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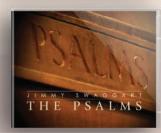
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NO BEGGARD FOR Rape Of A Nation By Jimmy Swaggart While the blood of more than *1.5 million aborted babies cries out to God in America each year, the



remains virtually silent. The silence is horrifying! We, as Americans, and even more appallingly, as Christian Americans, would seem to have no regard for human life.

Christian community

*This statistic is from 1985, when *Rape Of A Nation* was written. Current statisic for the U.S. is approximately 62.5 million babies aborted since 1973. (National Right to Life Committee) A PROFESSOR AT the UCLA Medical School asked his students this question: "Here is a family history. The father has syphilis; the mother has TB. They have already produced four children. The first is blind, the second has died, the third is deaf, the fourth has TB, and now the mother is pregnant again. The parents are willing to have an abortion if you decide they should. What do you think?"

The majority of students decided on the abortion.

"Congratulations," said the professor, "you have just murdered Beethoven!"

The professor's disclosure to his students is chilling. You may conclude that if Beethoven's parents had lived today, he would likely not have been born. The same could apply to literally thousands of other great men and women who, by living out their productive lives, have made the world a better place in which to live.

Regardless of how ignorant anyone may be to the true facts of abortion, abortion is sin. I will go even beyond that and say without qualification that abortion is premeditated murder — the murder of an innocent infant with a body, soul, and spirit that needs only the protection of its mother's womb to survive and mature.

For long centuries no decent person (and certainly no respected Christian) has advocated or condoned the killing of unborn children. Like any other act of wanton killing, it is murder. Nonabortion is the law of all civilized nations — and more importantly, it is the law of God.

Without question, abortion is the primary issue facing America today, and the Christian community can't hide behind a false claim of ignorance. Yet God's people slumber, offering no true resistance to this wanton slaughter of human life. And all the time, Satan feverishly inspires evil men to pursue their course of destruction.

In all honesty, the present-day slaughter seems somehow unreal, and, of course, those who advocate abortion go to great lengths to direct our attention away from the victims themselves. In an age that boasts of enlightenment and humanity, it is ironic indeed that it promotes — and then hides — the reality of an issue of such abject corruption.

America is being weighed in the balance, and the pivotal point of that balance is the issue of abortion. Abortion actually challenges the inherent sanctity of all human life. We can recoil with good Christian horror as we recall Roman mothers clutching their babies to protect them from the terror of Hannibal. Hannibal's god was Baal, who insatiably demanded infant sacrifice. But how do we react when Baal takes up residence in our fair land? Baal has many names. Moloch, the god of the ancient Phoenicians (who demanded the sacrifice of children by burning) is one of them. Here in America, his name is self — and the religion of his followers is secular humanism.

Secular humanistic thinking is responsible for the millions of babies who have been deprived of life because they did not appear, as they resided in their mothers' wombs, to offer an advantage to their parents. They are the innocent victims of this evil, ultimately selfish, religion.

Our "Justice" System In 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States opened the door to an American holocaust by allowing abortion-on-demand. Since then, nearly *1.5 million babies a year have been murdered in their mothers' wombs — that's over 10 times the number of Americans lost in all of our nation's wars.

Then, in June 1983, the Supreme Court chose to provide even greater convenience (and less stigma) to the pregnant female and to the medical profession as well. As a result, we should see an annual increase in these already appalling statistics.

The new, less-restrictive laws now basically state:

• The mother-to-be no longer has to have a 24-hour "cooling off" period before making the irreversible decision to end the life of her unborn baby.

• Abortions for women more than three months pregnant no longer have

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The Priceless Corner

We have set aside this corner of *The Evangelist* to show God's plan of salvation. If you are unsure where you will go when you die, please listen to what God has said in His Word:

1. GOD LOVES YOU!

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

2. MAN IS A SINNER, AND SIN HAS SEPARATED HIM FROM GOD

"For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Eccl. 7:20).

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

3. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY REMEDY FOR SIN

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God ..." (I Peter 3:18).

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

4. YOU MUST RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOR

Jesus calls this experience the new birth. He told Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name" (John 1:12).

WE BELIEVE:

• The Bible is the inspired and only infallible and authoritative written Word of God (Ps. 119; Matt. 4:4; Luke 24:27).

• There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (I John 5:7).

• In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory to rule a thousand years (Jn. 1:1-4; Eph. 2:13-18; Rev. 19-20). • In the blessed hope — the rapture of the church at Christ's coming (I Thess. 4:13-18).

• The only means of being cleansed from sin is through Repentance and faith in the precious blood of Christ (Rom. 5:1; Eph. 2:8-9, 13-18).

• Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5).

• The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (Ex. 15:25-26; James 5:14-15; I Peter 2:24).

 \bullet The baptism with the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it (Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7).

In the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life (Rom. 6:3-14; 8:1-2, 11).
In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the one to everlasting life and the other to everlasting damnation (Rev. 20:5-6, 11-15).

PRAY THIS PRAYER AND MEAN IT WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART: "Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize that I am a sinner. I accept the fact that You died for me on the rugged cross of Calvary. I now open my heart's door and receive You as Savior and Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian You want me to be. Amen."

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to be performed in hospitals but can now be performed in abortion clinics — even up to the ninth month!

• Doctors no longer have to inform those seeking abortions about possible alternatives to preserve life, the medical and psychological risks of abortion, or even the simple fact that the "fetus" is indeed a human life.

• It is no longer necessary that aborted fetuses be disposed of in a "humane and sanitary manner."

• Pregnant, unwed girls under 15 are no longer required to obtain the consent of either a parent or a judge before having an abortion — if the physician considers her "mature."

Planned Unparenthood The confirmation of an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy can create panic, whether due to a real crisis — such as rape (though rare) or illness — or as a result of teenage experimentation, a threat to the family finances, or just pure selfishness on the mother's part. However, after the initial panic and shock, the pregnant female may search for help and possible alternatives — from keeping the baby, to child care, to putting the baby up for adoption.

Although several alternatives may be available, abortion-on-demand seems to provide an easy way out, a way that is progressively easier as its social acceptance increases. It is all too convenient today for a woman to go to an abortion clinic where she pays a few dollars to have a doctor kill her unborn baby. How does she stifle the pangs of conscience? Apparently her selfishness overrides any guilt she may experience — at least temporarily.

Of course, advertisements and posters such as those put out by Planned Parenthood ("Abortion Should Be Between You and a Doctor") help to soothe her conscience and aid her in seeking a quick escape from her dilemma. In the midst of a personal crisis, a woman's mind becomes a fertile field for planting suggestions that may lead to abortion as the solution. Planned Parenthood, a world leader in arranging and promoting abortions, presents its message with great clarity and diabolical cleverness.

Such pro-abortion literature focuses on emotions in a situation that should involve moral and logical reasoning to reach a wise decision. In this business of making the unthinkable acceptable, emotions play a big role. Language, therefore, becomes critical. Could it have been a factor in the Supreme Court's decision in 1973 when the victim of abortion was referred to as a "fetus" rather than as a "human being" or "baby"? By using this term, they resorted to the common humanistic practice of employing a "euphemism." A euphemism is an inoffensive word substituted for a more commonly used, but more disturbing, word. "Fetus" is an impersonal word — one that allows the hearer to think of the unborn baby as a mere "blob" of flesh. Consequently, abortion becomes abstract and impersonal (and less murderous) — at least, it certainly seems to be that way in the thinking of those who promote and support this crime.

