past thirty, but he did seem to have some logic on his side as he went on to explain, "You don't have to study for exams or worry about getting into college. Girls are not your problem, nor do you have to decide who to marry. You don't have to worry about drugs, or going into the army, or getting a job. You've really got it made." At that point the nine-year-old broke into the conversation with this comment, "Well, look at it this way, he don't have nothing to look forward to neither."

Hope

Dr. Victor Frankl, a psychologist known throughout the world for his work in Logotherapy, was imprisoned in Nazi concentration camps during World War II. Day after day he and his fellow prisoners watched as some of their number were chosen to go to the gas chambers and then to cremation in the ovens. They watched their bodies wither away due to semi-starvation as they put in hard labor on 10-1/2 ounces of bread and 1-3/4 pints of thin soup per day. They lived in freezing cold with no heat and only rags for clothing. Their feet swelled with edema so badly they could hardly march to work. Their shoes left unlaced because of the swelling filled with snow and ice and every step was torture.

Frankl and the other prisoners became so weak they could not climb the two six-inch steps back into their prison barracks each night without stopping to grasp the door jamb with their hands and pull themselves through it.

In those hopeless conditions many men lost hope. Once without faith in their own future, they were doomed. It usually happened suddenly--a prisoner refusing to get up and report to the parade grounds for work detail. Pleas, threats and blows would not move him. He simply gave up and lay there in his own

filth until he died or was executed.

The prisoners who somehow survived the horrors of concentration camps like Auschwitz were those who held on to hope and meaning for their lives by the slenderest of threads. Somehow, someday they hoped to get back to their families. Somehow, someday their suffering would be worth it. Those who believed in God ... usually found extra strength for their ordeal. As long as a prisoner could see some "why" for his terrible existence, he was able to bear almost any "how."

Lord, What's Really Important? by Fritz Ridenour, pp179-80,

Someone once remarked that Christians talk a lot about living forever when most of them do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy afternoon. If our present life is just a succession of meaningless days, there is not too much to look forward to in eternity. But Jesus showed us a quality of life worthy of eternity. His was a life worth lasting forever.

"A Special Kind of Man" - By Harley Dickson, pp. 128-129

One of the finest passages in "The Last Days of Pompeii" is that in which Olinthus, lying in the dungeon at the amphitheater, tells his fellow-prisoner, Glaucus, about Christ and the hope of the life to come:

There was something in this sudden burst of human affection which struck a kindred chord in the soul of the Greek. He felt, for the first time, a sympathy greater than mere affliction between him and his companion. He crept nearer towards Olinthus; for the Italians, fierce in some points, were not unnecessarily cruel in others; they spared the separate cell and the superfluous chain, and allowed the victims of the arena the sad comfort of such freedom and such companionship as the prison would afford.

"Yes," continued the Christian with holy fervor, "the immortality of the soul--the resurrection, the reunion of the dead--is the great principle of our creed, the great truth a God suffered

death itself to attest and proclaim: No fabled Elysium, no poetic Orcus, but a pure and radiant heritage of heaven itself, is the portion of the good."

"Tell me, then, thy doctrine, and expound to me thy hopes," said Glaucus earnestly.

Olinthus was not slow to obey that prayer; and there, as oftentimes in the early ages of the Christian creed, it was in the darkness of the dungeon, and over the approach of death, that the dawning Gospel shed its soft and consecrating rays.

"Of Them He Chose Twelve" - By Clarence E. Macartney -

Pages 22-23

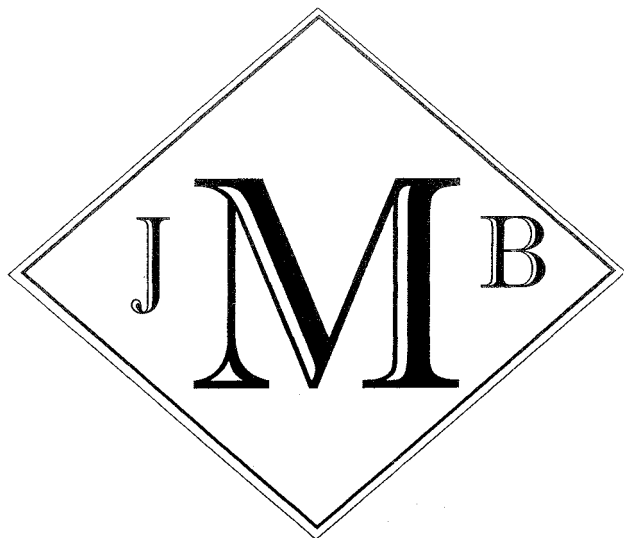
Here
In a time of death, desolation, smashed hopes, bitter defeat, and emotional and physical slavery, God spoke through the prophet Ezekial, "I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live."

Here in dramatic fashion God broke into human history through the vision of Ezekiel when the Lord set him down in the middle of an accumulation of dry bones--lifeless, useless, seemingly forgotten, but not forgotten by God. Israel, God's special people--the dry bones--were in exile far from home. Their defeat by the Babylonian army had been complete and their humiliation had plunged them into a deadly and soul-bleaching despair. But into this desolate scene stepped

the prophet of God with a message of hope: "You shall live."

The Miracle of Easter, compiled and edited by Floyd
Thatcher, p. 89.

The present situation might be described as "bedlam." Do you know where this word comes from? It was the name applied in eighteenth century England to an insane asylum outside London. The full name of the institution was the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem and later became known as the Bethlehem Royal Hospital. The English are fond of shortening long names, and "Bethlehem" slowly became "Bethlem" and finally evolved into "Bedlam." Imagine the wonderful hope intended in using Bethlehem to imply new birth for men with sick minds being turned into a phrase connoting uncontrolled chaos!



TRUTH AND PRACTICE: THE PERFECT COORDINATE

Titus 1:1-4

- I. We've a lot of ways of saying it.
 - A. Fits perfectly - hand & glove.
 - B. It dovetails.
 - C. Complete harmony.
 - D. One is the complement of another.
- II. Use any expression you care to as you describe the commitment of one Scripture to another.
 - A. We see the unity of the message.
 - B. We shy away from any isolated position on any point that's at variance c the whole body, i.e., she shall be saved in childbearing.
- III. As Paul identified himself to Titus he said his apostleship & work was:
 - A. According to the Faith of God's elect.
 1. What does this mean?
 - a.) Ellicott, "for the furtherance of the faith."
 - b.) FJB, "for the faith."
 - c.) His ministry expands the sphere of the believers.
 - d.) My object is that you might believe.
 2. This again is the strong evangelic spirit.
 - a.) Edwards Poem #1.
 - b.) This is a book card #2.
 - c.) Eusebius quote #3.
 - d.) Johnson quote #4.
 - e.) Share your faith article.
 - (1) 1/2 world hungry - USA.
\$1 million daily to store grain.
Need is distribution.

(2) Person to person.

John 4 - Woman at well.

Jn. 3 - Nicodemus.

Acts 8 Phillip & Eunuch.

(3) 2 by 2 method.

Luke 10:1-10 (Read) Team up for:

((a)) Courage.

((b)) Knowledge.

((c)) Appearance.

(4) Crowds.

Acts 4:8-13 (read).

(5) Lifestyle - reason for hope.

(6) "Body evangelism" - we watch the group & see what they've got.

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you

(7) Assemblies. *Kimberly Mines #15*

3. There is the coordination wherein apostolic claim & faith coordinate.

4. What about the elect?

a.) Privately, independently chosen w/o any action on their part?

b.) No!

(1) What they are by faith.

(2) Truth brought them to the faith.

(3) Had free choice.

Rom. 1:5-6 "By whom we have received grace and ap

(4) We all have advantages. *#6 50/21*

B. According to the truth which is after Godliness.

1. Truth.

a.) Held forth in faith & practice.

- b.) We do care what the Bible says.
- c.) Want it in its fullness.
- d.) We need to desire the promotion of truth.
- e.) We fill our office according to the knowledge of truth.

An open mind leaves a chance for someone to drop a word while thought out it.

2. Several things to say.

- a.) God's people should not be ignorant.

"The mind, once expanded to the dimensions of larger ideas, never returns to its original size" Oliver W. Holmes

- b.) Do we help other Christians grow?

Eph. 4:16 "From whom the whole body fitly joined to

- c.) Divine faith rests on truth - not opinion or human experience.

3. It points one direction--Godliness.

- a.) Truth demands Godliness.

(Took care of Billings clothes)

Standard #7 Research

- b.) Paul uses 10 X in the pastoral epistles - nowhere else.

- c.) Salvation & sanctification go together.

1:8 Love what is good. *Conscience: the still smaller*

2:3 Teach what is good. *voice that makes you feel*

2:7 Do what is good. *Still smaller*

- d.) Live as servants of God.

1 Pet. 2:16 "As free, and not using your liberty for a

Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by

P. Brooks "Be such a man, & live such a life that if every man were such as you, & every life such as yours, this earth would be God's Paradise"

Is there anything else that is better worth,
As along life's way we plod,
Than to find some wandering soul of earth, #1
And bring him home to God?
I would rather find a soul that is lost,
And bring him home again,
Than to own what all earth's acres cost,
or all the wealth of men.
Wouldn't I be glad when day is done,
In breathing my latest breath,
To know some word of mine had won
And saved a soul from death?

Evangelism

Harding College Lectures 1976

"The Joy of Reaching Others: Into All the World" by Earl D. Edwards

This is a book about a book about people who thrust their feet into sweat-stained sandals and marched out to conquer the world. They had no visible swords, they had no visible shields, they had no visible commander, nonetheless, they marched with matchless #2 unconcern into the gates of prison, through the valley of persecution, and even into the jaws of death. The rhythm of their marching feet echoes down the centuries, a steady throbbing of sound, a background for their battle cry: "Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us! Man crucified his God and laid His body in a tomb, but He came forth, a victor even over death. He lives forevermore, and we, too, live because we are a part of Him. Emmanuel! Emmanuel! God with us still!"

Evangelism

"Saints in Sandals" - By Maude De Joseph West - Page 9

Eusebius, father of church history, said "It cannot be conceived with how short a period a Christian doctrine under the glorious conduct of its author, defused itself over the face of the earth by the mouths of its evangelists and apostles."

#3
Rice: The church must organize for evangelism. How do you suggest the church attract the unchurched?

#4
Johnson: The most important way a church will attract the nonchurched is through its membership. The statistics show that eighty-five percent of those who join the church join because they are invited to church by someone they know. Another way to attract persons is by responding to the needs of the unchurched and planning programs around their needs. Good publicity, forming special programs, and organizing a prospective list are other ways that churches organize to attract the outsider. All of these efforts help the church to turn outward instead of inward.

your church 4/84

#5

A South African farmer, who had been trying for years to eke out a living from the dry rock soil of his farm, finally gave up. He'd heard that people were finding diamonds all over the country, so he sold his farm and set out to look for diamonds.

After a year of fruitless searching, he died penniless and in despair. One day, the man to whom he had sold the farm noticed some unusual rocks in a corner of a field. Curious, he took them into his kitchen and washed them off and polished them. That farm turned out to be the first Kimberly diamond mine.

Dorothy Sarnoff
**MAKE THE MOST OF
YOUR BEST**

Solzhenitsyn was a Communist, an atheist, but despite all of that because of some suspicion ^{#6} attached to him he was thrown into prison and remained a prisoner for 12 years. I suppose most of you know that he is in America today exiled from Russia. In one of those pages, he told of lying in his prison cell, dark, dreary, received only 13 ounces of black bread a day, carried to the bathroom only one time a day, and there were some visitors passing by and he heard them talking. Quite a large crowd, they were being shown through the prison. Then he noticed the things they were saying. One woman was complaining about the fact that the children came in onto the carpet with unwiped feet. Another man was complaining about his mother-in-law, and first one thing and another he heard from his prison cell.

And so he wrote these words, "But you have the right to arrange your own lives under the blue sky and the hot sun, to get a drink of water, to stretch, to travel wherever you like without a convoy, so what's this all about unwiped feet, and what's this about a mother-in-law. What about the main thing in life, all its riddles. If you want, I'll spell it out for you right now. Do not pursue what is illusory. Property and position, all that is gained at the expense of your nerves decade after decade and is confiscated in one fell night. Live with a steady superiority over life. Don't be afraid of misfortune and do not yearn after happiness. It is

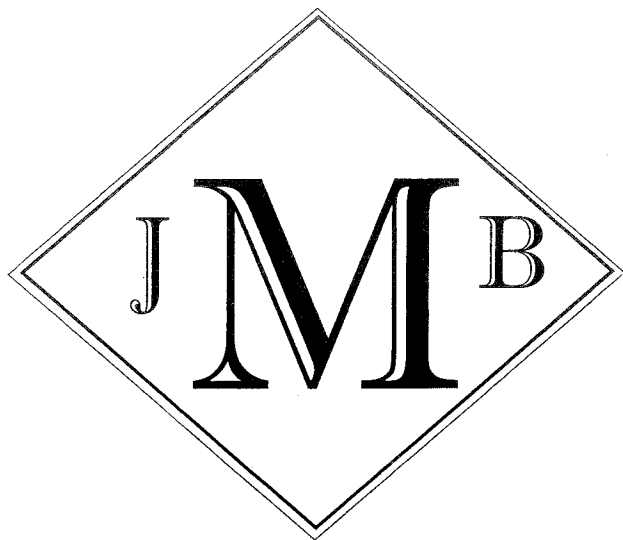
after all all the same. The bitter doesn't last forever and the sweet never fills the cup to overflowing. It is enough if you don't freeze in the cold and if thirst and hunger don't claw at your insides. If your back isn't broken, if your feet can walk, if both arms can bend, if both eyes see, if both ears hear, then whom should you envy and why. Our envy of others devour us most of all. Rub your eyes and purify your heart and prize above all else in the world those who love you and wish you well. Do not hurt them or scold them and never part from them in anger. After all, you simply do not know, it might be the last act before your arrest and that will be how you are imprinted on their memory."

A marvelous reflection for a man who was denied the common necessary **things** of life. I want to read another statement from him. As you know, he gave up his atheism and became a **believer**. As a result of that prison experience and the reflection that he passed through in thinking through the problems of life and here is a paragraph:

"And it was only when I lay there on rotting prison straw that I sensed within myself the first stirrings of the good, gradually it was disposed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not between states nor between classes, nor between political parties either, but right through every human heart and through all human hearts. All the **writers** who wrote about prison did not themselves serve time there, considered it their duty to express

sympathy for prisoners and to curse the prisons. I have served time there. I nourished my soul there and I say without hesitation bless you, prison, for having been my light."

Stanford Research Institute says that the money you make in any line of endeavor is determined 12% by knowledge and 87½% by your ability to deal with people.—*Crumbley (by Crackey!)*



FILL IN THE VACANCY

Titus 1:5

I. We often fill in the vacancy.

- A. Boy runs rapidly onto gridiron -- hand raised to take his place on team.
- B. Run next door to borrow sugar since the recipe calls for it.
- C. Jim Witherspoon fills in worship leaders.

II. What are they doing?

Titus 1:5 "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that

A. That "left undone."

- 1. Ordain elders.
- 2. Kath-is'tay-mee = to place down permanently, to designate, constitute, appoint, make, set
- B. Church also had deacons.

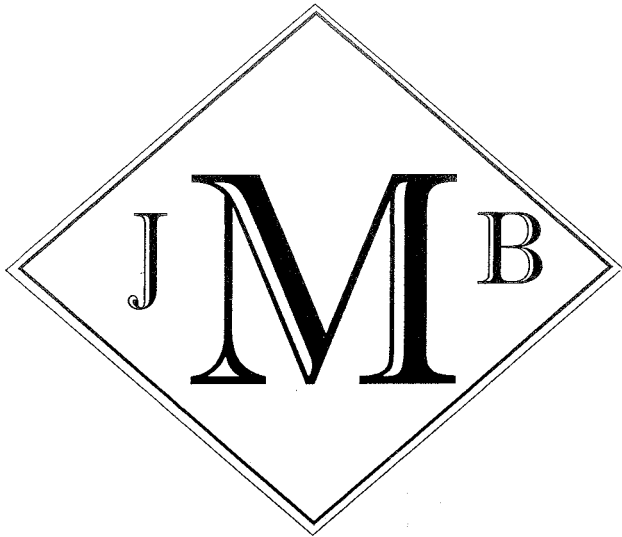
Phil. 1:1 P & T, the servants of Jesus Christ, to

- 1. Overseers (bishops) & deacons.
- 2. Deacon a servant.
- 3. Showcase of the church.
 - (a) Brooks Harris & charity.
 - (b) Bill Duke & adv.
 - (c) Vic Batson & radio contacts.

C. We've a need for more men.

- 1. Fish - lawyer.
- 2. Gill - Marketing.
- 3. Horkins - Real estate.
- 4. Robinson - R.R.
- 5. Yearwood - Architect.

West End 10-20-74



THE SELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Titus 1:5-9

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 - B. Work.
 - C. Esteem & appreciation to express.

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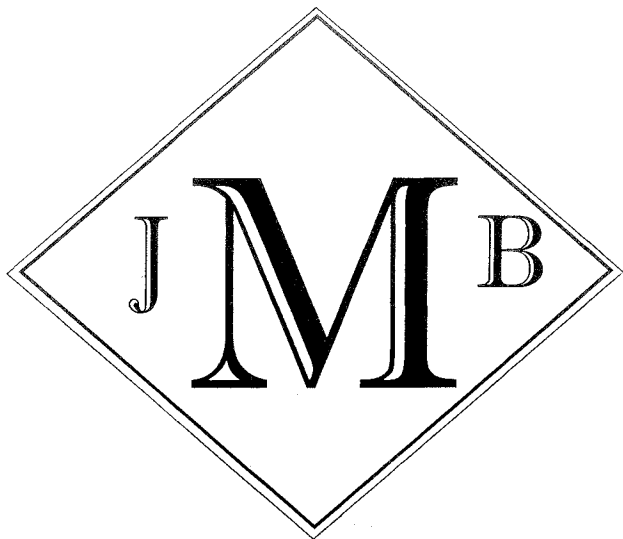
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 - b.) Time element placed as to when to do it.
(Points from their paper).
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5. Hendersonville ballot.

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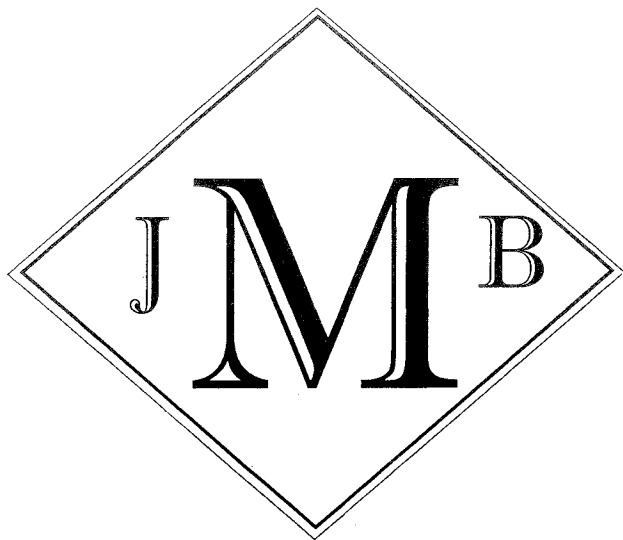
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HOLD FAST THE FAITHFUL WORD

Titus 1:9

I. Life has a lot of things I need to take hold of:

A. Righteousness.

Job 27:6 "My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let

B. Good.

I Thess. 5:21 "Prove all things, hold fast that which is

C. Eternal life.

I Tim. 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on

D. Confidence of Victory. *is we h. f. the conf. & rev.*

Heb. 3:6 "But Christ as a son over his own house; who

II. But all this is based on our holding fast to something else 1st - namely, the word of God. We'd like to see some truths on this subject.

A. "Hold fast the form of sound words" II Tim. 1:13-14.

B. "Holding fast the faithful word" Titus 1:9.

III. Holding Fast the Form.

A. Hold Fast.

1. Double exhortation - hold sound teaching & guard the truth.

2. Be loyal to truth & to me, said Paul.

B. Form.

1. No man left to invent a religion.

2. Truth can be taught in certain words.

3. All one should say of truth, duty, peace, love, hope, everlasting life was to be based on the gospel model.

4. Gospel alone is whole.

5. Form is sketch, outline.

a.) From blow - beat of horses hoofs.

*Scratched by #1
fallen angel*

b.) Impression left by a seal, a blow, pressure.

c.) Pattern, model. Fletcher (Cald #2)

Pattern by which one maintains the sameness of things

e.) Use particular words that doctrinal statements may be accurately maintained.

6. Pattern only here & 1 Tim. 1:16.

C. Sound words. — Dr don't agree — auto pay show I'm

1. Model of healthy words. #3

2. An authorized statement of fundamental truths?

3. Some teaching is ill, sickly, unhealthy.

4. Don't change sound words for uncertain.

5. Bible is free of error.

D. Response to it. #4 12 o'clock - that later - don't get later

1. Heard of me. gets to 12 start all over again.

a.) Recognized body of doctrine which had been delivered.

b.) Was to be proclaimed & defended.

c.) Respect for the fathers.

2. Accept in faith.

a.) Faith credits divine doctrine.

3. Practice in love. — Clip on Church Members #5

a.) Love reproduces doctrine in practice.

b.) No true faith unless obedience follows - it must flow thru faith. Petrusch #6

c.) Daily rely on Jesus (faith) & walk in love.

d.) Note faith & love accompany soundness.

e.) Hold not just in word but in daily practice & affection. Do you serve crab? Serve anybody sit

f.) Accept in life & express in conduct. decon

g.) Defend c charity & gentleness.

Narrow mind & big mouth go together

sky diving - why go to spot now to do it right 1st time

E. Gospel is a Treasure.

1. It's "that good thing which was committed unto thee to keep by the H. Ghost which dwelleth in us."

- a.) Rec. Gospel as a treasure & pass it on intact.
- b.) Entrusted = deposited. - 65,000 Irish Sweepst.

2. Truth not discovered by the church but it is deposited in its safekeeping.

3. Keep by the Holy Ghost.

- a.) Help in guarding the deposit.
- b.) HS dictated it. - who could be more int. int. than HS?
- c.) Don't lose, destroy or mar & for this need divine aid.

4. Dwells in us.

- a.) Dwell = to be at home.
- b.) Yield to cooperation of Spirit that makes him feel at home in a believer's heart - unrestricted
- c.) J. W. Roberts, "Don't know how HS is given when we obey gospel or how dwells in us but it is a matter of the rev. of the Scrp. Accept as such & pray for more of his help.

Lu. 11:13 "If ye then, being evil, know how to give g

- d.) Rejoice if the Pres. visited - how much more the HS.
- e.) In us = all believers.

III. Hold Fast the Faithful Word.

Titus 1:9

A. Hold.

- 1. Cling, adhere.
- 2. Hang on, stand by.
- 3. Don't waiver, convictions show reliability.

4. Don't deviate. - Arlie Hoover clip #7

B. Faithful Word.

1. Trustworthy message. - Antiochus clip #8

2. Completely reliable. best words "Yes - SIR"

C. By Sound Doctrine Exhort & Convince.

1. Comfort & encourage other believers.

2. Withstand & reply.

Sharp words #9

3. Blameless in what he believes.

4. Convict some - doctrinal fitness necessary.

5. Unfaithfulness to Bible disqualifies as a teacher.

Leadership Dinner, Ft. Worth Lectures, Brown Trail
West End 2-4-79, 2-11-79. Church 1-16-79

Ray Vista Church, St. Petersburg, Fla. 2-12-79

#12

This view is documented by one of the spokes-
man for the new morality--Joseph Fletcher.
He writes in one of his books, Moral Respon-
sibility (Westminister Press, 1967, p. 14):
"Hence in such Christian ethics nothing has
any worth except as it helps or hurts persons,
either human or divine--God or niehgbor or
self. Good and evil are intrinsic. Right and
wrong depend upon the situation."

Teen Sense by David Edens, Page 44

Morality

#5

CHURCH MEMBERS

We see one negative factor resulting from the human striving for comfort and from the hectic pace in our society. Church members often expect to experience ministry efforts vicariously — “we pay the pastor to take care of those people or to be available to help our members.” The “If I don’t hurt, nobody hurts” attitude prevails. Unless they are hurting themselves, or have been sensitized to human need, people would rather stay in their self-indulgent patterns than extend themselves to help or be available to needy persons. The pastor, whose professional image is the available helper, is expected to pick up all the caring ministries in the church and make them happen. — *Church Management: Clergy Jn’l.*

practice

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#6

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS

Love is the crowning grace of humanity, the holiest right of the soul, the golden link which binds us to duty and truth, the redeeming principle that chiefly reconciles the heart of life, and is prophetic of eternal good. — PETRARCH.

Sin

#9

SHARP SWORD

Word

In the jungles of eastern Peru translators Joyce Nies and Dr. Esther Matteson wondered why Piro believers would suddenly stop at times when reading the New Testament. They knew how to read. Why the reluctance to continue?

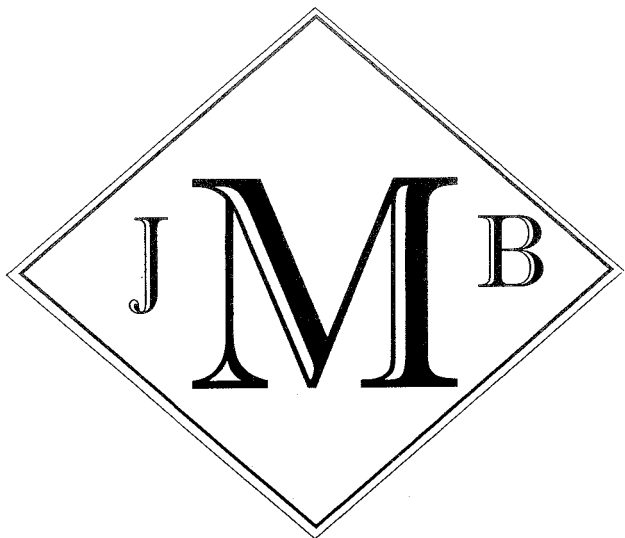
White Condor, a chief and one of the Piro church leaders, explained:

"I will tell you why it sometimes appears we cannot read our own translation. When we ourselves have done something evil, and we find it written in God's Word, we are amazed and shocked. We cannot pronounce what we see because that is what we have done, and we cannot tell it because it is a shameful thing in the ears of **everyone**. It is as though our sins were told right out in

the daylight. We are ashamed of what we have done in the eyes of God. It is a very good translation because it makes us remember our sins. It is a strong word of counsel."

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword . . ." (Heb. 4:12).

"Searchlight on Bible Words" - Compiled by James C. Hefley



AN X-RAY OF MY MIND

Titus 1:15-16

I. Though grateful for every friend, I still miss
R. T. Clark.

A. Joy of a brother-in-law.

B. His running for life.

C. The hidden cardigram. *(electro)*

II. I raise the question - do I hide things - will I
not face the honest reality?

A. Sermons at time strike groups: the unsaved,
the unfaithful.

B. They come as a collective appeal - let's
meet Ethiopia's need.

C. This is as individual as I know how - it's
intended only for you!

III. Hear my text:

Titus 1:15-16 "Unto the pure all things are pure"

A. Life falls into two divisions: Jew and Gentile,
saved and unsaved; and here two views
within the church.

B. It is not the good and evil contrast - but it's
the thoughts and mind set within the church -
I'm either profitable or else worthless - then
don't talk to me about whether a Christian
can be lost or not!

IV. Am I the Pure?

A. What purity does he mean?

1. It's in the mind; not the created things.
2. Jesus states it.

Luke 11:39-41 (Read)

Rom. 14:20 "All things indeed are pure but it is evil"

1 Tim. 4:3-5 (Read) *for that man who created*

3. God made nothing impure - we can turn it into defilement.
4. When God is first life is pure.
5. The pure doesn't trouble himself with the picky interpretation of matters.
6. Man won't become unclean by touching what man calls unclean.
7. Rites and ceremonies are meaningless.

Rom. 14:14 "I know and am persuaded by the Lord"

8. But I remind us "all things" does not refer to that which is morally wrong - it's what we ritualistically do.
9. We go to seed on the external and forget the internal.

Luke 11:41 "Behold all things are clean unto you"

Rom. 14:23 "He that doubteth is damned if he eat"

10. Thus the distinction of the pure is not in the things themselves but in the disposition of him who uses them.
11. All things are good - sin touches and defiles.