In September 1948, the World Medical Association (with the United States as a founding member) adopted the Declaration of Geneva, which states, "I will maintain the utmost respect for human life from the time of its conception." The committee that drew up that code thus said that abortionists



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stood condemned, and this was reaffirmed in 1979 by the World Medical Association's Declaration of Oslo, which restated the Declaration of Geneva's call for respect for life from conception.

Apparently the United States Supreme Court set aside the scientific evidence behind these opinions and said that it couldn't decide just when human life begins. It thus opted for abortion-on-demand during the earlier stages of pregnancy. In June 1983, however, it set aside all restraints and made it clear that it holds no regard for human life.

President Reagan cast aside all smoke screens when he made the statement, "The real question today is not when human life begins, but what is the value of human life?"

Is The Unborn Child A Human Being? I believe the unborn child (the "fetus") is a human being, a person, or an individual from the moment of conception. Some have foolishly stated that the unborn child, up to the sixth or seventh month, is little more than a "blob of tissue." That just isn't so.

The tiny, unborn baby is not "just a part of the woman's body" as supporters of abortion like to claim, nor is it a "mass of undifferentiated tissue." It is a distinct and separate life. All of the child's traits have been charted in its genes. The sex of the child, the color of its eyes and hair, its physical features, and its special talents and gifts are determined at the moment of conception. At that point, the mother and father have contributed all they will contribute to the genetic characteristics of their offspring.

Within three weeks of conception, the human heart of the unborn child begins to beat.

By six or seven weeks, all vital organs are present and fingers, feet, and toes develop. The first movements of body, arms, and legs occur. Even at that early age, sex can be determined. The buds

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— President Ronald Reagan

of the little milk teeth appear and brain waves can be recorded.

By eight weeks the child is able to grasp an object and make a fist.

By ten weeks the hands and feet are formed. In fact, the fingerprints and footprints are already engraved on the skin. Even though in the mother's womb, the child can suck its thumb, fingers, or toes.

At eleven or twelve weeks, the baby is very sensitive to touch, heat, sound, discomfort, and pain. (It is often at this stage that abortion is accomplished through the extremely painful injection of saline solution.) During this stage, the vocal cords are forming and the baby goes through the motions of crying. His face now shows the features inherited from his parents.

By sixteen weeks, fingernails, eyebrows, and eyelashes appear to enhance the natural beauty of the tiny being. He also becomes more active as he kicks his feet and curls his toes, or rests while sucking his thumb.

Here we are presenting known medical facts. Does the "fetus" sound like a formless blob, or is it clear that life begins at conception? The tiny being needs only food and time to grow into an adult life. *A*

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Q&A WITH SISTER SWAGGART

Q. As a Christian, what's the big deal if I cuss a little?

A.

The big deal is that more and more believers are cursing and taking the Lord's name in vain, and they don't think there's a thing wrong with doing it. After addressing this topic on *Frances & Friends*, I was shocked by the number of people who responded with statements like, "I know Christians who curse all the time. But they're still Christians."

If they are cussing in everyday conversation, are they Christians? If believers are using language like this, then I have to wonder if they even know what being a Christian is all about.

Brother Mike Muzzerall said he's seen people wearing t-shirts that read, "I'm a Christian, and I cuss a little," as if the "little" part makes the cussing alright. Why would a Christian wear that? Why would you be proud of your sin? And swearing is sin.

When people no longer know what sin is, then the church has certainly missed its job and is far from where it should be in the Lord.

Even so, believers are mistaken if they think they can go out there and use ugly language and say curse words against the Lord Jesus Christ and not be held accountable.

Damn And Hell

For some people, the words *damn* and *hell* are part of their everyday conversations, and they justify using these terms because they are, after all, found in the Bible. These words are found in Scripture, that's true, but as Donnie pointed out, to "damn" someone is God's prerogative, not ours.

Let's look at how the Lord Jesus Christ

used the word *damnation* in these verses:

• "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation" (Matt. 23:14).

• "But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation" (Mark 3:29).

• "And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:29).

These are very solemn verses that declare with certainty the condemnation that awaits such offenders.

And then there's the word *hell*, which people, including believers, toss into flippant phrases, such as "what the hell?"

To answer that question, hell is a horrible place of torments, plural, as in varied types of grief and sorrows. Among all the awful things about hell—the fire, which

is literal fire; the memory of lost opportunities to have responded to the gospel, regret over deeds committed, and eternal separation from saved loved ones—the worst is that it will never end.

That's why, when I hear someone casually or even jokingly tell another person, "Go to hell," it actually hurts me because I understand the truth of this directive.

Taking The Lord's Name In Vain

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Ex. 20:7)

Taking the name of the Lord in vain and the word *vain* just means "empty" pertains to all blasphemy, all swearing, all perjury, and in fact, all irreverent use of God's name in ordinary life.

It hurts me so badly when I hear someone take the name of the Lord in vain. There is actually a pain that goes through my heart when I hear it. So it's not just swearing that is wrong, it is using God's name without the reverence that should be attached to it.

Believers are using the name of the Lord the same way they would use profanity. They won't say a bad word, but they have no problem using the name of the Lord in its place to express anger, frustration, happiness, or fear as in, "My God," "Oh, Jesus!" or "Jesus Christ, what do you think you're doing?" And how many times have you received a text message with "OMG" meaning "Oh my God"?

As Christians, we should never forget how holy and how righteous the Lord is. We acknowledge that holiness and righteousness by not dragging the Lord's name down in the mud and using it in a way that is inappropriate.

The name of the Lord is important to Him. Psalm 138:2 says He has magnified his Word above His own name. And his name should be important to all of us because "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

Christian Slang

Phrases like "greasy grace" and "sloppy agape" are also irreverent and should not be used by believers.

Donnie shared a good example of this. He said:

"Years ago, when Dr. Gray was president of JSBC, on a particular Sunday, we had had a tremendous moving of the Spirit at church. The next day, my path crossed with one of the Bible college students with whom I had some acquaintance, and I heard him saying to a small group of people, 'Boy, the Ghost was there yesterday.' I gently pulled him to the side and said, 'Don't let me ever hear that expression come out of your mouth.'

The young man got wide-eyed and asked, 'What do you mean?'

I said, 'He's not 'the Ghost,' He's

"...believers are mistaken if they think they can go out there and use ugly language and say curse words against the Lord Jesus Christ and not be held accountable." the Holy Spirit, and what you just said back there to those guys, that's sin. Now here's what you need to do—I can't make you, but you need to repent in your heart and go back and apologize to those students and say, 'I should not have said that.' You have a lackadaisical attitude toward the holiness of God and the things of God, and if you keep going down that path, you will, eventually, begin to profane everything that is righteous and holy.' And that young man received what I told him."

We're not trying to be the language police, but if people profess to know the Lord, and they start cussing around you, then you need to call them on it. Say, "Hey, wait a minute, that is not the language of a believer."

And here's why we should call them on it: using those types of words masks a deeper problem in the heart—a problem that can fester and affect a person's faith.

No Justification

As Christians, our language should be different. There is no justification for a child of God to use profanity.