12. Man has the ability to manufacture "sinful things". The harmless becomes the sinful.

Mk. 7:15 "There is nothing from without a man"

13. It's your inner mind that makes the difference.

14. Ritualistic purity is not enough.

15. Purity and sound doctrine are inseparable.

B. Question - how do I think? What is my mind set? What am I looking for?

V. Am I the Impure?

A. It's a long list of hurtful words - do any apply to me?

B. See the list.

1. Defiled.

a) Do I seek only to polute?

b) A woman is lovely - is she a calendar or centerfold?

c) We say ugly things and turn a phrase - "Three's Company".

d) Man with dirty mind makes all things dirty.

e) We take the lovlies and smut them with uncleanness.

f) Our jests show it.

g) We can religious matters.

"Hold Thou My Hand"

h) Henry - "we suck poison out of that which others draw sweetness".

2. Unbelieving.

- a) We once were!
- b) We think we still are!!

3. Nothing is pure.

- a) By the test of inner nature they are condemned.
- b) Mind so contaminated nothing is pure.

C. How does this type of attitude come?

1. Mind

- a) Mental process is perverted.
- b) Mind means your intellect.
- c) You use two facilities to make decisions
 - (1) Mind - intellect.
 - (2) Conscience - your view of God's voice.
- d) Imagination turns to lust every picture it forms.
- e) We misrepresent every motive.
- f) We give double meaning to every statement.

2. Conscience

- a) Sense of right or wrong.
- b) Moral judge - when defiled we've lost safeguard.
- c) It's our conformity or discrepancy with God's law.

3. Defiled

- a) Will not accept fact that sin is loss, shame, misery, death.
- b) All water takes color of soil over which it passes.
- c) An essential difference is made in moral character of man.

D. They viewed themselves knowledgeable.

1. Note the great contradiction.
2. The more corrupt a man is the more severe his judgement, as he judges all men by himself.
3. Paul gives them credit for knowing God.
4. May have even laid a higher claim to knowledge.
5. Foes of truth present themselves as friends of it.

E. Works Deny Claim

1. There is a relationship to appropriation. Moral man can make good out of his surrounding; the immoral the converse.
2. In conflict between talk and walk -- walk is best revealer.
3. Need balance between belief and behavior; deeds to match words.

4. Note these people wanted to be regarded as religious.

Ezek. 33:31 (Read)

Isa. 29:13 (Read)

5. They make the way of truth evil spoken of.
6. Further, they deceive their own souls.
7. Let's examine our profession and show our works by our faith.

F. Finally the Dismal Condemnation

1. Abominable

- a) Repulsive
b) Only here is NT usage to describe man.
c) Deny God - prefer their way over His.

2. Disobedient

- a) Can't hear voice of God
b) Did some things but not the right thing.
c) Once were believers but now intemperate.

3. Reprobate

- a) Put to test and see why they fail.
b) Means adulterate - like a bad coin deficient in weight and genuineness of metal, not current.
c. Rejected, worthless.
d. Useless - below standard weight in a coin; a cowardly soldier in hour of battle; rejected candidate for office whom people decided was unfit; a stone with a flaw. - builders rejected and marked it with an A for "adokimos"

Ah-dook

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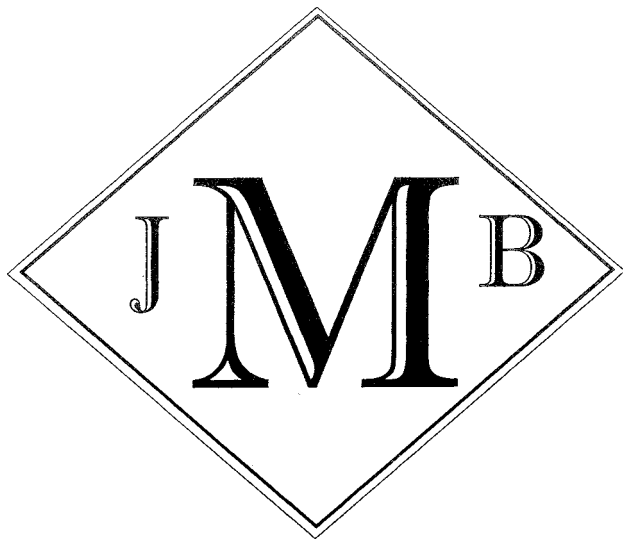
e) Of no use to God.

f) Unapproved.

G. Ends with denunciation -

Formalism is not dead -- let us not champion ritualism while morality goes begging.

West End 12/30/84



"GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY"

Titus 2:1-4A

- I. Were you ever assigned a subject you did not like, or disagreed with?
- A. Methodist asked me to be in Lenten Services.
1. Agreed if I could speak on why we did not have such.
 2. They declined my presence.
- B. You've given me a subject I don't care for.
1. I could have declined but I'd not seen you.
 2. Want to show why I object & give you a truth we all need.
- C. What do you see in subject? *Clip on School today.*
1. Retirement to doing nothing?
 2. Pretend we are not getting older?
 3. Fish, whittle, sleep and fossilize?
 4. Battle young folk & belittle them?
- II. Let's age as the New Testament outlines-- and as long as we have energy, mentality and strength, let's age gracefully.
- A. Paul has a double ability--"the aged" & Holy Spirit guided.
- B. We need to see what he said to Titus for both men and women. (Thou emphatic--you teach properly) (Go on teaching--present tense).
- III. His instructions to older men.
- They are to be: (use 4 Translations)
- A. Sober--Temperate
1. Can't be drunk & be vigilant.
 2. Not excessive in anything (Lipscomb).

3. Call for clear heads.
4. Idea of thoughtful.
5. Veteran soldiers not easily surprised.
6. "Nothing so effectively allays men's wandering curiosity as being brought to recognize those duties in which they ought to exercise themselves."
Calvin

B. Grave - others say:

1. Dignified
 - a) Gravity is not gloominess (Coffman)
 - b) Venerable
2. Worthy of respect
3. Serious--reverent attitude toward life.
 - a) Not unduly excitable as a child is.
4. Grave

C. Temperate

1. Sensible *# 1 A Thous*
 - a) Asked of 3 of the 5 groups
2. Self controlled
3. Temperate

D. Sound in Faith (all same)

1. Has to do with healthfulness, that which promotes good health.
2. Also carries idea of balance.
3. "If one claims to know God his life should demonstrate it." (Fogerson)
4. Adhere to apostolic doctrine.
5. Accurate & dependable.

E. Sound in charity, love (same)

1. Soundness has to do with health & vitality.
2. Not bitter or vindictive.
3. Aged apt to be peevish.

F. Sound in:

1. Patience (KJ)
 - a) Have to bear with increasing bodily difficulties.
2. Perseverance (NAS)
 - a) Cheerful confidence in the overruling God.
3. Endurance (NIV)
 - a) Take control of your life & bring it under the will of God.
 - b) False teachers were lowering the standard of Christian living.
4. Steadfastness (RSV)
 - a) Think on eternity.
 - b) Pray
 - c) Study word - *Whittier #2*
 - d) Think of impression your example leaves--Routes to Soundness
 - e) Proper associates--"He who walks with wise men will be wise."
Solomon
 - f) Examine your motives (John & James--ambition, revenge, duty)
 - g) Be open to criticism (Simeon)

G. This completes 6 things for men.

IV. Now the Sacred 5 for Women

A. Behavior as becometh holiness.

1. Reverent in behavior. *Worshipful*
2. In the way they live.
3. Note women are fellow heirs, equal to men.
4. Religion of Jesus lifts women.
5. Behavior = deportment.

6. Become holiness in dress, appearance, manner, conversation. *8 yr. old #4*
 7. Outward deportment is dependent on something internal.
 8. Not 1 way for 1 sex & not another.
 9. Reverent--a sacred person, priestess.
- B. Not False Accusers
1. Not malicious gossips *Hilton #4A*
 2. Not slanderous
 3. Devil's name, slanderer
 4. Accuser, age becomes intolerant at times.
- C. Not given to much wine.
1. Not enslaved to wine.
 2. Not addicted to wine.
 3. Not slaves to drink.
 4. Women on Crete drank a lot.
 5. Wine enslaves, grape juice can't-- thus shows what they were drinking.
 6. Connection between wine & tongue.
- D. Teach what is good (universally translated). *Wild woman quote #5*
1. God calls us to holiness.
 2. As she is reverent, becoming suitable, sacred, priestess this all shows her effect on another.
 3. Two Crabs. *#6*
 4. family card. *#7*
- E. Teach, Encourage, Train Young Women
1. Impart the benefit of their experience.
 2. Teach by example--does not negate the silence verse.
 3. Teach only the truth.

4. He expects good results from the reformed life.

5. Children's clip.

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X SCHOOL LANGUAGE

#1

The teachers' bulletin from a Toronto, Canada, high school offers definitions in plain English for tactful remarks that may be noted on a student's report card. Such as:

"Shows difficulty in distinguishing between imaginary and factual material."—He lies.

"Needs ample supervision in order to work well."—He's lazy.

"Needs guidance in developing good habits of hygiene."—He's dirty.

"Has qualities of leadership but needs help in learning to use them democratically."—He's a bully.

The Kleinknecht Encyclopedia

#1 A
~~1/2~~

If our forefathers had a clear understanding of God, sin, virtue, and common good, where did the idea come from that men and nations could conduct themselves in their private and public affairs without reference to any religious values and moral principles?

We search the world for truth. We cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers' read.

#2

—JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Hymn: "Lord Speak to Me"

*Dear Father, we beseech thy loving guidance in our daily struggles.
Thank You for the wisdom You have provided. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

— MONTE GINNINGS, Huntsville, Texas

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#3
To be good was more important
than to be rich. To be kind was
more important than owning a
house or a car. To respect one's
own work and to do it well, to risk
something in life, was more impor-
tant than being a star. To never sell
your soul - to have self esteem - to
be true - was most important of all.

Lauren Bacall

*On philosophy of late husband,
Humphrey Bogart; quoted by Herm
Albright, Albrighter Side*

#4
...
An 8-year-old girl came home from school and
complained to her father that every day when
she started home after classes some boys
grabbed her and kissed her.

"Why don't you try to run away from them?"
suggested her parent.

"I did try it," she said, "but they won't chase
me."

#4
A

After all of his building so successfully multiple hotels, Conrad Hilton was asked what was his most important *knowledge* in the construction of his hotel chain. He said, "There's one thing I know for sure-- when you take a shower, be sure you put the curtain in the tub."

#6

The Two Crabs
Aesop's Fables -- Gibson

"Daughter," reproved a mother crab,

"I wish you'd watch your gait!
Have you no self-control, no pride?
The way you jerk from side to side
Is awkward and undignified!

You should go swift and straight!"

"Good!" said the daughter, "Show me how!

I'll follow what you teach!"
The mother answered with a snort,
And that was all, at last report.
For few there are of any sort,
Can practice what they preach.

Family

In a broken nest there are few whole eggs.
Chinese proverb

Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons.

Napoleon Bonaparte

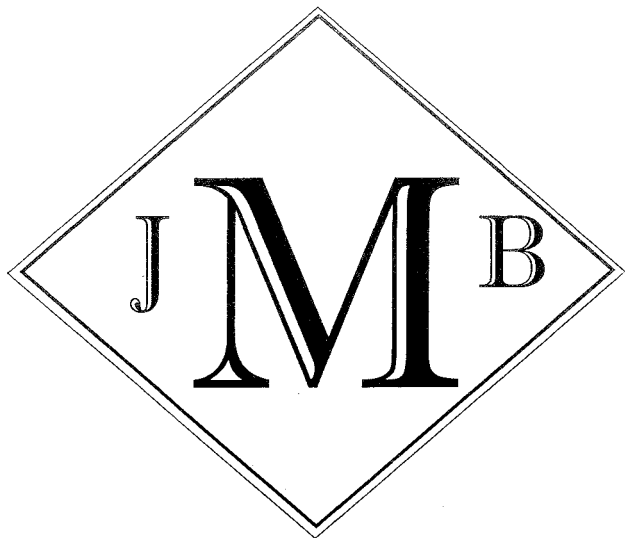
Parents wonder why the streams are bitter when they themselves have poisoned the fountain.

John Locke

The babe at first feeds upon the mother's bosom, but it is always on her heart.

Henry Ward Beecher

GREAT QUOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS - Sweeting
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SOUND DOCTRINE & 3 AGES OF FOLK
Titus 2:2-5

- I. This chapter starts with Sound Doctrine.
- A. It must be more important than age brackets.
 - B. It must be applicable to all age brackets--Paul tells of 5 distinctions, we'll discuss 3.
 - C. It must be something all can embrace.
- II. Sound Doctrine *healthful instructions*
- A. It means in good health--it's sound in the inculcation of righteous life, cling to the fundamentals. *wholesome teachings*
 - B. The teaching of truth so vital.
- III. 1st class -- Aged Men
- A. Includes:
 - 1. All old men.
 - 2. Not just elders.
 - 3. To be instructed in the behavior that accords with belief.
 - 4. Here we can expect some leadership by virtue of years & experiences.
 - B. Specific instructions.
 - 1. Be Sober. - *Temperate*
 - a) Opposite of over indulgence.
 - b) By now know true values and pleasures.
 - c) Be serious, worthy of respect.
 - d) Noble--dignity.
 - e) All faculties under control, well balanced.
 - f) Realizes the seriousness of life.
 - g) Old men continue to be spiritually healthy.
 - h) Carries idea of thoughtfulness.

2. Grave - *serious, sensible*
- orderly*
- Reverent, venerable, *dignified*
 - Awe & respect to God. *the divine*
 - Maintain a good name.
3. Temperate
- Barclay--temperate in fortitude so he can bear more of the load.
 - Word used 4X--old men, old women, young women and young men--same or equal word.
 - Control of mental, emotional and spiritual faculties.
 - "Untouched by a lumberous or beclouding influence." (Thayer)
 - We are apt to be peevish.
 - Clearheaded.
4. Sound in the faith.
- Faith that's seen in righteousness more than a system.
 - Yet this too is important.
 - But do healthy living.
5. Charity
- Love for all that's good.
 - Extend self toward less fortunate.
6. Patience - *steadfastness*
- Endurance, *perseverance*
 - Unswerving to our commitments.

B. Aged Women

- They are to be priest like--
hierous--one of few places priest used in a Christian sense.
- No do-havior but be-havior. What I do may be accidental - what I am is everything. She's a new station in life thus much demanded of her.

3. Holiness *Rev. in demeanor, in behavior* 3.
- Reverent, becoming, suitable, sacred. *deportment of sacred person*
 - Refers to the influence a woman's demeanor has on others.
 - Bigger than herself--others come in the picture.
 - Outward deportment is dependent on something internal.
 - Age becomes intolerant at times.
4. Not False Accusers.
- Cruelty in malicious gossip.
 - Be sure you have facts.
 - No slanderer, *scandal monger*

Prov. 25:18

5. Not Given to Much Wine.
- (RV) -- enslaved to much wine, addicted.
 - Why do people drink?
6. Teacher of Good Things
- Maintain positive attitude.

2 Cor. 8:17

- Set example--holding yourself along side as an example.
- Personal examples precedes effective teaching.
- Teaching of highest quality.
- Teach only the truth.

C. Younger Women

- 7 things to impart.
- Training of women duty of older women.
- Younger means new, fresh, may suggest newly married.

4. Germ free of error--healthy.

D. Teach Younger Women

1. Sobriety

- a) All start with this.
- b) Live a consistent life.
- c) Self control the standing duty of all Christians.
- d) Points to outward dignity--seriousness.

2. Love their husbands.

- a) Agape
- b) Does the right thing no matter what one's feelings are.
- c) Learn by modeling of older women.
- d) Husband is head.

3. Discreet

- a) Moderation in judgement.
- b) What do we want to stand high in young ladies accomplishments? Music--social--figure?

4. Chaste

- a) Pure
- b) Chastity in sex plus purity in heart and mind.
- c) Beauty of marble its purity same of women.
- d) Purity makes queenly women.

5. Keepers at Home

- a) Workers, at home
Keepers at home
Busy at home--productive
Guardian of home.

- b) I get a lot of answering machines.
- c) She accepts domestic duties.
- d) Avoid improper freedoms.
- e) Are these suggestions or imperative?
- f) Wesley--she's home when not called out by works of necessity, piety or mercy.

6. Good

a) "She's a good woman." *b) Kind*

7. Obedient to their own husbands.

- a) We've talked earlier about loving them.
- b) Husband is head though complete spiritual equality.
- c) Give no reason for unbelieving husband to criticize his wife.
- d) No room for critic to say "see how she treats her husband."
- e) Don't engage in sin even if husband demands it.
- f) Subject--middle voice shows voluntary acceptance of headship of husband, *subordinate to*
- g) Woman elevated by Christ but He did not abolish her functional position as the compliment and support of her husband as head of the home. (Expositors)
- h) Duty of women to protect God's revelation from profanation by living discreet and wholesome lives. (Ibid)

willing to accept

i) For the Christian no lifestyle is justified that hinders the word of God.

8. Word of God Not Blasphemed.

a) Engage in no revolution that causes word to be blasphemed.

b) No critic able to point out anything in it that justifies open censure or rebukes.

c) Original suggest the picture of a courtroom where judge can find no basis for accusations of the plaintiff.

d) Dishonor, de fame, malign

e) Discredit, cause reproach

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SHORT SHOTS CONCERNING MARRIAGE

Author Unknown

[Editor's Note: I can't remember where I found these little jewels, but I thought you might get a kick out of them--and learn something in the process! Amongst the humor there are some good lessons].

Troubles in marriage often start when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar.

Too many couples marry for better or for worse--but not for good.

When a man marries a woman, they become one--but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

If a man has enough "horse sense" to treat his wife like a thoroughbred, she will never be an old nag.

Judging from the specimens they pick for husbands, it's no wonder that brides often blush.

On anniversaries the wise husband will always forget the past--but not the present.

A foolish husband remarks to his wife, "Honey, you just stick to the washing, ironing, cooking, and scrubbing. No wife of mine is going to work."

The bonds of matrimony are a good investment only when the interest is kept up.

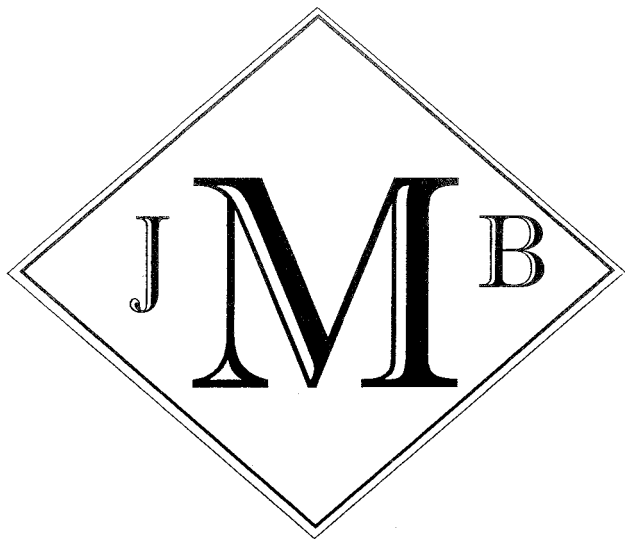
REMEMBER...Just because many couples "harp at each other" does not mean that their marriage is made in heaven.

Whether a man winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends a lot upon the kind of chick he marries.

Many girls like to marry a military man--he can cook, sew, make beds, is in good health...and he is already used to taking orders.



Personal Note: I will miss you greatly over the next few weeks. Please continue to pray for those of us who are in Ukraine. We plan to return to Memphis in the afternoon/evening of August 2.



INSTRUCTIONS FROM A SLAVE'S MANUAL
Titus 2:9-10

- I. Since slavery is no more does it seem strange to turn to the slave's manual for labor relations instruction?
 - A. By no means do we imply typical slavery would fit all brackets of industry.
 - B. But there is in existence a boss-worker relationship--has to be, else chaos via no direction.
 - C. It's hoped in this ancient manner of relationship we can find some help in our employee relationship.
 - D. All of us have a boss--how do we react?
- II. I want you to see:
 - A. Christianity addresses all segments of society--even slavery.
 - B. Christianity belongs in the daily intercourse of life--even to slavery.
 - C. Slaves via exhortation are taught how to leave in all situations.
 1. Exhort -- to speak.
 2. Make to bear on conscience.
 3. Reprove for waywardness.
- III. In Paul's & Jesus' day there were slaves.
 - A. Slave--existed in bitterest form.
 1. One over whom master had absolute power--so didn't walk off if you didn't like orders.
 2. "While the fundamental principles of the teachings of Jesus Christ are contrary to the principles and

practices of slavery, Jesus and the Holy Spirit did not propose to violently break existing relationship or disrupt the institutions of the earth. It sanctified and softened all relations of life and gradually corrected the evil through the Spirit of Christ." (D. Lipscomb)

3. "When masters see slaves as brothers and slaves work for masters as to the Lord, the system vanishes. (Getz)

B. He was instructed to be:

1. Obedient

- a) "Not to engage in resistance to will of masters or show impatience to any rebuke." (P.C.)
- b) A Christian takes orders.
- c) Obedient is a military term of soldiers arranged in battalions--subjective to commander.
- d) Render obedience because they are Christians.

2. Had a Master.

- a) Same word as despot.
- b) Had complete authority.
- c) Yet Christian slave could not submit to violation of conscience.

3. Please them in all things.

- a) Men must not trade on their Christianity.
- b) I can't as a workman say "since I'm a Christian special allowance should be made for me."

- c) As a Christian he is efficient-- gives satisfaction.
- d) Try to please--not sullen but give satisfaction.

4. Not answering again.

- a) Be courteous in speech.
- b) Respectful--Christianity does not blot out line of authority in commerce.
- c) Nor gainsaying embraces all forms of opposition whether by word or action.
- d) Refractory, against, contrary.
- e) Don't talk back, dispute commands, deliberate thwart his will.

5. Not Purloining

- a) Taking what does not belong to you.
- b) Must be honest.
- c) Do not steal, embezzle or trick.
- d) Do we rob God?
- e) It's stealing for yourself what's entrusted to your care.
- f) No misappropriation.
- g) Take no part in that which was not authorized.

6. Show good fidelity.

- a) In everything where fidelity is required.
- b) Does our teaching make men moral?

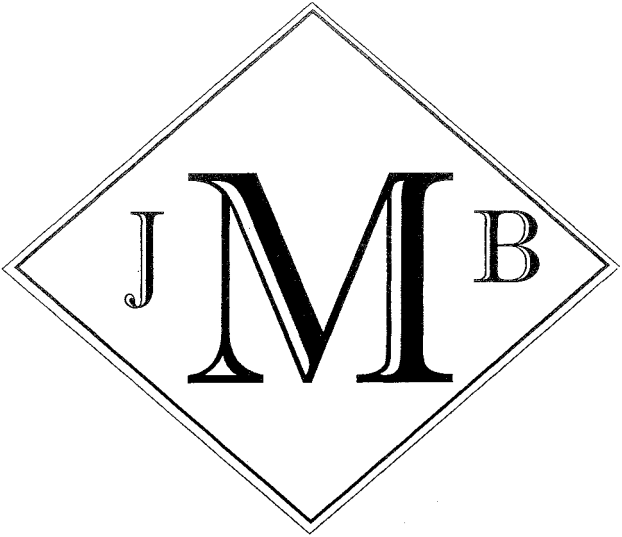
- c) Christianity is no excuse for inefficiency.
- d) Be faithful, dependable.
- e) No part with crime or wrongdoing.
- f) You are trustworthy and demonstrate good faith, reliability.

7. Adorn the Doctrine

- a) From Kosmeo = to put in proper order--cosmos, orderly arrangement vs chaos.
- b) It's like an arrangement of jewels in such a manner as to show their full beauty.
- c) You add luster to the doctrine.
- d) Slaves are to reflect glory to gospel via of manner of living.
- e) Decorate gospel in daily life.
- g) Adornment of faith by conduct extends to every aspect of life.
- h) Gospel supplies grace to do its need.
- i) See great motive for godly conduct.

8. God, Savior magnified.

- a) This a glorious reality in "church work."
- b) No higher motive than to please God.
- c) Savior applied to God & to Jesus.
- d) Let the Lord be seen in all that we do.



GRACE: WHAT IS IT? WHAT DOES IT BRING? TO WHOM IS IT BROUGHT? Titus 2:11

I. No subject ever preests the mind of man superior to grace.

A. About it, we ask 3 questions:

1. What is it?
2. What does it bring?
3. To whom is it brought?

B. There is strongly connected "grace as a teacher." We await another time to develop this.

II. 3 Questions about Grace.

A. What is it?

1. Unmerited favor.
2. Draper, "Something needed, but not deserved."
3. Something received but no man has a right to expect.

(a) In most affluent age we've highest divorce rate, highest crime, most suicide, more crime & war.

(b) God could rightfully respond in anger rather than grace.

4. Amazingly, God loves us, wants to forgive & redeem us so He took the punishment to Himself.

5. Here & Col. 1:6 called the grace of God.

B. What does it bring?

1. Salvation.
2. Bringeth salvation is an adj. Lit. "the salvation-bring grace of God has appeared.
3. It saves.

Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might rec

Rom. 6:5-7 "For if we have been planted together in f

Eph. 1:13-14 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye had

4. It brings it by the appearance of Jesus.

(a) Grace reaches fullest manifestation when Jesus came into the world.

Jn. 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,

(b) Jesus was perfect embodiment of God's grace.

(c) We are to see what he did & said.

(d) Appearance is a metaphor - lit. "to be made evident - once hidden now brought to light."

(1) Word epiphany = to make visible.

(2) Suddenly breaking in on our moral darkness like the rising sun.

Acts 27:20 "And when neither sun nor stars in many days

(3) Shine out - taken from sun.

(4) Jesus Son of Righteousness.

Mal. 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Son of Man

(e) Only via Jesus is this seen.

Luke 2:29-30 "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in

(1) Grace a historical reality.

(2) Refers to entirety of life of Christ.

(3) Never have proper concept of grace w/o knowing Christ & His incarnation & atonement.

C. To whom does it come?

1. All men.

2. All can be saved.

Heb. 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than

Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only

3. Available to all regardless of station in life.

Gal. 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither

4. Universally intended for all.

5. Does this teach all will be saved?

(a) Available to all but operative only in life of person who responds to message of redemption.

Eph. 2:8-9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and

(b) All not saved but all may have access to it.

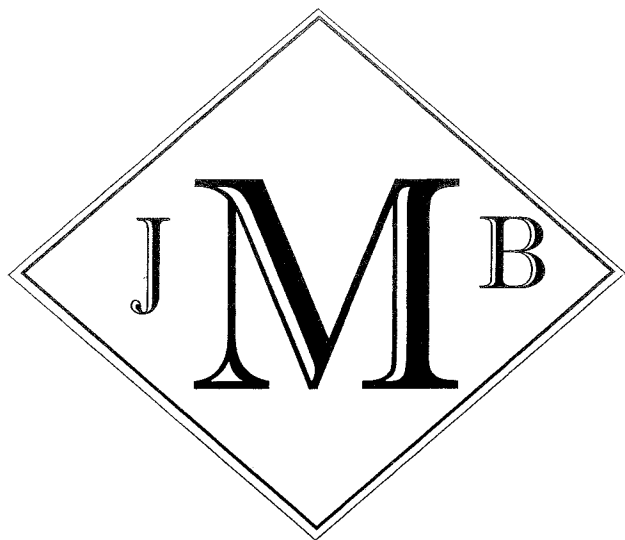
(c) Not all are but all could be saved.

(d) Available to all but its saving effect is dependent on the personal response of faith.

(e) Won't shine on man who shuts his eyes to it.

(f) Gospel does bring salvation to all - its design (God's part perfect & complete) but it hasn't yet appeared to all (extension - our part - faulty & incomplete).

(g) Wherever gospel goes it grants freedom from sin - this is its purpose - not slum clearance.



"THAT TEACHER CALLED 'GRACE'"

Titus 2:11-12

I. All of us recall a favorite teacher.

A. Oddest.

B. Oldest.

C. Longest.

II. But who was the best?

A. W/o a doubt mine was Grace.

B. Speak not of a lday but "the grace of God."

C. About her we see:

1. Her ability to teach.

2. 2 things to avoid & 3 things to embrace.

3. Do it now.

III. Grace's Teaching Ability.

A. God's Grace is to Train Us.

1. Carl Spain says word also found 2 Tim. 3:16.

2. 2 Tim. 2:25 - Correction.

3. The teaching shows **grace** personified.

4. Comprehends entire training process.

5. God's not thru c us when He saves us.

(a) Grace will express itself as we are taught.

(b) More to God's plan than saving you - points toward real growth.