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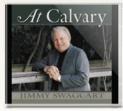
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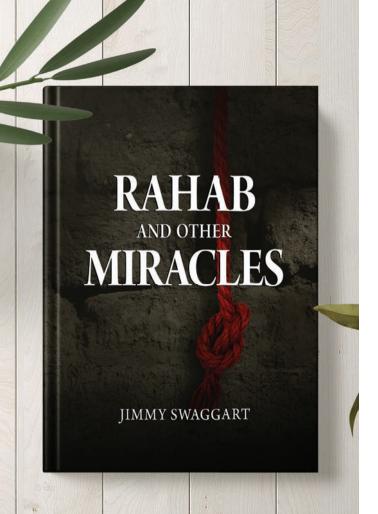
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Faith in God

"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

-MARK 11:22-23

LET US BEGIN this article by first defining faith. Hebrews 11:1 tells us: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." This is the verse most used to define faith, but to me this verse is more of a declaration of the action of faith rather than a definition. The simplest definition of faith is to simply believe—believe God and believe His Word—with the central object of our faith being Christ and Him crucified.

Have Faith In God This phrase, "*Have faith in God*," literally says, "have *the* faith *of* God," with God as the object of our faith. God demands that man accepts everything done for him on the basis of faith, referring to faith in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the cross. We must never separate Christ from the cross, nor the cross from Christ (I Cor. 1:17-18, 23; 2:2; Gal. 6:14; Col. 2:14-15). This doesn't mean that we see Jesus still on the cross because He isn't, but the benefits that come to us are all because of Calvary.

Included in believing is not only believing Christ and Calvary but also His Word, for the two—Christ and the Bible—cannot be separated. **Verily I Say Unto You** The phrase, "*For verily I say unto you*," was a phrase used many times by the Lord to announce a great truth, and, in this case, faith in God. Now the Lord begins to tell what faith in God will do.

Whosoever "That whosoever," puts faith that moves mountains within reach of anyone, literally any child of God can have faith that moves mountains. Whosoever opens up to us that all who truly believe can operate in mountain-moving faith, not just Bible scholars or prophets, but whosoever.

Confession "Shall say." These two words tell us the power of proper scriptural confession. The good Lord has given each one of us a tongue, which is guided by the mind and heart. Therefore, whatever we say shows where our faith actually is, and what direction we are heading. Faith is always speaking because faith always has something to say. And what is faith supposed to be speaking? Faith speaks the Word of God and how the Word applies to our particular need, which always incorporates the will of God. Even though faith can move mountains, the Lord will never allow us to use faith in such a way that it will hurt or harm others. So we must make sure we are in the will of God.

Mountains The text says, "*unto this mountain*," using as an object lesson a mountain, something so great as an immovable, fixed object to show us the power of faith. Of course, He was using a tangible fixed object to portray a spiritual truth. The idea is that the problem you need removed is, to you, the same as a mountain blocking your journey. You can't climb over it; you can't tunnel through it; and you can't go around it. The mountain has to move, and it can move through faith. The Lord is telling us, "*All things are possible with God.*" That mountain—debt, sickness, a broken heart—can be removed.

Remove The Mountain The text states, "*Be ye removed.*" This proclaims the word of faith. The word of faith doesn't ask how, what, when, or where; it just simply says, "Be done," which is the literal meaning of *"shall say.*" You can believe the doubters and scoffers, or you can believe the Word of God.

Be Cast Into The Sea True faith in God and His Word not only moves the mountain, but also puts it in a place where it can't hurt anyone else. Actually, the idea of being cast into the sea means that it is so removed that it's as if it never existed.

Doubt "And shall not doubt in his heart." In the Greek, the word doubt is diakrino, which means "to judge between two." To judge whether faith in God can, or whether it cannot. Every fiber of being in the child of God must believe that He can, and He will. True faith says whatever is needed is already done even though it may not be carried out yet.

Believe "But shall believe." Not only do we not doubt, but we also believe what Jesus said. Jesus said, "Be thou removed and cast into the sea," therefore, that's what we are to believe. **Those Things** *"Those things."* This speaks of our particular needs, whatever they may be (mountains being symbolism.) As well, by the use of these words, the Lord is meaning that we are to take everything to the Lord in prayer, no matter how great or small *"those things"* may be. Also, the idea is that we are not to be asking the Lord for silly things.

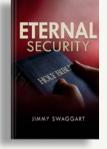
Confession *"Which He says."* Once again we are told to say what we want. Actually, this is the second of three times this phrase is used in one way or another. So the Holy Spirit is showing us the importance of a proper confession. Whatever we need, and which we believe the Lord will give to us, must be spoken—we say it; we confess it.

Results In the Greek text, *"Shall come to pass"* is in the present tense; therefore, the more accurate translation would be, *"comes to pass,"* with the idea being that it may not happen instantly, but it will happen. We are not to give up but keep believing. It is what some scholars refer to as a futuristic present. In closing, there is one qualifier that you must understand, and that is, whatever you are believing the Lord for must be in the will of God. If it's not God's will, no matter the greatness of your faith, the mountain will not be removed. If it is God's will, then don't stop believing God for your miracle!

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The Trinity

The doctrine of the triune Godhead is probably one of the most misunderstood doctrines within Scripture, and one of the reasons is that the word *trinity* is not found within the sacred text.

¹Cairns, Earle E. Christianity through the Centuries. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996), 125. ²Cairns, 129. ³Cairns, 127-28. ⁴Bird, Michael F. Evangelical Theology. (Grand

TRINITY MEANS "THREE," and some claim that the idea of the Trinity cannot be fully understood. While it is true that humanity only has an elementary understanding of God, in reality, the essence of God cannot be fully understood by mortal people. Where God is infinite, man is finite. While God is immortal and almighty, man is mortal and limited. Therefore, the fullness of Godhead will not be wholly understood, at least not until the resurrection.

How We Got The Doctrine **Of The Trinity**

The doctrine of the Trinity originated with Tertullian sometime in the second century but did not find a place formally in the theology of the church until the fourth century. Between AD 313 and AD 451, theological controversies resulted in councils attempting to resolve major theological issues by the formation of creeds.1 One of those issues was the idea of unity between God the Father and God the Son. During the First Council of Constantinople in AD 381, the present Nicene Creed, Apostles' Creed, and the Athanasian Creed were all adopted as orthodox doctrine within the church.² Presented within the Athanasian Creed are three affirmations: there is but one God; the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are each God; and the Father, the Son, and the Spirit are each distinct persons.