(c) Grace (teaching us) makes ethical demands of us

(1) Cornerstone of Chr. ethics.

(2) Adorn the doctrine & attractively draw folk to it

(d) When we see His grace, we can form our lives because we know we should have had hell instead of heaven.

Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the

(e) We need to obediently respond.

(f) We are created to do good works.

Eph. 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ"

James 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead"

(g) Eager to do them.

Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us"

B. If I fail this teacher, I disappoint the greatest.

IV. Two things to Avoid, Three Things to Embrace.

A. Deny ungodliness.

1. Ungodliness is everything a person does w/o taking God into account.

2. Ungodly person focuses on himself.

3. He recognizes no dependency on God.

4. Man Centered - Not God Centered.

5. Naturalism does not take God into account to explain life or the universe.

6. Here lit. "be w/o godliness."

7. Man is guilty of impiety & irreverence.

B. Renounce Worldly Lusts.

1. Renounce = repudiate, deny.

2. Means cravings of a world separated from God.

3. Materialist & sensualist.

4. Worldly passions are a specific lifestyle resulting from ungodly life thinking.

5. Don't get involved in a system of evil.

6. Can't draw our sustenance from the world.

7. Don't let world set our standards or make our decisions for us.

8. Lust = gluttony, drunkenness, lasciviousness, anger, malice, revenge, love of riches, power, fame.

9. Obvious God won't save man in lawless wickedness.

C. Live soberly.

1. Now moves to positive side.
2. Soberly 5X in letter.
3. Means self control discreetly exercised.
4. Trouble c this - until I saw self was to be controlled by Jesus.
5. Human feelings & desires are to conform to God's will.
6. Lead a godly life revolving around Jesus.
7. Total decision making process focuses on God's will -
 - a.) Personal.
 - b.) Family.
 - c.) Church.
 - d.) Business.
 - e.) Recreation.
8. Behind our way of life is our way of thinking.
9. His whole purpose is to bring us to salvation & to maturity in Christ.
10. Jesus lives in us & wants to be Lord of our lives.
11. We are to live as tho Christ were living His life thru us.
12. "Vitality of doctrinal profession must be demonstrated by transformed Christian conduct", Expositor's.

D. Live Righteously.

1. Defined - law abiding.
2. Render every man his due.
3. Injure no person in body, mind, reputation, prosperity.

- 4. Rt. shows our conduct toward our fellowman.
- 5. We don't take advantage of him.
 - a.) Not unkind.
 - b.) Not critical.
 - c.) No hatred toward.
- 6. We don't let the other determine what kind of folk we'll be (If they are angry, no need for me to get that way.)

E. Live godly.

- 1. To live like God.
- 2. Our responses & reactions are like His.
 - a.) "But you don't know my temper, kids, parents, teacher, husband, wife, boss!"
 - b.) Wife's been brunette, blonde, redhead - disposition same.
- 3. Commit no sin.
- 4. Omit no duty.
- 5. No such thing as instant godliness - need daily walk & spend time in prayer & word.

Phil. 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in (

- 6. Note 3 directions.
 - a.) Self control - inward.
 - b.) Upright - outward.
 - c.) Godly - upward.
- 7. Adam Clark said
 - a.) Soberly - respect to ourselves.
 - b.) Rtly. - respect to neighbor.
 - c.) Godly - respect to Maker.
 - d.) (Burton Coffman credits this to Barakman 1962 - Pg. 144 - Clark older

Welcome Mr. Longfellow!

F. Do it in Present World!

- 1. No do what God wants.
- 2. Can be done now wherever you are.

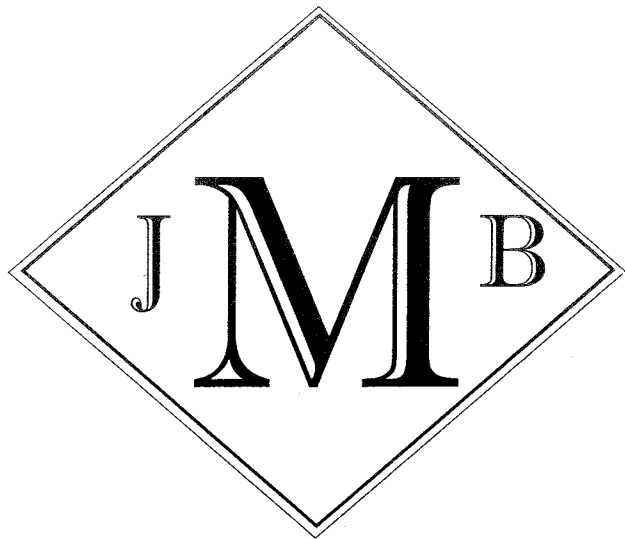
Ps. 118:24 "This is the day which the Lord hath made;

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I am over my last valley (I hope) of confusion. Counting my blessings - and kneeling in prayer after a bad habitual neglect from some knee trouble some years ago. I think I'm in the upward lane of Spiritual Refinement so neglected by many--
Thanks to your patience and encouragement.

Confinement need not be a deterrent - so here I go in 1980 - 83+ and looking upward.

Ida Ezell



THE EPITOME OF THE GOSPEL

Titus 2:11-14

I. Did you ever find yourself suddenly dumped into an unbelievable paradise?

A. "Close your eyes" - decorated room, cave splendor, returning loved one.

B. Paul suddenly moves from slaves to salvation.

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvati

II. Let's see this Paragraph.

A. For

1. "Cornerstone of entire structure of Christian ethics" - C. Spain

2. "For" moves to the epitome of Chr. doctrine & the proper foundation for ethical demands."
Expositor

B. Grace of God.

1. Unmerited favor.

2. Love so big it cannot be fully grasped - Amazing

3. This grace does many things, as we shall see.

C. Brings Salvation.

1. God wants all men to be saved.

2. He is capable of saving everybody.

3. All haven't heard it, but to all it is available - no matter what their station of life is - slave or otherwise.

4. Available to all, but effective only to those that respond.

5. Universally available, but individually applied.

6. Sadly, all men won't be saved, but grace is the means of doing it.

D. It Appeared.

- 1. That's Jesus!
- 2. Jesus is the supreme manifestation of God's love.
- 3. He came preaching & teaching.
- 4. 2 advents; ephenias - one to bring his scheme of redemption; next to take us home.
- 5. Has appeared.

- a.) Historic reality.
- b.) Visible.
- c.) Suddenly break thru like the shining sun.

Acts 27:20 "And when neither sun nor stars in many days"

- d.) Definite moment - at his birth - Savior is born this day!

6. Its appearance is redemptive, not destructive.

- a.) Tell of Memphis fire - apt. house, but they didn't know what it was.



Reporter: Did you see it?

Boy: Ride my bike here - saw bldg. burst into flame.

Reporter: What was it? (Meaning type bldg.)

Boy: "It was a fire."

- b.) Jesus came solely for grace of God.
- c.) He is the embodiment of the grace.

E. It Teaches.

- 1. Many variants.
- a.) Trains - shows value of Scrp.

2 Tim. 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of G

- b.) Corrects.
- c.) Disciplines.

2. Grace operates in the life of the saved. Love of Christ constrains.

2 Cor. 5:14-15 "For the love of Christ constraineth us

3. It comprehends the entire training process - like training a child.

III. Into this great scheme man's responsibility comes.

We are the "us."

A. Things to deny.

1. Man not saved in lawless wickedness.

Rom. 6:1-2 "What shall we say then? Shall we conti

2. Renounce - repudiate. ←

3. Some things you are strongly against. ←

4. Negative clears field for the positive. ←

5. "Having denied" is better translation. ←

6. Aorist - one definite act. ←

7. Died to sin.

B. 2 denials.

1. Ungodliness.

a.) Focus on ourselves. ←

b.) Does not acknowledge any dependence on God.

c.) Naturalism does not take God into account.

2. Worldly Lust.

a.) We are trained to renounce irreligion & worldly passions.

b.) Lusts - a lifestyle that caters to fleshly appetites:

(1) Material.

(2) Sensual. ←

(3) Feels world will satisfy his needs - million dollars cure all ills.

C. Three Positives - 3 adverbs characterize life.

1. Soberly.

- a.) Discreet.
- b.) Self controlled - 5X in Titus.
- c.) Whole temper of man; not one single virtue.
- d.) "It is not drowsy toward sin" - Wesley.


2. Righteously.

- a.) Upright.
- b.) Law abiding.
- c.) Doing what is right by God's standard.
- d.) No injury to others in reputation or fortune.
- e.) Render every man his due - trade fairly.

3. Godly.

- a.) Elders are this.

Titus 1:8 "But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good r

- b.) Opposite of ungodly.
- c.) Total decision making process is focused on God's will & way. 

I Cor. 10:31 "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or w

Prov. 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; an

4. Summation. *ways of know - direct path*


- a.) Wherever Chr. goes the standard of morals are raised & good works increase.
- b.) Sober - duty to self.
Rt. - duty to others.
Godly - duty to God.
- c.) Gospel is not for speculation, but for practice.
- d.) We must live differently.
- e.) Transformed living is possible for those who know God.

Rom. 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by

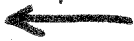
- f.) To respond to gospel we must know d. b. Res. of Jesus & to respond to grace must know how he wants us to live - Getz
- g.) We bring ourselves into conformity to God's way.
- h.) Reverence past.
Discipline present.
Look eagerly to future.
- i.) Present world-means present course of things & knowledge that this world is transitory.

IV. Anticipated Future.

A. Looking for.

- 1. Present tense marks the waiting as a characteristic attitude.
- 2. Great things here - greater hereafter. 
- 3. Look in GK = constant expectation & joy.

Rom. 8:19 "For the earnest expectation of the creatu

B. Looking for what? 

- 1. Great hope.
- 2. Glorious appearing.
 - a.) 2nd coming is this one event.
 - b.) Jesus comes in glory.

Lu. 9:26 "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and

c.) Appearance - like Sun.

Lu. 1:79 "To give light to them that sit in darkness


Mal. 4:2 Sun of righteousness

John 8:12 Light of world

- d.) Robed in the glory of the eternal world - redeeming the righteous & casting evil out of his universe - Coffman.

- 3. One person - Jesus is God & Savior.
- 4. No epiphaneia for the Father - only the Son.


C. Who's coming?

- 1. Gave Himself for us. 
 - (a) Himself emphatic - whole self, all he had & was
 - (b) "Highest price that was ever pd. for anything in the world" Beveridge.
 - c.) Paid it all.
 - d.) Freely did it.

John 10:17-18 "Therefore doth my Father love me,
 Heb. 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher


- 2. Did it for us.
 Heb. 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lo
 Jn. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave hi
- 3. His work = voluntary; exhaustive; substitutionary.
- 4. His blood.

I Jn. 1:7 "But if we walk in the light as he is in the l
 I Pet. 1:18-21 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not

- 5. For us - in GK in our behalf. 
- 6. Redeem.
 a.) Christ pd. ransom to set us free.

Rom. 6:5-7 "For if we have been planted together in
 Eph. 1:13-14 "In whom ye also trusted after that ye h

- b.) Ransom.
- Mk. 10:45 "For even the Son of man came not to be r
- D. Look what he does for me!

- 1. Purify.
 a.) Not saved in sin, but from sin. 
- b.) Released from everything opposed to God.
- 2. Peculiar.

- a.) Lit. what remains over & above - butter of churning.
 - b.) Set apart.
 - c.) A people peculiarly God's.
3. Zealous.
- a.) Eager.
 - b.) Zealous.
 - c.) Enthusiastic for good works. ←
 - d.) Zealots.
 - e.) We must demonstrate our faith in living.
4. Good works.

- a.) We are ever to do good.
- Eph. 2:10 "For we are his workmanship, created in C
 James 2:17 "Even so faith, if a man hath not works,
- b.) While waiting we are eager to press his cause.
 - c.) Union of creed & conduct. ←
 - d.) Adorn the doctrine - make it attractive to those you are trying to win.

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Definition of Morality

Plato, in a long discussion of justice in the *Republic*, asked how good a man would be if he were wearing Gyges' ring, which made its wearer invisible. Would a just man, with this ring on, rape or steal? The conclusion was that morality is only what a man who is safely invisible would do.

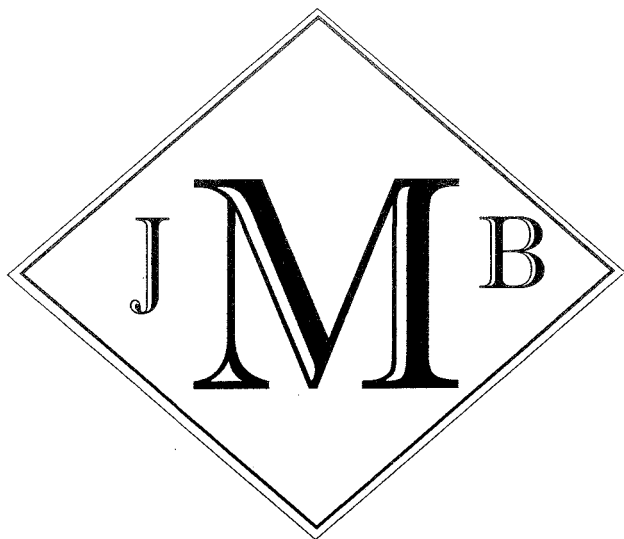
JOHN, A NEIGHBOR OF MINE, was annoyed because he had to search for his newspaper each morning after the paperboy tossed it. Often he would find it, covered with dirt, under the car in the gravel driveway. Then one day the paperboy's mother mentioned that her son's ambition was to play professional basketball. John had an idea.

When he got home, he attached a basketball hoop to a post on the front porch. Sure enough, the next morning there was a resounding "plunk" as the newspaper sailed through the hoop and landed by the door.

John never had to search for his paper again. —JIM EDWARDS (Santa Barbara, Calif)

He suffered that we might be comforted. He was rejected that we might be accepted. He was separated from God the Father that we might be forever with God. He bore the shame of our sin and suffered shameful death in front of people that we might be rid of sin and shame forever. He was crucified without clothes in front of men and angels and demons, that we might be given the clothing of righteousness which we will wear before all people and angels. This is an exchange. Yes, he really hung there, making all these exchanges possible. And while he was suffering, he prayed for the men who put him there.

EVERYBODY CAN KNOW - Francis and Edith Schaeffer -P.365



SALVATION, OH SALVATION

Titus 2:11-14

I. We bow in prayer--Mark says "Thank thee for Jesus who came down to die on the cross to save us from our sins."

A. This summation of purpose is correct.

1. "For unto you is born this day---

2. "For these things are written that ye

B. That which is written intends to convince us and outline for us salvation.

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God that bring

1. This is the central theme.

C. Some facts seem incontestable:

1. Man is lost. *But you in iq. have got to sins hid*

Isa. 59:1-2 "Behold, the Lord's hand is not

Rom. 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come s

Isa. 53:6 "All we like sheep have gone astr

2. God wants man saved.

II Pet. 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concernin

3. The Bible tells how he may be saved as it tells what God has done for man.

Acts 2:22-23 "Ye men of Israel, hear these

II. If then I am lost what must I do?

A. Man must believe in Jesus.

Heb. 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible

John 8:24 "I said therefore unto you, that y

1. This faith is more than intellectual opinion.

a. It was an unflinching trust that moved to

deeds. *-You trust Mother to give you medicine.*

2. How does it come?

2 Tim. 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved

Rom. 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing
a. It has to come from the Bible else from
man or Satan.

Matt. 15:9 "But in vain they do worship me
3. It is believing and being willing to do
God's will.

a. Any service not motivated by faith is
useless--its sinful.

4. Let it be confessed.

Matt. 10:32-33 "Whosoever therefore shall

I John 4:15 "Whosoever shall confess that

Rom. 14:11 "For it is written, As I live, saith
every knee shall bow & every tongue confess

Phil. 2:9-11 "Wherefore God also hath highly

B. Man must repent.

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye

1. It is not easy to get men to act.

Matt. 11:20-21 "Then began he to upbraid them

2. Yet men must.

Acts 2:37-38 "Now when they heard this, they

Acts 3:19 "Repent ye therefore, and be converted

Acts 17:30-31 "And the times of this ignorance

Acts 26:19-20 "Whereupon, O king Agrippa

3. What is repentance?

a. It's more than sorrow.

b. Change of character is the result--it is
not repentance itself.

c. It is a change of the controlling will, pro-
duced by godly sorrow and a resulting in
a reformation of conduct and character."

C. Be Baptized.

Matt. 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and spake

Rom. 6:1-6 "What shall we say then? Shall
1. Let's read what Bible says.

Matt. 3:13-17 "Then cometh Jesus from Gal.
John 3:23 "And John also was baptizing in A
Acts 8:38-39 "And he commanded the charic
Rom. 6:4 "Therefore we are buried with him
a. To immerse a person not ready to bury
old man is equivalent of burying a person
alive.

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent
I Pet. 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even
Gal. 3:27 "For as many of you as have been
Mk. 16:16 "He that believeth and is baptize

2. Could you refuse to see:

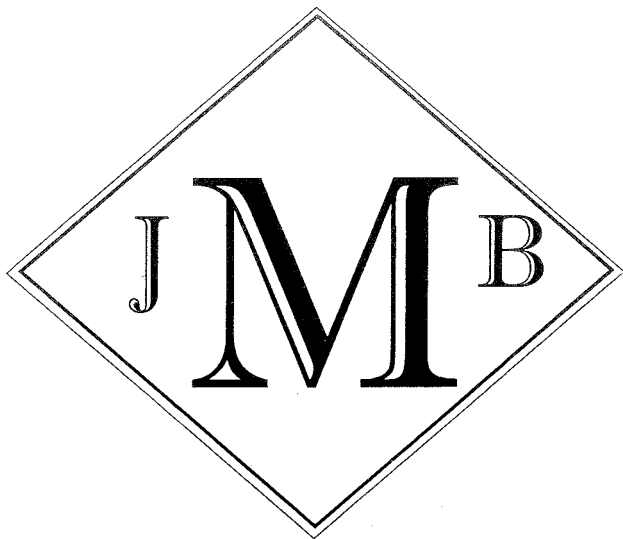
- a. Amt. of water important.
- b. See illustration of I Cor. 16.
- c. Definite command.
- d. To receive forgiveness.
- e. Shows willingness to obey in all things.
- f. You may become a member.
- g. The taught are baptized.
- h. No command is non-essential.
- i. Could you refuse to obey plain command
and be saved?

John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to

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That this is the ground now occupied by most Protestant pedobaptists, will appear from the following concessions of the very learned, pious, and amiable Prof. Philip Schaff. He is very justly regarded as a representative man; and he gives, in substance, the views of nearly all the great and good Protestant pedobaptist Reformers. In speaking of the action of baptism in his "History of the Christian Church," vol. i., p. 123, he says: "That the usual form of the act was immersion is plain from the original meaning of the Greek baptizein and baptismos; from the analogy of John's baptism in the Jordan; from the Apostles' comparison of the sacred rite with the miraculous passage of the Red Sea; with the escape of the ark from the flood; with a cleansing and refreshing bath; with a burial and resurrection; and from the custom of the ancient Church, which prevails in the East to this day"
(over)



THE HARVEST OF HARVESTS

Titus 2:11-14

- I. I come before a people who appreciate values & give themselves to it.
 - A. Gifts of clothing.
 - B. Ladies Classes.
 - C. Teacher Training.
- II. I come to pinpoint immediate opportunities.
 - A. Double Sunday.
 - B. Gospel Meeting.
- III. Why should I be concerned?
 - A. Grace of God brings salvation.
 - B. Where else could it come from?
 - C. Many questions are asked and our lesson considers them.
- IV. What Does Grace Bring - Salvation!

Matt. 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son
Gal. 1:4 "Who gave himself for our sins...deliver
Rev. 5:9 "For thou wast slain & hast redeemed us
Gal. 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the
Eph. 2:5-6 "Even when we were dead in
Rom. 3:23-26 "For all have sinned & come
Lu. 2:29-32 "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
John 1:17 "For the law was given by Moses
- V. To whom & by whom is it brought?

Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that

 - A. Did they bring it to all men?

Col. 1:23 "If ye continue...grounded & settled
 - B. Will we bring it to our community.
 1. Worthington Clip.

2. Lloyd Smith card.
3. Collection agency.
4. 3 billion folks - 1,000 per hr., it would take 329 yrs. - and we are supposed to double every 6 yrs.

(a) If we are 2 1/4 million strong and each one won one in 11 yrs., 4.6 billion converted.

(b) Will we do it? Tex Stevens asks, "Guess where the hitch is?"

5. Autrey Clip.

6. Trexler Book.

C. Questions.

1. Do I have a right in advance to decide who will obey the gospel?
2. Appeared = "clearly known" - is it?
3. Will you work?

(a) Elliott quote.

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WITNESSING A GOOD CONFESSION

In an article to the CBMC Contact Magazine, Al Worthington, relief pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, said: "I have gone to the largest high school in Birmingham and to the University of Alabama. I have played ball from New York to San Francisco, and from Miami almost to Canada. During all this time, no one ever told me about the Lord Jesus. I never met a single individual who told me I was lost. No one ever told me

about being born again. I cannot understand how a Christian could keep from telling others about the Lord."

A preacher was talking to a public official in Canton, Ohio, and in the course of the conversation the preacher asked the man if he was a Christian. The official looked surprised and said, "You know, I have been in public office for 17 years and you are the first one to ever ask me about my soul!"

(Continued on page 2)

Admittedly there are no easy solutions to converting the lost to Christ. We have learned through campaign efforts that about a thousand people must be contacted in order to baptize 41 into Christ. If God working through us can change the life of just 1 out of every 25.

Lloyd Smith, page 179
"Focus on Faith in Action
Pepperdine's Lectureship 1967

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**I Laughed
at this ONE**



A collection agency wrote to a dead beat from whom they'd been trying to collect a long-overdue account:

"We are surprised that your payment hasn't reached us, even after our repeated requests for settlement of this account."

In a few days, their letter was returned with a penciled note scrawled across one corner:

"No need for you to be surprised — I ain't sent none." — JOAN I WELSH.

The healthy body of Christ will seek to reproduce itself, just as naturally as all normal life. When the body of Christ is made sick for any reason, it ceases to be evangelistic. If a church does not multiply normally, it is sick.

Evangelism in the Acts

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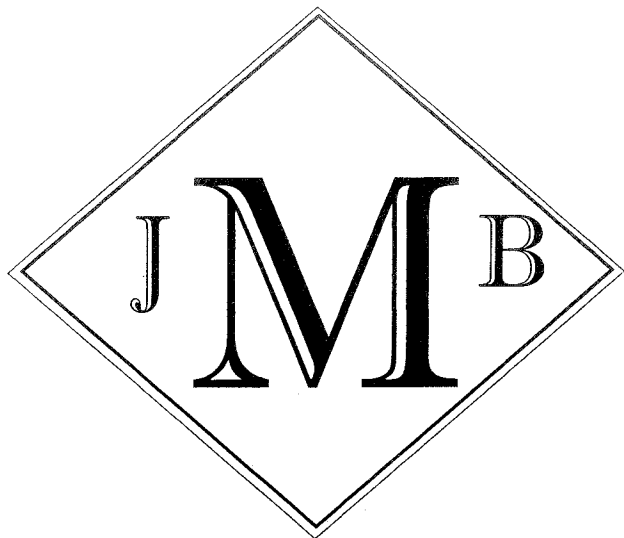
Autrey

"The Expansion of the Early Church"

The experience of new missions and of parishes with outstanding records of evangelism suggests that the most effective method for reaching people without any active church relationship is person-to-person contacts. This involves calling on new neighbors. It includes contacts made by members with other persons while at work, and contacts made through other associations. It also includes calling door-to-door in the area covered by the parish.

"Ways to Wake Up Your Church" - by Edgar R. Trexler

A statement made by Jim Elliott, missionary martyr in Ecuador in 1956 has since become known throughout the world. He said, "He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."



THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH Titus 2:11-15

I. Know of few things devoid of hopes & aspirations.

A. Drilling basket ball teams hopes to win tourney

B. Farmer - enlarge, make living, feed the world.

C. The Lord has not left his church without such.

II. Three things to which the church looks forward.

A. The second coming of Christ.

Rev. 1:7 "Behold he cometh with the clouds & every

1. If believe in first in fact must 2nd by faith.

2. Manifestation of Christ shall be wonderful.

1 Jn 3:2 "It hath not yet appear that we shall

(See him "as he is.")

Hob 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the

3. Christ is coming, on His way, events daily transpire that draw His closer.

a) I don't know whom & shall not mar beauty speculating
Neither believe our task hopeless, so I preach.

Know simply to say

Mat 24:44 "... be ye also ready for in such

b.) It is the glorious hope of the church.

Tit. 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, & the

1 Thess. 4:16 "For the Lord himself shall descend

Rev 22:20 "He that testifieth these things saith

B. The resurrection from the dead.

1. Paul & other challenged but they:

Act 4:2 "Preached thru Jesus the res. from

2. Here is one of the greatest hopes possible to attain

a) I realize a new I'm no best of the field.

b) " " " I possess & inner men near-dying

c) " " " the power of Jesus & his resurrection.

3. I Cor. 15:13-14 "But if there be no resurrection of the

a) If he did- we are filled with some expectation. "Because I live ye shall" "where I am there shall ye be"

I Pet. 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God & Father of our Lord

b) Make preparation- hope of res. makes better men

I Cor 15: 57-58 "Behold I show you a mystery

c) All hear - Miller turned day of sadness to joy
Portland 4/10/52

C. Go to Heaven.

1. Some times things are indescribable & defy comprehension. Heaven takes on this aspect. I may not see golden street, chest white throne, crystal sea etc but I know no crying, sorrow, pain, life, death, wickedness & sin.

2. A King has gone home; the house must be worthy of the occupant. Jesus, chief glory, he wants to be with us.

In 17:24 "Father, I will that they also whom

3. Will you let him take you.

III. What save the church has this hope?

Bethel 8/1/52

Minneka 3/18/52

Riverside-wichita 6/17/53

Bethany 9/14/53

Grace Ave 1/17/54

Isabel 4/10/54

Gilroy 7/13/55

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Woodburn Ky 9/27/55

Pine Bluff 11/14/55

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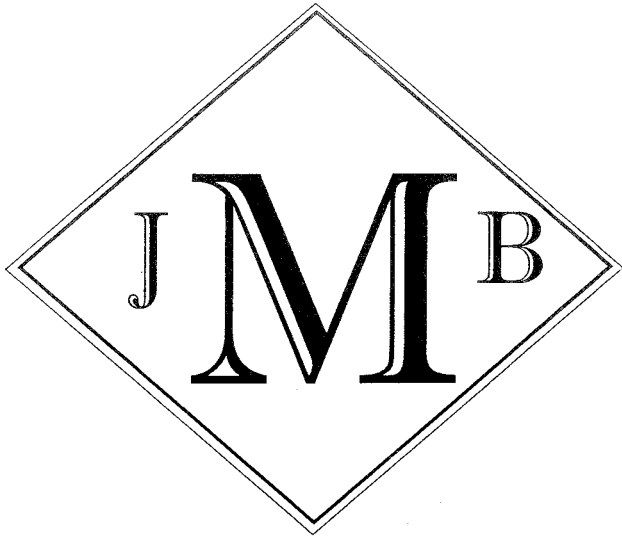
Green Hills 1/28/56

6/17/53

Old Hickory 11/1/54

Greenway white 4/16/61

Borleeaux 8/19/52



A Political Speech Titus 3:1-2

I. All my life I've heard "Don't discuss politics or religion with friends" &

"The pulpit & politics don't mix"

A. Never believed it Disgust FRESH

1. Breznev & Nixon on Flags

* 2) Groucho Marx - Enjoy self - others?

B. I believe the Bible teaches

C. politics - Titus 3:1-2

12 secs. is length we can hold one intent

II. My 4 fold Duty ^{in consciousness,} like hammer out in 12 sec.

A. Speak evil of no man 50X in 10 min

^{Get down - STROM ON PLANE} Eph 4:29 "No corrupt-^{to edify} ^{min. grace}

Eph 4:31-32 Bitterness, wrath, anger

Col 4:6 Season c s out

1 Cor 5:11 Don't keep co. ^{Reveler}

1 Cor 6:9-10 Not in Kingdom

1. Can expose evil

2. Can't read motive -

Smaller piece of pie (he's bigger - always will be)

B. No Brawler

1. Not fighter or contentious
2. Does have convictions
3. Avoids fists.

2) Kids out of Mokie jar
3) Witty woman, ^{desire to get together}
C. Gentle ^{he's only a little bear looking for 2 herben?}

1. Tolerance
2. You are under control
3. Consider human frailty
4. Don't stand on letter of law
5. What it don't get set due you

D. Meek

1. Not hughty, harsh, self assertive
2. Jesus was Mat 11:29
3. Willingness to accept God's decision.
4. Shim'ei cursed David - man of blood,
besieged, reigned instead of Saul

A bishai - Tzke of's dead dogs head ^{bidden}

75am 16:11 My sons seek my life - Jh. hath

Oklahoma Christian Chapel 9-11-73

Cumberland College Chapel Lebanon 9-19-73

David Lipscomb College Bristol 10-2-73

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Sign on supermarket bulletin board: "Help a poor, unwed mother —take one of her kittens!"