However, some took umbrage with the idea that God was but one God in three distinct persons. During this time frame, Arius, who had his backing from Eusebius, insisted that Christ had not existed from all eternity but had a beginning by God's creative act and that Christ was of

a different (heteros) essence or substance from the Father. However, Athanasius became the main one who presented and expounded on the idea that Christ had existed from all eternity with the Father and was of the same essence (homoousios)³. In the third century, scholar Origen regarded the Trinity as a hierarchy of persons, that the Son and the Spirit were lesser beings than the Father.⁴

One God: Three Distinctions

Since the beginning, God has used plural names, plural verbs, and pronouns to describe the Godhead. However, He has also revealed the Godhead as consisting of separate persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. One God in three very distinct persons results in a divine unity, each of whom is the Godhead, and yet supremely conscious of the other two.⁵ Its emphasis on divine three-in-oneness distinguishes the Christian doctrine of God. The Trinity doctrine speaks of the eternal coexistence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the inner personal life of the Godhead. Evangelical theology affirms that the living, speaking, and acting God is a personal, divine Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in the eternal unity of God Himself and His work. The one God is self-disclosed as the invisible Father, from whom all revelation proceeds; the Son, who mediates and objectively incarnates that revelation in a historical manifestation; and the Holy Spirit, who is divinely outpoured and subjectively applies that revelation to men. One could say that the Father is the author of salvation, the Son is the actor of salvation, and the Holy Spirit is the applier of salvation.⁶

Rapids: Zondervan, 2013), 116. ⁵Pearlman, Myer. Knowing the Doctrines of the

Bible. (Springfield: Gospel Publishing, 1981), 68. 6Bird, 95.

⁷Pearlman, 76.

⁸Thiessen, Henry Clarence. Lectures in Systematic Theology. (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1979), 90. ⁹Thiessen 90

Analogies

Myer Pearlman composed several analogies or illustrations that can be viewed as one but separate; nature also provides several. Water is one, yet it is known in three forms-water, ice, and steam. Saint Patrick, while evangelizing the Irish, described the Trinity with the threeleafed shamrock. Moreover triangles, which have three sides and three angles. Remove one, and it is no longer a triangle. Even though there might be three angles, there is but one triangle.⁷ Finally, there is the idea of modalism, which views each person of the Trinity as merely a mode of God's activity, just as a man can be a son, a father, and a businessman. However, in reality, this is a denial of the Trinity doctrine, for these are not three distinctions in essence, but three qualities or relationships in one and the same person.8

Tritheism Or Co-Eternal?

Another controversial theory regarding the doctrine of the Trinity is the question of how one person can be viewed in three distinct ways. Is the Trinity three Gods? This concept is known as tritheism, which dismisses the unity of the essence of God and presents the theory of three distinct Gods. However, this objection thrives on a misconception of divine personality in attempting to explain God after the definition of man. While there are similarities, humanity was created in the Image of God, it is similarities only. Man is not God, has never been God, and will never be God.

All persons of the Trinity are coeternal and coequal, and John 1:1-14 explains that from the very beginning—the Word was present, was with God, was God, and God became flesh in order to redeem the lost sons of Adam's fallen race. The Word was Christ and is ever-existing, both eternally and constitutionally, with the Father. The Son was conceived by the Holy Spirit and had a divine nature and a human nature but was one person. He was the Son of God and the Son of Man. However, there was no duality regarding His personality; God and Christ existed in perfect harmony. Christ was equal with God but took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of humanity. Even though Christ was divine, He laid aside the expression of His deity, meaning that He was one hundred percent God and one hundred percent man, and is referred to as the Son of Man roughly seventy times throughout Scripture.

The Holy Spirit

Regarding the person of the Holy Spirit, He is the third member of the triune Godhead, coequal and coeternal with the Father and the Son. He is not some ethereal being but a person. He has personal characteristics, such as intelligence (I Cor. 2:10-12), emotions and feelings (I Cor. 12:8), and a will (I Cor. 12:11). Like both the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, and holy. He is the executor of the Godhead, working in every capacity. This means that everything done on this planet has been done by and through the office work, person, and agency of the Holy Spirit. He is the life-giver, which was on full display at the time of creation and when He overshadowed Mary at Christ's conception. He was involved in every aspect of the earthly ministry of Christ, for every miracle Christ performed was not done as God but as a man filled with the Holy Spirit. Hebrews 9:14 expresses the idea that the Holy Spirit was so involved in the life and death of Christ that the Holy Spirit told Christ when to die. No man took the life of Christ: He laid it down as the ultimate sacrifice for humanity, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, raised Christ back to life (Rom. 8:11).

Scriptural Relevance

Even though there is a tremendous Old Testament emphasis on the unity of God, it hints at the plurality of the Godhead, i.e., the Trinity. Genesis 1:26, 3:22, 11:17, and Isaiah 6:8 use plural pronouns when God refers to Himself.9 However, the doctrine of the Trinity is more pronounced in the New Testament. During Christ's baptism, the heavens opened and the Father spoke, the Son prayed, and the Spirit descended upon the Son in the form of a dove (Luke 3:21-22). In a limited sense, when the believer accepts Christ, that person is placed in Christ, and the Father is well pleased. In John 14:16, Jesus states that He is going to pray to the Father that He would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, that He might abide in the lives of every believer forever. Also, the disciples were taught to baptize people in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19).

Conclusion

Any doctrine found in Scripture is relevant for today, and it would behoove us to try and understand everything that God has given us through His Word. At the same time, if we push aside this great doctrine of the Trinity, then we are doing a tremendous disservice to those who have argued, debated, and studied to give us what we know as the great doctrines of the Bible. Every believer must know what he believes and why he believes it, and to do that, one must make the study of the Bible a lifelong study. God desires to reveal Himself, and one of those ways He reveals who He is, is through the Word of God. God is a God who speaks, communicates, and expresses His love for humanity through His Son, Jesus Christ, and He has sent the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, direct, convict, and comfort His people. The subject of the Trinity is rich in biblical history and has endured much debate and argument throughout the centuries. #

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Radio & Television Program Listings

Sonlife Broadcasting Network and SonLife Radio follow the same programming schedule.

Hour (CT)	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
12:00:00 AM 12:30:00 AM			Family Worship Center - Associate		
1:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	
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2:00:00 AM			FWC Music		
2:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music		FWC Music	
3:00:00 AM					
3:30:00 AM					
4:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	
4:30:00 AM					
5:00:00 AM					
5:30:00 AM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	
6:00:00 AM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	
6:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	
7:00:00 AM					
7:30:00 AM	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	
8:00:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	
8:30:00 AM	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	
9:00:00 AM	A Study In The Word	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	
9:30:00 AM					
10:00:00 AM					
10:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center Sunday Live Service				
11:00:00 AM	Service	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	
11:30:00 AM 12:00:00 PM		A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	
12:30:00 PM	FWC Music		Family Worship Center - Associate		
1:00:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	
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2:00:00 PM			FWC Music		
2:30:00 PM		FWC Music		The Story Behind The Song	
3:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service			FWC Music	
3:30:00 PM	(Repeat Of AM Service)				
4:00:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	
4:30:00 PM					
5:00:00 PM	FWC Music				
5:30:00 PM	Crossfire Service E/I	Insight (Re-Air) A Study In The Word	Insight (Re-Air) A Study In The Word	Insight (Re-Air) A Study In The Word	
6:00:00 PM		A Study in The Word	A Study in The Word	A Study in The Word	
6:30:00 PM					
	Family Worship Center Sunday Evening			FWC Music	
7:00:00 PM	Family Worship Center Sunday Evening Live Service	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	FWC Music	
7:00:00 PM 7:30:00 PM	Live Service	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)		
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FWC Music	FWC Music	Pastor Broadcast
	The Massage of the Green (Live)	The Managers of the Groce (De Air)
The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	The Story Behind The Song
Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	
		Frances & Friends (Re-Air)
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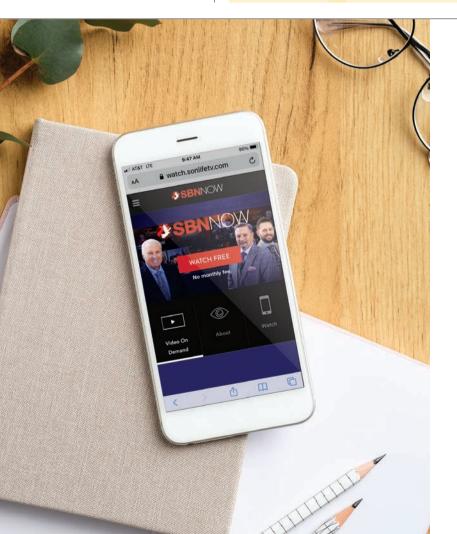
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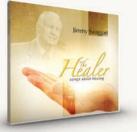
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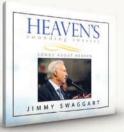
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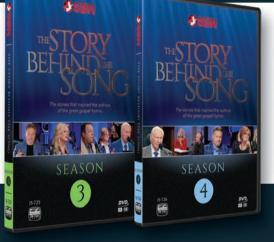
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Dear Evangelist I want to thank SBN for giving me the opportunity to help spread the message of the cross to the world, through share-a-thon and Bible-thon. I thank the Lord for my media church membership and what I receive from all the services and programs. I am so thankful that the live programs during the week are replayed in the evenings, so I get to listen when I get home from work. God Bless SBN. —**Email**