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"How do you keep your children out of the cookie jar?"

"I lock the pantry door and hide the key under the cake of soap in the bathroom."

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Russia's Leonid Brezhnev and President Nixon were talking. Brezhnev: "Recently I dreamed I flew over Washington and saw a red flag flying over the capitol." Nixon: "How strange. Recently I dreamed I flew over Moscow and saw a red flag flying." Brezhnev: "But a red flag always flies over Moscow. What did it say?" Nixon: "I don't know. I can't read Chinese."—As told by GEORGIE JESSEL on NBC's Today show, 4-16-73.

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THE STORY TELLER

Each week Copper's Weekly pays \$1 each for the two best anecdotes or stories contributed under this heading. Address: The Storyteller, Copper's Weekly, 616 Jefferson, Topeka, Kan. 66607.

Another Party Changer?

He was a staunch old Republican, and as such he regarded Democrats as something to be avoided like the plague. Yet he invariably managed to show up at all the Democratic rallies. A friend suggested that perhaps the old fellow was thinking of swapping sides. The die-hard snorted indignantly.

"Change parties? Never!" he snapped. "I just go to their meetings so's to keep my disgust fresh!"

Frank

Midland, Mich.

'Smart' Answer

"If, in going down this incline, I gain four feet per second," asked the professor,

Everybody Does

It was the elderly woman's first trip by plane. When a storm developed she became understandably nervous.

"I'll get down, won't I?" she asked the pilot as he walked thru the plane.

"Madame," he replied with a smile, "I've never left anyone up here yet."

Holly, Colo.

F. B.

Canary Code

A Methodist minister told this story back during the days of rationing in World War II. This particular grocer had a scheme whereby he gave coffee (a short item) to his favorite customers. All they had to do as they passed the cash register was to say, "I want a pound of canary seed."

The merchant had the coffee prepared in plain wrappers and therefore it could be easily

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A cowpoke walked into a saloon in the Old West and found the place empty.

"Where is everyone?" he asked the bartender.

"They're home with the doors barred and shutters bolted. Big John's coming to town," the bartender answered.

"I'm a stranger in these parts," said the cowpoke, "so I've never heard of Big John."

"Well, for your information, he's the nastiest critter in cowpoke history. Even the sheriff takes off when Big John comes. He shot Terrible Scroggins so full of holes he looked like an IBM card. Me and you could rattle inside one of his boots."

"That don't scare me none," said the stranger. "I'll still have a drink." At that moment a clatter of hoofbeats out in the street shook the building. A giant carrying a pet wildcat in his arms climbed off a tremendous horse. He pushed open the swinging doors, and they flipped right off their hinges. He stood seven feet tall and weighed 350 pounds. When he slapped his money on the counter and ordered a drink, the oak counter split in half.

The bartender emptied a quart bottle of whisky in a pitcher and the fellow grabbed it with both hands and emptied it in one gulp.

"Another, sir?" the bartender asked respectfully.

"Nope, don't have time," the brute bellowed, wiping his mouth on the wildcat's fur. "I've gotta get outa here. Big John's coming!"

Red Oak, Iowa M. O. M.

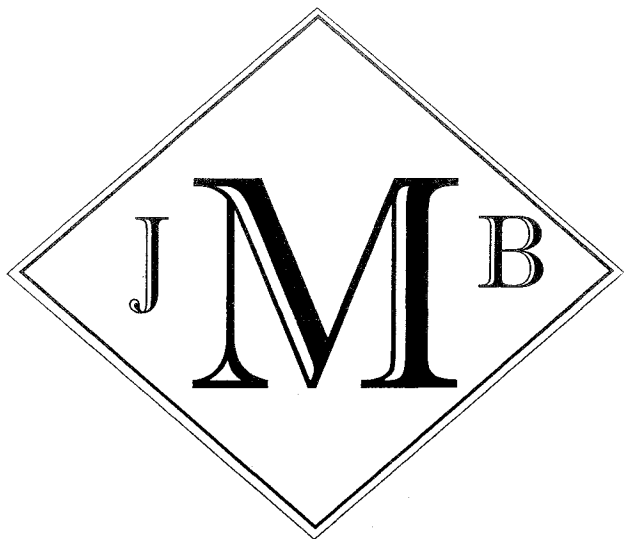
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THE GREAT IN-BETWEEN

Titus 3:3-8

- I. Do you like Oreo cookies?
 - A. Kids ate the white cream--returned chocolate cookies pretty soggy.
 - B. Then came Double Cream--almost too much.
- II. We have favorite in-betweens--I have one in Paul writing Titus.
 - A. The Outer Layers.
 1. Subject to Principalities.
 2. Obey magistrates.
 3. Speak evil of no man (v. 2 & 3).
 4. Other layer--be careful to maintain good works (v-8).
 5. Christianity affects how you live in this confused society--ever proper, not mean.
 - B. The In-Between
 1. It causes you to once remember you walked in these rebellious shoes--the idea is that considering your own past deeds you should be more charitable toward others' mistakes.
 2. Then he tells what glorious transformations have come to you.
 3. That's the In-Between we study.
- III. The In-Between
 - A. For we ourselves we:
 1. Emphasis on "We", "Not", "He" so far as GK is concerned--we start with the "we were".
 - a) 7 vices will be named, 9 singles
 - b) But please note as Bruce said, "these proved no obstacle to God."

Ezek. 36:25-27 (Read)

- 2. Foolish
 - a) Senseless
 - b) Without understanding.
- 3. Disobedient
 - a) Heady
 - b) Unpersuadable.
 - c) Resisting the word.
 - d) Disobedient to authorities when they even require nothing wrong at their hands. (Lipscomb)
- 4. Deceived.
 - a) Wandering out of the way of truth and holiness.
 - b) Deceived as to what pleased God.
- 5. Serving Divers Lusts.
- 6. Serving Pleasures.
 - a) Lived as slaves to lust--yet not served or gratified by them.
 - b) Intent only on gratification of sense. *Morocco police chief*
 - c) "She (Cleopatra) was an expensive woman, enslaved by lusts". (Josephus)
- 7. Living in malice, envy, hateful, hating one another.
 - a) Desire to hurt someone and rejoicing in it.
 - b) Envy--repines at another's good.
 - c) Sinners hate one another--Christianity reverses this--don't fall back.

*violated
500 women
sentenced
to death*

B. "But After That"--here comes the action that caused the change.

1. View of our redemption process.
2. The cause.

v-4 "The kindness & love of God our Savior app.'

- a) See first what was, then what was not.
- b) Kindness shows hatred is wrong.
- c) Love came--toward man.

Jn. 3:16

- d) 3 persons in the Godhead do this--all 3 mentioned.
- e) It's all directed toward me--I stand in the love of God.

f) Appeared

(1) Manifested in Jesus.

(2) Definite event in history.

(3) Sun is always shining though not always visible via clouds or night.

(4) But God's love has always been--dramatically came in Jesus' appearing.

g) Not by works of righteousness.

(1) Works must be in the saved but are not the cause of his salvation.

(2) Nothing in us called for the salvation God fashioned for us.

(3) If saved by works of our own design, then Christ died in vain, and unnecessarily.

rocket & sun - answer - go to mt

Not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness NASU

- (4) Righteousness which we did that did not bring salvation is placed in contrast with baptism.

Matt. 3:14-15

- (5) There is a righteousness of God and a righteousness that comes by the works of man. We disdain not goodness but only as the route to Heaven.
- h) According to his mercy this interchanged for grace "He Saved Us."
- (1) What is begun is sure to be perfected in time.
- (2) Complete, final salvation in Heaven.
- (3) Glorious current deliverance.
2. The Method--Washing & Regeneration.
- a) Baptism is a part of making man righteous.

Acts 22:16

Jn. 3:5

- b) Laver
- c) Faith not mentioned but implied--are we as kind to baptism?
- d) Regeneration
- (1) Like our naturalization.
- (2) New birth means a change of status.
- (3) Only here used in Paul's writings.
- (4) Elevated to a new order.

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- 5.
- (By) AMEN STAND
3. Renewing of the Holy Spirit.
 - a) All 3 of Godhead have a part.
 - b) Came to apostles, through them preached Christ.
 - c) Abundantly given--lavishly.
 - d) We received the gift to repeat these words of truth.
 - e) Gospel preached to us.
 4. Through Jesus Christ Our Savior
 - a) The procuring cause.
 - b) Our Substitute and Surety.
 - c) 3 persons in Godhead--all divine, all same level.
 - d) God & Jesus Savior
 - e) Justified by his grace.
 - (1) Pardoned
 - (2) Accepted through the merits of Christ alone according to his mercy.
 5. The Consummation -- heirs according to hope of eternal life.

IV. Now back to outer cookie.

Maintain Good Works

- A. Profitable to man--increase the everlasting happiness of ourselves & others.
- B. Ever insist on such.
- C. Good = Beautiful.
- D. Maintain--go forward, above all the rest of folks.
- E. Don't expect his mercy if we are not engaged in our conscientious duty.
- F. Must be a working faith.

G. Good actions do not make a good man;
it is the good man that makes good
actions.

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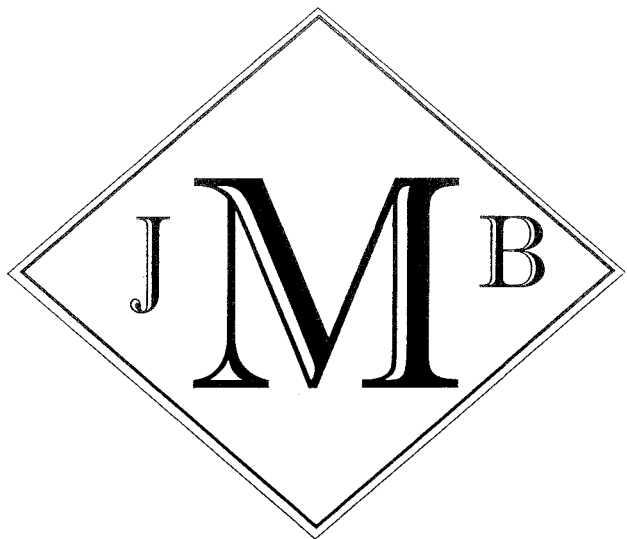
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CHRISTIANITY: ACHIEVED, AFFIRMED, AMPLIFIED

Titus 3:4-8

- I. I can't think of anything remotely equal to Jesus & His church. It's the greatest blessing ever imparted to man.
- II. I'd like to speak on Christianity: Achieved, Affirmed, Amplified.

A. Achieved.

1. Our hope is rooted in a historical event.
- V. 4 "But after that the Kindness & love of God our a.) God our Savior appeared.
 - 1.) Because of Kindness & love.
 - (a) Kindness lit. benign - does not want to hurt.
 - (b) Love - phileo.
 - (1) His Kindness, pity, plus his love brought it about.
 - (2) Our redemption a thing of great kindness.
 - (3) Salvation's foundation is resting on God's love for man.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave
(4) Love appeared in the person of Jesus.

- b.) God saves us thru his action in Jesus. Thus in V. 4 God our Savior & V. 6 Jesus our Savior.

John 10:30 "I and my Father are one.

- c.) Our salvation rooted in the historic event - Jesus was here. It was his coming. Tell me there is no Jesus is to tell me there is no salvation.

2. It was not achieved by works of righteousness.
 - a.) Mine are as filthy rags.
 - b.) If our own deeds are the title to heaven, we need not the Savior.

3. Rather, it's His mercy.

- a.) Note the "us" - plural puts Paul c all those who have appropriated this Savior as their own.
- b.) It will one day fully be yours.

4. Method of appropriation twofold: washing & renewing.

5. Washing of regeneration.

- a.) Either receptacle for washing or the washing itself.
- b.) If layer, cleansed before one went into temple services.
- c.) Here act of washing.
- d.) It's baptism in spite of all objections.
 - (1) Expositor's, "If it's water baptism, have a material agency as the indispensable means for producing a spiritual result.
 - (2) They say it's inward.
 - (3) Beasley Murray, "The relation of baptism to justification in I Cor. 6:11 & Titus 3:5 is fundamentally the same: the grace that baptizes is the grace that justifies, inseparably one, & experienced as one."
 - (4) Expositor Greek NT, "God saved us by baptism which involves two complimentary processes: (a) the ceremony itself which marks the actual moment in time of the new birth, & (b) the daily, hourly, momentarily renewing of the HS."
 - (5) Beasley Murray, "Baptism is efficacious by itself."

(6) Coffman - Washing of regeneration excluded from works done in righteousness - it is necessary.

7.) We reach God's mercy thru baptism.

8.) 2 elements in new birth.

Jn. 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily,
Acts 2:38-39 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and

9.) Baptism is God's means, not man's.

10.) Not work of man--can't baptize yourself.

11.) To this act alone is added the triple name:
Father, Son, HS.

12.) Washing one here & Eph. 5:26.

13.) Regeneration only here & Matt. 19:28.

14.) Not emblem, but fact.

6. Renewal of Holy Ghost.

a.) To make new again.

b.) Allows for continual development.

c.) HS copiously given.

d.) Jesus the channel by way of his coming.

7. Results - Justified - Heirs - Hope - present reality.

B. Affirmed, after achieved.

1. It is not a matter of speculation or experiment but if constantly taught will produce holiness.

2. Stress it. *This is a faithful saying &*

3. Stoutly affirm. *These things I will that thou*

4. Affirm c zest, enthusiasm. *skirm*

C. Amplified.

1. Those believers.

a.) If in Christ, live like you are.

b.) Show there is something different about you.

c.) Each day c Christ is a sweeter one.

2. Maintain Good Works. *linked to ...*

a.) Our salvation must motivate our action c the unsaved.

b.) Aim for results in the lives of the hearer.

c.) Keep on.

3. Good & profitable.

a.) Christianity is beneficial to all mankind.

b.) Not limited to believers only.

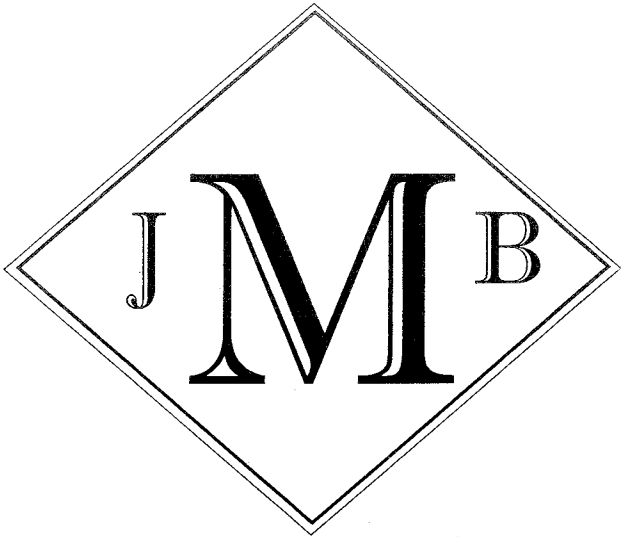
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APOLLOS 13 AND WEST END '69

Titus 3:13-14

I. These are exciting times.

A. Everything has a number

1. F-111
2. Gemini 1
3. Apollo 8

B. I've got one - Apollos 13

Titus 3:13-14 "Bring Zenas the Lawyer

II. Let me tell you about Apollos 13

A. Paul is closing a good letter

1. Normally he adds greetings and personal salutations.
2. This letter is no exception

B. Things he said *Not confined to our project only*

"Bring Zenas, the lawyer, & A. on their

(a) Bring = set forward

*What's he doing for us?
Part of the big picture
Love brotherhood* (1) Help a person on their journey by supplying food, letters, money, etc. (Pulpit Comm.)

(2) They shared a responsibility for their brother's welfare.

(b) Zenas is unknown except here

(1) Lawyer - either in Moses law or Roman affairs.

(2) Fine to see God uses lawyers.

(a) Sir Thomas More was one. Martyred, said "Pluck up courage, man, & do your duty; my neck is very short; be

careful, therefore, & do not strike awry."

(b) Dr. Johnson wrote "God works wonders now & then, Here lies a lawyer, an honest man"

(3) Only Christian lawyer mentioned

2. Bring Apollos

(a) Well known NT orator

(b) John's disciple, converted by Priscilla & Aquilla

(c) He's mentioned often *Severant - taught - boldly*
convicted Jesus

Acts 18:24-28 *A - Jew - Alex. - eloquent - mighty*

I Cor. 1:12 "I am of Paul, I am of Ap."

~~I Cor. 4:6~~

~~I Cor. 16:12~~

(d) Beautiful Paul not jealous of the orator -- neither Apollos of Paul's generalship as he moves his men into position

(e) Paul & Apollos got along beautifully even if brethren said "I'm of" etc.

(f) Paul often mentioned assisting workers

Rom. 15:24 "Be brot on my way by you"

~~I Cor. 6:6~~

~~I Cor. 6:11~~

2 Cor. 1:16 *Brot on my way toward Judez*

(g) Paul's close friends had names derived from Heathen dieties:

(1) Zenas from Zeus

(2) Artemas from Artemis

(3) Apollos from Sun God

- 3. Serve them well that nothing be wanting
 - (a) Chr. & courtesy go together
 - (b) Team work is essential for the ultimate goal. *c) Kerimore "Taking care of hand's servant"*
- 4. "Let ours also learn to maintain" (v. 20)
 - (a) Note mutuality of "ours". 1st person!
 Note "they"
 - (1) Preachers can't do it all *2) Chipon Laymen*
 - (b) Titus had funds but all needed to get in on the act
 - (c) Gifts are necessary not only for welfare of church's work but also for church's members!
 - (d) Brown "Christianity which does not involve generosity and self denial in the most ordinary ways is apt to become a barren profession."
 - (e) Give our people a chance too - *Not just staff*
 - (1) Easy for Mothers to do it all - Aunt Lula "Never learn any younger" as I broke egg.
- 5. Let ours maintain good works - necessary uses - not unfruitful
 - (a) Good works
 - (1) We must work at things good that supply needful purposes
 - (2) Cultivate grace to supply all needs.
 - (3) Maintain them constantly
 - (4) 8 reminders in Pastoral epistles to be zealous in good works.

(5) We seek to earn so we can give to others 4.

(b) Necessary uses

- (1) Means urgent, indispensable wants
- (2) Not enuf to be harmless, but must be productive of good
- (3) God does not give us writ of ease
- (4) We learn via admonition & example

(c) Fruitful

- (1) God wants us to bear much fruit
2 Pet. 1:8 *Neither be barren nor un-*
Col. 1:6 *that ye might walk worthy*
Col. 1:10 *... being fruitful in every*
Jn. 15:5 *"I am the vine, ye are the branches"*
Phil. 1:21 *"Being filled with the fruits of Righteousness"*
- (2) Fruitful to the common benefit

III. Now West End in '69

A. What's necessary for us? Indispensable

1. Bible school attendance
(a) Mid-week classes
(b) Bible correspondence
2. Gifts of money
(a) Each increase 4% to meet cost of living! - 50¢ per Sunday?
(b) When we do that we just break even!
3. Library usage c) Debts, Charity, Missions
(a) Quarters
(b) Personnel
(c) Hour

urgency

4. Leaders examples

- (a) Elders & deacons families here
- (b) Bible School teachers here

5. Goals ahead

- (a) 1,000 members
- (b) 850 Bible School
- (c) Midweek activities c Russell Artist

West End 1-5-69

Louisville, Woodward Church 1-13-69

Huntsville, Ala., Memorial Parkway 1-17-69

WSIX-TV House of Worship 1-26-69

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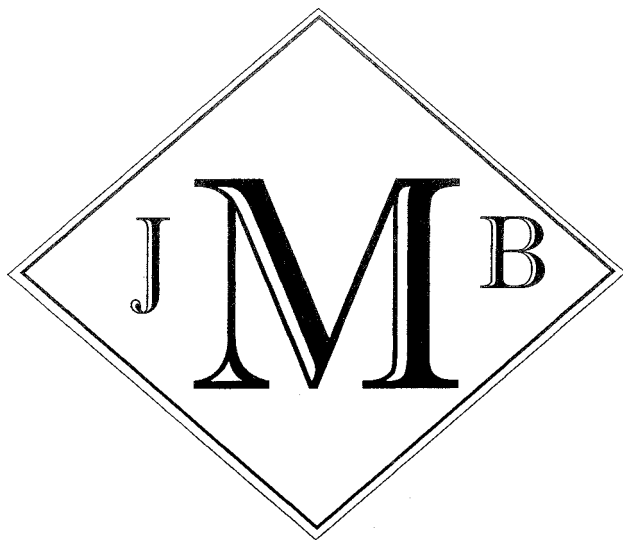
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Sycamore Chapel 9-8-69

Highland, Abilene 10-7-69

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WHEN I SEE AN ELDER

Titus 6:3-9

- I. I want to give you a visual aid test. As I call a job what do you see:
 - A. A policeman.
 - B. A quarterback.
 - C. A soccer mom.
 - D. A secretary.
 - E. An elder.
 1. At a conference table.
 2. Shaking hands with audience.
 3. Teaching a class.
 - F. How many saw a shepherd in a home visit?
 - II. Let's look at the elder from Titus 1.
 - A. Where churches are without elders they lack something.
- v-5 "For this cause left I thee in Crete"
1. Left
 - a) Shows Paul was once on island.
 - b) Paul & Titus had worked there together--now Paul presses on.
 - c) This visit perhaps after release of first Roman imprisonment.
 2. Set in order
 - a) Implies Paul involved in the process, not merely giving orders.
 - b) Set down, put in charge, but does not fix the method of selection. (Always right way at W.E.--but which one!)
 - c) Titus authorized to do it.
 - d) Takes it for granted the men selected have ability & talent.

3. Ordain

- a) Appoint
- b) Services appt.

4. Elders

- a) Jeromes 1st commentary says bishops, presbyters, elders same.
- b) Corruption came when one from this group raised above rest and care of church given him.
- c) Macknight points out that the prominence of the bishop above the presbytery more due to the condition of the church than the commands of Christ.
- d) But denotes churches without duly ordained elders were regarded as "defective." (RSV)
- e) Yet Paul is not prematurely making appointments.
- f) We'll see him move to a plurality of them and a definite appointment of them.

B. Next he moves to description.

1. Blameless--twice said.

- a) He will be an example to believers and reproof to blame worthy ways of others.
- b) No proven evil against him.
- c) Everywhere invulnerable.
- d) Lives so no charge or cause to call a man give account for his actions.
- e) No habits to condemn him.

1 Sam. 2:17

- f) 11 particulars--5 negatives;
6 positives.
 - g) Example to those he oversees
and care of his own home above
reproach.
 - h) Shows maturity & dignity.
2. Husband of one wife.

- a) Lit. "man of one woman."
It's like a one-man dog, he's
attached. It's character he is
showing, not marital qualifica-
tions. (Wuest)
- b) No polygamist.
- c) Faithful to her.
- d) Has not divorced his wife &
married again or must have
only one wife at once not more.
(Acott)
- e) Paul says one, not "a"--thus
married.

3. Faithful children.

1 Tim. 3:5

- a) His family is converted.
- b) Faithful children better than
children who believe. (Bruce)
- c) Not riot or unruly.
 - (1) Riot = abandoned.
 - (2) No acts of violence.
 - (3) No shame brought to parents.
- d) Unruly--allusion to bridle
animals--more fed, more unruly.
- e) Weak or bad fathers poor
elders.

Not self-willed

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4. Not self-willed steward.

- a) Doesn't set up his own judgments asking everyone to pay homage to his understanding.
- b) Not self-pleasing.
- c) Cares for poor & rich.
- d) Not seeking to quality his own personal ends.

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5. Not soon angry.

Anger takes away ability of mind

- a) Not inflamed on every opposition.
- b) In command of own temper.
- c) Jesus "when he was reviled reviled not again."

A patient man better than a warrior,

6. Not given to wine.

It, by side, new wine

- a) Not one who sits long at wine.
- b) Not used in same light then as today--then a beverage.
- c) Not at drinking parties.
- d) A reasonable and moderate use is not unlawful, but excess therein is shameful in all, especially an elder. (Scott)

man who control his temper
one who takes wine
2 etc

7. No striker

- a) Not a street brawler.
- b) Settles differences without violence.
- c) Not contingent.

8. Not greedy of filthy lucre.

- a) Covetous is idolatry.
- b) Tempted to violence and avarice.
- c) Above desire of paltry gain.

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9. Lover of hospitality.

a) Receives into home.

b) Many would like to be with an elder.

c) Receives necessitous stranger.

d) Not full table for favorite friend, but all.

e) House ought to be a magnet to attract good.

f) Inns bad then.

10. Lover of good men, *only X T.V.T.*

a) Good; not great.

b) Love good in general.

11. Sober *Well balanced Don't panic in face of opposition.*

a) Duty to self.

b) Prudent--grace employed.

12. Just

a) To his fellowman.

b) Not spasmodic but settled.

c) Just in all his dealings.

d) Gives to all their dues.

13. Holy

a) To his God, in his heart.

b) Measure of his power was measure of his humility.

c) Free from what stains him in eyes of God.

d) One who has a reverence for God & is of spiritual & heavenly conversation.

14. Temperate

a) To keep in hand.

b) Live simply & abstemiously.

- c) Master of self.
- d) One who has power over his appetite & affections & can restrain them.

15. Hold Fast Faithful Word

- a) Trustee of the truth, not creator of it as he teaches it.
- b) Able in word as well as good man.
- c) Not unsound or deficient in fulfilling any duty.
- d) Always agrees with apostolic teachings.
- e) Keeps flock in old paths.
- f) Opposes speculation, love of novelty, one-sidedness.
- g) Can never give up one verse or alter another--only declare what's received.
- h) Hold fast in face of those who would wrest it from them.
- i) Exhort & convince gainsayers.
 - (1) Skilled pugilist who ably defends every part of his body.
 - (2) Firm grip on the faith.
 - (3) Maintain order not by legislation but by loving.

C. Our Final Question--what does he do?

1 Pet. 5:2-4 "Feed the flock of God which"

1. Feed or Tend the Flock.

- a) Lit. keep sheep.
- b) Thus word shepherd--Barnes says "oversight of the church as a shepherd is accustomed to take of his flock."

Heb. 13:17 "They watch in behalf of your" 7.

- c) Doug Parsons points out sheep are:
 - (1) Wayward, kind of dumb, whoever heard of a trained sheep?
 - (2) Weak--helpless.
 - (3) Worthwhile - valuable - wool, milk, meat, reproduce.
 - d) Exercise the oversight--
Mayer: look upon, inspect, look after, care for.
 - e) They pastor.
 - f) They are God's--handle them carefully.
2. Note "which is among you."
- a) Local church.
 - b) Plurality of elders in one congregation.
 - c) Not over 2 flocks.
3. Taking the oversight.
- a) Get the word Bishop from this Overseer.
 - b) Not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.
 - (1) Not grudge time and pain in the service.
 - (2) Freely chose to do it--not forced upon them.
 - (3) Can pay him, but ~~not~~ greed not the motive--pay full time or part time.
 - (4) Ready mind implies zeal and enthusiasm.

4. Neither lording it, but make yourselves examples to the flock.
 - a) They are over the flock, but not high handed and dictatorial--big boss.
 - b) If Peter first pope he didn't know it.
 - c) But ensamples--lit."to be an example to be imitated."
 - d) "True leadership in exampleship not dictatorship." (Tolle)
 - e) Doesn't ask you to do what he's not doing.

D. What does he get?

v-4 "And when the chief shepherd receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away"

2 crowns -- diadem & laurel

1. Get a laurel that doesn't fade-- unlike wreath runners wear of flowers at end of race.
2. Special flower of perpetuity and immortality.
3. Jesus--Chief Shepherd gives it.
4. A garland of victory.

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Heritage church (Part I) - 3/14/04

Heritage church (Part II) - 3/21/04

Qualifications of Elder-John Parker's funeral 4/8/04