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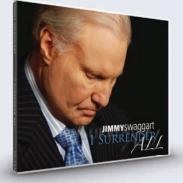
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divine intervention that turned that TV channel! SBN and FWC is my church. I have supported y'all every month since. Thank y'all for what you do. Thank you, thank you! May God continue to bless SBN! **—Oklahoma**

Dear Evangelist Praise the Lord. This morning on *The Message of the Cross*, the pastors taught, prayed, and Joseph sang, "There's a Whole Lot of People Going Home." The Spirit moved through that network in my home in California, and I spoke in tongues praising God and felt the love and presence of the Lord! Thank you SBN, what a blessing to have you on TV. —California

Dear Evangelist Thank you for your ministry. It was like a light bulb went on for me a few weeks ago. I was watching a recent episode of *Generation of the Cross* on your new SBN Now videos on demand. It was an episode where you were describing your experience struggling with understanding the message of the cross as a young adult, and how, during a service, your understanding of the message of the cross just clicked for you. As you described this and explained

again the message of the cross—how we already have victory through the cross and just need faith to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us it was like, wow; new understanding opened my eyes! I was floating on air the next morning. It felt like a weight was lifted off my shoulders as I finally realized I didn't need to try harder to be victorious; I only needed to put my faith in the Lord and realize Christ already did the work and was victorious. I had questioned for years, trying to understand the message of the cross and how to be victorious in my life. I have been reading many of your ministry books, and many times didn't understand why the redundant message was in all the books. Yet, as I read, I began seeing Christ throughout all Scriptures! The Expositor's Study Bible has also opened my understanding. I know my newfound understanding is just the beginning, but I wanted to thank you for never ceasing to talk about the message of the cross! I pray for JSM, SBN, and all your families regularly. I rededicated my life to the Lord two years ago, after decades of a backslidden life. I thank the Lord for SBN and JSM. If not for this ministry, that may not have happened. The song, "Wasted Years" rings true for me, yet I am so thankful for the Lord's grace and mercy and to now call Jesus my Savior. God bless you and your ministry! -Washington



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Destruction and Despair at Ziklag



"And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag and burned it with fire; And had taken the women captives."

-I SAMUEL 30:1-2

THE YEAR IS roughly 1010 BC. David is about twenty-nine years old. The place is southern Israel. David is running from King Saul. He lives in Ziklag.

The future king of Israel, David, with his mighty men and their families had been fugitive from King Saul for seven years. King Saul had expended every effort to capture David and had failed over and over. In desperation, and for protection from King Saul, David develops a friendship with King Achish of Gath, a Philistine. He requested from the Philistine king that he designate for them a village in some area belonging to the Philistines. David was told that they could live in a place called Ziklag, an unimportant town not far from Gath but hundreds of miles south of Jerusalem and Bethlehem. After moving to Ziklag, I Samuel 27 tells the story of David, plundering other towns and villages and living outside of the will of God for sixteen months.

David learns that King Achish of Gath and many other Philistines were preparing for battle against King Saul and Israel in northern Israel, near the Valley of Jezreel and Mount Gilboa. David and his men show up and volunteer to join up with the Philistines to war against King Saul. King Achish and other Philistine leaders consider the request and say no.

Immediately, David and His troops begin the long journey south to Ziklag. After a most tiresome journey of three days, they look up and see smoke rising from the area of their village. In much fear and great consternation, they hurry to their little city. They are shocked. The village of Ziklag had been destroyed houses, tents, and stables burnt down, women and children taken captive, livestock stolen. David and his six hundred mighty men lost everything. The Amalekites had burned their village and kidnapped their wives and children and stolen everything of value.

Wow! Devastating and destructive things happen in life: a life-threatening illness, a terrible car wreck, huge medical bills, an unexpected death in the family, or a terrible divorce. Oftentimes such things bring great heartache and real financial stress. I call this "experiencing Ziklag."

What should you do when you experience the Ziklags of life? I am not writing about the occasion of normal trials and tribulations. I am referring to that time in life when there is utter devastation in your world.

I Samuel 30 tells the story that David and His mighty men, "*lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.*" Grieving is understandable and proper when going through great hurt. The normal response is to grieve, weep, and express the emotional pain.

Ecclesiastes 3:4, says there is "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn." However, David's colleagues did not just weep and hurt loudly. I Samuel 30:6 tells us, "the people spoke of stoning him." Wow! After a time of great weeping, some members of David's mighty men are now prepared to turn on him and kill him. Momentarily, they forgot who their enemy was.

Friend, know your enemy. Our enemy today is Satan, the Devil, not an ex-wife or an ex-husband. John 10:10 declares that the thief has come to *"steal, and to kill, and to destroy."* And he goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8).

This was a critical time for David to hear from God. In this great crisis, young David, about twenty-nine years old, had to make some difficult decisions, and make them quickly. His entire village had been burned; his wives and children kidnapped; his livestock stolen; and some of his men spoke of stoning him.

First, David knew the importance of prayer and talking to God (I Samuel 30:6). He greatly needed to hear from God. The story reads: "And David was greatly distressed ... but David encouraged himself in the LORD His God" (I Samuel 30:6). The Hebrew word here for encouraged means "to strengthen, to repair, to bind up, to mend, to make strong."

Young David, with mutiny on his hands, knew that this was no time for a congregational vote, but it was a time to hear from God. David separated himself from his men and began to talk to God, his heavenly Father. He made an altar. He had a prayer meeting. With tears rolling down his face, I am sure He prayed, "God, why did you allow this to happen?" I am sure he asked, "Oh God, what shall we do now?" David knew that it was time to do business with God. Scholars believe that there was some sin in David's heart. He had lived outside the will of God for sixteen months (I Samuel 27:7). But David got into the presence of God and heard from God.

Dear reader, in times of great stress, great devastation, and great pain, clear your schedule, build an altar, and pray it through. If you will listen, God will speak. Before every major decision, spend quality time in sincere, humble, gut-wrenching prayer. Before you talk to others, talk to God and hear His voice. If there is unconfessed sin in your life, deal with it. Repent of it. Give it to God. God, your heavenly Father, loves you and is ready to help you in times of destruction and despair.

This article will continue in the September issue of *The Evangelist*.

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The Law of the Spirit of Life IN CHRIST JESUS

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." –ROMANS 8:2

Three Laws of the New Covenant

There are three great laws that attach themselves to the new covenant. Every believer should be aware of their existence, their meaning, and how they apply to God's redemption plan under Christ. They are:

1. The law of faith

2. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

3. The law of Christ

Last month we focused on the first of these laws, the law of faith. This month we will look at the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

This Is A Spiritual Law

All three of the laws we are discussing are spiritual laws that never alter or change. These are laws that are established and maintained by God Himself. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus guarantees that abundant life can be provided by the Holy Spirit to every believer. God has established a legal means that guarantees the help of His Spirit when we operate within the framework of His redemption plan. While the transformation of every saint is complex, this spiritual law guarantees that the Holy Spirit will address Himself to every weakness found in the saint. Why should we turn to other methods for being transformed into the image



of Christ when God has already provided the one and only means needed for successful spiritual transformation?

The truth is, many believers are not aware of this spiritual law or how it works. Change in the heart may vary in time and development because every believer is unique, but the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus assures us that anybody and everybody can be freed from anything and everything! This is a law established by God that will not fail.

The Spirit Brings Life

In Romans 8:26, the Bible says, *"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.*" The word *infirmity* can be connected to either physical or spiritual weaknesses. As believers, we have already been saved. A supernatural regeneration has already occurred. The soul and the spirit have been recreated. We have been equipped with the ability to commune with God, and the Holy Spirit



Himself has moved into our hearts. The Holy Spirit is not a silent partner. He begins immediately to transform us from what we are into

what God wants us to become. But the believer is not yet glorified. We live in this amalgamation of flesh and spirit. That is, we, as human beings, have been impacted greatly by the fall of man. We must come to understand and accept, even as the apostle Paul did, that "in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing." The mind can still contain thoughts that are contrary to God. The heart can still yearn for things that the Holy Spirit doesn't want us to have. This is our present state, and the Holy Spirit is here to help us rise above these weaknesses. He is present and available to deliver us from every weight and sin that does so easily beset us. He desires to generate the abundant life that Jesus promised. He is the Spirit that brings life. What do we do to earn the labor that He desires to perform within us? We are to place our faith in Christ and Him crucified. The Spirit of God is then granted the legal right to work continually within us. If Christ crucified remains the object of our faith, He will continue to do so until the day that Jesus Christ glorifies every saint. He is the Spirit of life!

In Christ Jesus

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will not fail.

What does it mean to be "in Christ Jesus?" The "in Christ" position is granted to every individual who accepts Jesus Christ as Savior. The moment the believing sinner

expresses his or her need for salvation through Jesus, the response of God is to have the Holy Spirit immerse that believing sinner into the very person of Christ. That individual receives a status that includes being cleansed, justified, and sanctified. Christ is not only our substi-

tute-dying for us on Calvary-He is also our representative man. In a covenant that is established between two parties, representatives from each group of people come together. Each one represents the people from which they come. When Jesus Christ cut covenant for us, He represented every individual who would ever become a believer. The moment someone is saved, he is immersed into Christ, baptized, into Him- baptized into His death and raised up with Christ-to live in Him, with the new power source being the Holy Spirit. The believer becomes a member of the body of Christ. His new status is one of being "in Christ." Being in Christ Jesus qualifies the individual for the work of the law of the Spirit of life.

Our role in all of this is to maintain the

proper object of faith. The same faith that brought us into relationship with Christ is the same faith that will continually transform us into the image of Christ. This can happen because faith has been properly centered upon Christ and Him crucified, thus giving believers the position of being "in Christ Jesus."

The Law Of Sin And Death

The law of sin and death is another law that is a constant. The Mosaic law was given in part to reveal the sinfulness of man to men. It not only detailed the difference between right and wrong, but it also had the by-product of stimulating rebellion against God's Word. An insurrection against God's Word will always result in physical or spiritual death. Indwelling sin can produce a dominion over man that results in death when consistently practiced. Sin brings death into the picture. This is an incontrovertible law. There is only one law that has the ability to overwhelm the law of sin and death. The greater law is the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. This law can cause one to rise above the law of sin and death. It is much like an airplane that overcomes the law of gravity through the law of aerodynamics. The law of the Spirit of life provides the only source of strength that brings freedom from sin and the death that results from sin. If you find yourself struggling to free yourself of some unwanted habitual attitude or action, I implore you to seek after the full understanding of the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. It will set you free from the law of sin and death. This is a law that will not fail you when properly understood, applied, and maintained. Through faith in Christ crucified, you too can be free! 🚿



Cultural Revolution

In Luke 13:20-21, Jesus gave us the parable of the woman who took leaven and hid it in three measures of meal—about fifty pounds of flour. The significance of this parable is the contrast of a small amount of leaven to such a large amount of meal. Ultimately, the large lump of meal became wholly permeated by the tiny measure of leaven. Satan will use a small measure of false doctrine to gradually corrupt sound doctrine by twisting its original meaning.



SATAN WILL ALSO use this strategy to corrupt society. In Isaiah 5:20, Isaiah wrote of an hour that

good would be called evil, and evil good. Today more than ever, we are experiencing the progressive/Marxist voices in society that desire to change our society into their image. Homosexuality, transgenderism, abortion, critical race theory, equity, and social justice are some of the weapons launched against our American society to destroy its foundations—foundations that were built upon Judeo-Christian principles.

America is going through a "Great Awokening." You read that correctly. The modern monolithic progressive movement's drive for equity, understood now as being

partial to this week's designated victim group, has gained momentum by claiming "follow the science." Their hypocrisy has no boundaries. The "science" they use ignores the science of biology in the realm of gender. There are only two genders-male and female is the biblical understanding-and biological science affirms that our chromosomes clearly tell us that a person is either a boy or a girl, male or female. However, in our new woke culture, if you are born a male but think you are a female, everyone in society has to accept your wishes, even if it violates their conscience and true science. Science also refutes the idea of biological racial differences, as demonstrated by the Human Genome Project. However, the new mantra of prejudice and racism is the critical race theory. If you are born white, you are automatically a racist? How did this all begin, and how did we get here?

The Seeds Of Doubt

In a *Time Magazine* article dated October 13, 1952, Dwight Eisenhower stated: "The Bill of Rights contains no grant of privilege for a group of people to destroy the Bill of Rights. A group—like the Communist conspiracy—dedicated to the ultimate destruction of all civil liberties, cannot be allowed to claim civil liberties as a privileged sanctuary from which to carry on subversion of the Government."

Ronald Reagan said, "The First Amendment has been twisted to the point that freedom of religion is in danger of becoming freedom from religion."

Gradualism is the means that the progressives/Marxists use to subvert our way of life and thinking.

This is especially true in our public educational system. Here is the method of how Satan works: Satan will use doubt to plant unbelief in man. Europeans, such as the Pilgrims and Puritans, came to the U.S. to establish a home where they could enjoy

freedom of religion. A couple hundred years later, another batch of intellectuals from Europe sought to change America from its religious foundation of faith in God to a humanistic society with socialism as its form of government and economic system. To accomplish this, God had to be removed. Robert Owen was a Welshman who came to America in 1824. He was an atheist and opposed America's theistic conscience of religion and faith toward God, especially Jesus Christ. He taught that man is not responsible for his own character. He believed that character is shaped by his environment and society. He preached that capitalism was man-made and evil, especially competition. His ideas were embraced by the influential Harvard Unitarians of that time who sought salvation through an educational system free of capitalism and religion.

The schema designated by Owen to accomplish this societal task? "Social science." The idea meant the use of education as a scientific tool for radical reform of human character. Owen became known for and was later called "the father of modern socialism." The goal of social science would be a totalitarian effort to include state-run compulsory education. At this time in America, 95 percent of students attended private or church-run schools wholly funded by local parents. The Harvard Unitarian thinkers implemented their radical reform ideas and began indoctrinating school children that they should be loyal to the "state" in opposition to their parents. The purpose of compulsory education was to purge the new generation of students of all superstitions of evil capitalism and religion.

The process of gradualism became a multi-generational effort with each new generation building upon the previous foundation laid by these atheist intellectuals, or, better said, leaven, of Owen and his newly birthed social science concepts. Owen came under public criticism after establishing a commune in Indiana as a socialist prototype of his ideas. When unable to gain public support, he organized into secret cells to continue his goals. Any wonder why the church growth movement called home churches "cell" groups?

Gradualism

Humanism became the religion of the atheists and progressives. This ideology would soon replace any semblance of Christianity in modern education and now society. The seeds of doubt were planted and soon sprouted as others would magnify the socialist concepts and drive the train of socialism and progressivism down every facet of society crying, "All aboard!"

Modern Education

Known as the father of public education, Horace Mann left his legal practice and was elected to the Massachusetts Board of Education and appointed secretary to the board of education. By this time, Owen had returned to Europe and continued implementing his atheist humanistic ideology in Prussia. Mann visited Prussia and was taken captive by Owen's concepts and came back to America to fashion Owen's radical experiment as a model for New England schools. Ironically, Mann referred to this new educational model as, "progressive." This was the birth of government-education in America. Soon after, Mann introduced his newly found "scientific" concepts, which, by the way, were previously rejected by the clergy of the state of Indiana against Owen, government-financed public schools prospered.

By 1850, the downward shift was noticeable in the attendance of students in private schools dropping from 95 percent to 90 percent. The newly tax-supported schools were designed to purge the superstitions of religion from the cultural consensus and replace them with humanism. By the 1870s, removal of the Bible and religion from the curriculum of government schools began. The leaven was spreading quickly. By 1900, public schools, better described as government schools, had taken 90 percent of the students, leaving only 10 percent in private schools.

Let's not forget the influence of other

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nineteenth century intellectuals who wrought great intrigue and fodder for the educational system to justify its humanistic efforts to build a society without God. Charles Darwin, although educated in a Christian college, initially promoted evolution as a means adopted by the Creator to populate the earth. Nevertheless, Darwin later proposed that life began by chance the combination of light, energy, and chemicals formed creation and not a Creator God.

This new world view of our origins was a soup recipe that intellectual atheists could dine on and serve to naive students. The theory became the foundation of science. Sadly, it is merely science fiction.

This article will continue in the September issue of *The Evangelist*.



Be Strong

We live in a time when it is politically correct to make fun of Christianity and the God we serve. It is not easy to stay the course. It is not easy to take a stand when those around you feel they have the freedom to challenge everything that is godly. And yet, if there was ever a time for the redeemed of the Lord to stand up and be counted, it is now. Remember, God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. **BE STRONG!**



The Last Days

There is no doubt we are living in the last days. Wickedness is on the increase at a faster rate than any other time in church history. The apostle Paul had a revelation of what the last days would be like: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Tim. 3:1-5).

We live in a self-centered world where, if it feels good, do it; if you want it, take it; and if you have an opinion, give it, regardless of what it does to those around you.

Repetition Reduces Resistance

Paul said there would be boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, and those who are unholy. It is not that they sin. That's been going on since Adam and Eve were expelled out of the garden. It's that they flaunt it for all to see. They dare us to say or do anything. Repetition reduces resistance. The more we see it, the more we have the danger of accepting it. It's in the news, on the streets, in magazines, movies, and television programs. Society started off opposed to immorality; it was offended, but through repetition became neutral. Now most of society accepts this new norm. We must be strong and stand for holiness in a time of wickedness.

Anger Rules

There is an anger that has swept across this nation. Victory through violence has been allowed to go unanswered. Buildings burned, opposition beaten (sometimes killed), and those who instigated it or participated have not been brought to justice.

Anger is the common reaction against those who disagree with the unruly attackers of what has made America great. Paul addressed these as if he were here today: False accusers, without restraint, despisers of those that are good (II Tim. 3:3). What a picture of the days we live in! Be strong! Let your light shine.

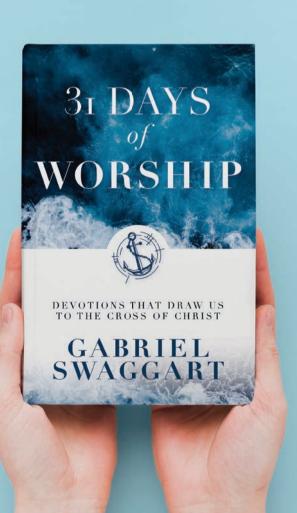
Lovers Of Pleasure

Paul described our society as being "lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Fleshly desires have become more important than serving our Creator. There are even those in the church who have twisted the Scriptures to fulfill their own lusts. They are deceived at the least and wolves in sheep's clothing at the worst. What is worse than wolves in sheep's clothing? Wolves in shepherd's clothing. Paul warned of the increase of false doctrine in the last days. He talked about seducing spirits and doctrines of devils (I Tim. 4:1).

Paul's Charge To Timothy

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (II Tim. 4:1-5).

You may not be a pastor and think, "That's not for me." Allow me to close by quoting Peter: "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15). Be strong, my friend. **#**



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Most Christians are Fighting **The Wrong Battle**



MOST CHRISTIANS ARE fighting the wrong fight. They are trying to fight battles they cannot win and that were already won by Jesus Christ on the cross. They are fighting against sin, the law, the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Christians are not able to stop sinning, in their own power, just by fighting acts of sin or the sin nature. No one can stop committing acts of sin by saying no to them. The only way to be dead to sin is to say yes to who Christ is and what He did on the cross (Rom. 6:2, 7, 11; I Peter 2:24).

Many Christians do not even know that the sin nature exists. Of those who do know something about it, many believe that the sin nature was removed when they got saved. Others, who think Christians still have a sin nature, use it as an excuse to sin because with a sin nature they cannot help but sin. Still others think that the only option is to struggle with sin, and the more they do, the holier they are.

But God's prescription for victory over sin is for believers to keep their faith in the cross so the Holy Spirit will continually give them the needed desire and power (Phil. 2:13) to overcome the sin nature, and therefore not commit acts of sin daily and be able to live in victory.

Other Christians believe they still have to keep the Mosaic law, or at least the moral law. The only problem with that is, the law has to be kept perfectly to be holy by works (James 2:10; Gal. 3:10), and that not only applies to the Mosaic law, but also to all man-made laws. No one except

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." —EPHESIANS 6:12

"Fight the good fight of faith." -I TIMOTHY 6:12

Jesus Christ has been or ever will be able to do that, but, in Christ, believers are dead to the law (Rom. 7:4, 8:2-11; Gal. 2:19), so they can live for God.

The world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I John 2:16). Those who love the world (I John 2:15) or are friends of the world (James 4:4) are the enemies of God. Instead of fighting to avoid that, the only answer is to be crucified to the world through faith in who Christ is, and what He did on the cross (Gal. 6:14; Col. 2:20; I John 5:4).

Some Christians try to live for God by putting their faith in who they are and what they can do. In Philippians 3:5-6, Paul listed who he was and what he had accomplished, but he finally realized what a waste putting faith in himself was (Phil. 3:7-14). The only way for any person to make himself righteous and accepted by

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God is to perfectly obey God, which is impossible for anyone except Christ to do (Luke 9:23-24; Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:11-20; 5:16).

Most Christians are blaming and fighting against other people thinking that they are the problem. They fight spouses, children, parents, other familv members, bosses, coworkers, neighbors, and even other believers because they think they are the ones hindering them from living for God. But Ephesians 6:12 says that even though other people are sometimes used by Satan, they are not the actual enemy. Sometimes, Satan tries to make Christians believe that the very ones they should be working with are the problem. He tries to bring division where God is trying to bring unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3) and unity of the faith (Eph. 4:13) with the rest of the body

of Christ (Eph. 2:13-22; 4:7-16) so it can be edified by believers who God is trying build together (Ephesians 2:22; 4:16).

Ultimately, Satan can only prevent believers from having victory if they allow him to because he was defeated by Christ on the cross. He tries to use deceit, temptations, which are enticements to sin; and distractions, but he is a liar. Only the truth of the living and written Word of God can overcome him (Colossians 1:13; 2:14-15; I John 3:8; 5:18).

The problem isn't having faith in just anything, because everyone believes in something or someone. The problem is keeping the direction, or object of faith only on the cross. This is the "fight of faith" (I Tim. 6:12), and the only fight Christians have to fight because Jesus, on the cross, already won the fight over sin, the law, the world, the flesh, and the devil.

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With the help of Dave Roever, we are translating the New Testament part of The Expositor's Study Bible into Vietnamese and Hmong. It should be completed by the first part of next year. I think this is a phenomenal opportunity. When Dave told me about it, the desire to do this, and with The Expositor's Study Bible designed for that very purpose, we immediately set out to get it done. There is a move of God taking place now in Vietnam. More people are getting saved and that goes for the Hmong people as well.

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A Little Different We are going to do something with this that we have not done previously. Instead of giving out the New Testament translated into Vietnamese just to preachers, we are also going to include any and every Christian in Vietnam who would like to have one of these New Testaments. And, incidentally, they asked us to do this because of the great need among the Christians to understand the Word of God. Dave told me that they have very little material to help them understand the Bible, so this means that The Expositor's Study Bible fits this bill one hundred percent. Actually, when Dave saw it, he said immediately, "This is exactly what we need."

Isn't it wonderful to have the privilege of being a part of this, when you consider the past history?

The Printing I don't know exactly how many Bibles we will print to begin with, but I suspect it will be in the neighborhood of fifty thousand. And the moment the printing is finished, which of course awaits the translation, I believe these Bibles are going to make the difference in many hearts and lives and will spur the move of God to a greater degree among these people.

Prayer I would encourage you, please, to pray for us in this endeavor, that God will use it in a mighty way, and I believe He most definitely will. What an opportunity! What a privilege! And I think you feel the same way.

Incidentally, the Hmong people are another ethnic group altogether, really not associated with the Vietnamese. And there is a move of God taking place there as well.

The Holy Spirit has a time for everything. And I feel that this is Vietnam's time. And I can say the same thing for the Hmong people also. We must not let this slip through our fingers, meaning that we must get it done. Incidentally, with your help and your support, we have given some three million Expositor's Study Bibles all over the world. You have made that possible, and how we thank you for it. What a privilege to have the opportunity of being a part of one of the greatest missions works of, I think, all time. I realize that's quite a statement, but I believe it to be true. **The Expositor's Study Bible** When the Lord told me to finish the work on this Bible, I never dreamed that He would use it as He has. It never entered my mind that such a thing would take place. But it has. And I will never forget that day.

Missions I was sitting behind my desk when one of our men from the church walked up and said, "Brother Swaggart, I want to pay for twenty Bibles. I believe that was the number. He had just sold a house and had a little extra money, and he was going down into Mexico, and we have Bibles of course in the Spanish language to give to the pastors there.

As he took the Bibles and walked away, the Spirit of God spoke to my heart and said, "I want you to place The Expositor's Study Bible into the hands of every preacher and worker in the world." I realize that's quite a task, but that's what the Lord told me to do, and that's exactly what we are doing, and, I might quickly say, we must add Vietnam to the list.

Pray for us, as I have already stated; this is a tremendous work for God, and for all of us to have the privilege and opportunity to be a part of it, is special indeed. Thank you.

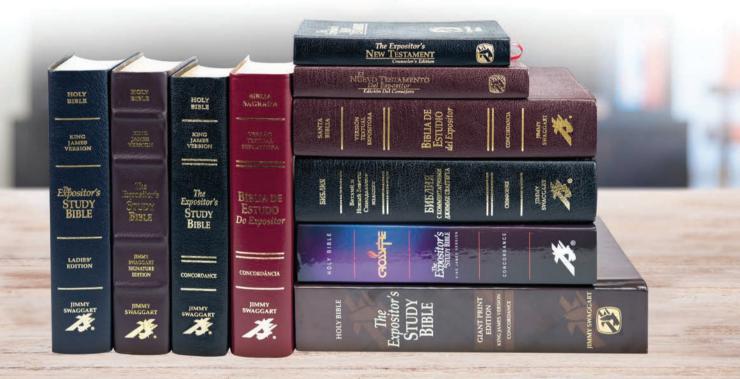
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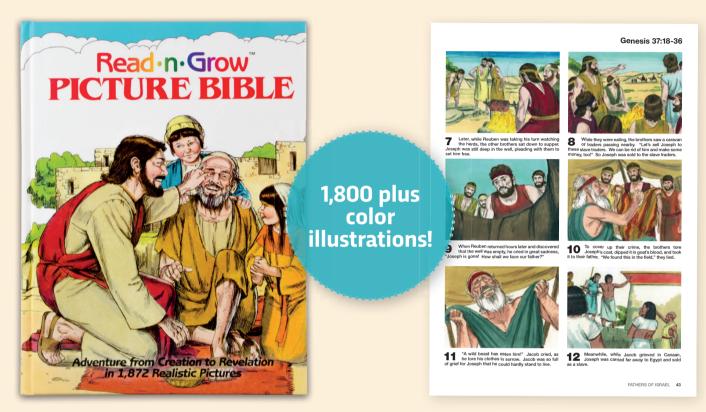
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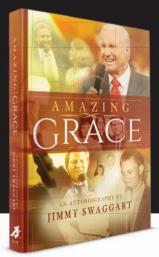
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