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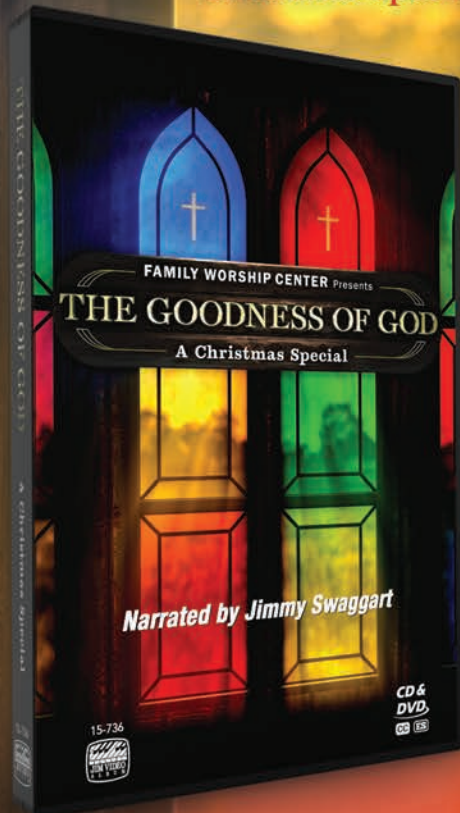


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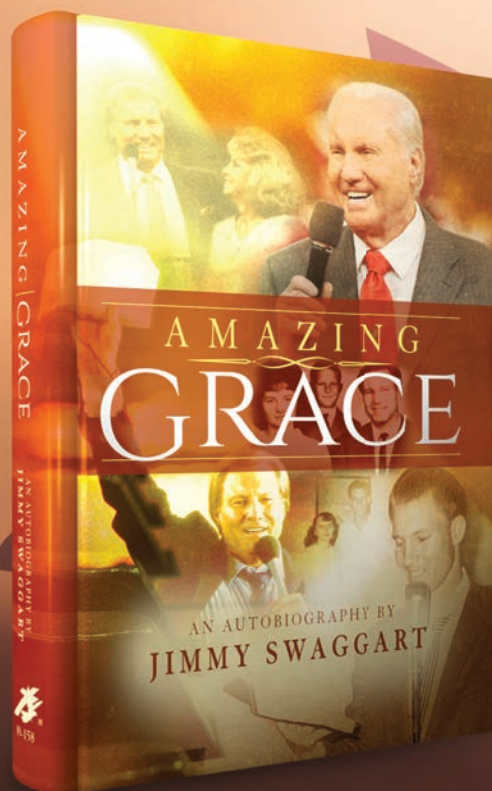
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# The Law

BY JIMMY SWAGGART

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**G**OD BECAME MAN and came to this world for the express purpose of going to the cross.

It is impossible to fully understand the great doctrines of the Bible unless one first understands the cross of Christ. When I speak of understanding the cross, I am referring to understanding it not only for salvation, but also for sanctification.

## **Do You Not Know, Brethren, For I Speak To Them Who Know The Law**

Romans 7 is at least one of the most important chapters in the entirety of

the Word of God respecting the Christian walk and its victory, or the lack thereof. Every single believer who has ever lived must go through the scenarios of Romans 7; it is not possible for it to be otherwise. The fact is that it is not intended for the believer to stay there any length of time, but the sad truth is that most believers, even those who truly love the Lord, have remained in Romans 7 all of their lives, and that is the tragedy.

Yet that's the case because they do not understand the cross of Christ as it regards sanctification, which means that

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# “Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?” —ROMANS 7:1

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they really don't know how to live for God. I realize that's quite a statement, but regrettably it happens to be true.

By not understanding Romans 7, many believers ignore it, or else they just scan it when they come to its place in the order of Scripture. Others give it little credence because they have been taught that it pertains to Paul's "before conversion" experience, of which they have little interest; however, that is gross error. I pray that we will be able to properly expose that error and portray the truth of this great chapter.

## Paul

That which makes the teaching in this chapter so important to the believer—and it is written to believers exclusively—is because Paul had some of the same problems that all of us have or have had. He thought surely after he was saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit that he could live a victorious, overcoming Christian life, but to his dismay he found that he could not, at least with the light that he then had. That same situation caused him to exclaim, “*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*” (Rom. 7:24).

In that frame of mind, Paul went to the Lord seeking an answer. The answer was gloriously and wondrously provided and given to us in Romans 6, 7, and 8.

In fact, what the Lord gave to the apostle Paul is the meaning of the new covenant, which is the meaning of the cross. It is the greatest revelation the world has ever known.

In Romans 7, the Holy Spirit through the apostle outlines the reason for the failure of the believer. Sin is not to have dominion over us, yet sin does have dominion in the lives of virtually all Christians. Romans 7 tells us why, and, if that is correct, and it is, then we are made to understand how vitally significant this chapter really is.

## Why Does The Holy Spirit Through Paul Open This Scenario With The Law?

Paul opens this chapter with law—whether the law of Moses, laws we devise ourselves, or laws devised by some church. In other words, law is the problem, but it should not be a problem because the law of Moses was given by God. It is the problem because of the manner in which it is approached by most Christians. Let us say it again: whether it is the law of Moses, which it isn't in most Christian lives; laws we devise ourselves, or laws devised by some church—this is most definitely the problem.

First of all, Paul is writing to gentiles, which means they had precious little understanding of the law of Moses. However, and I state again, the reason the Holy



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# “To be frank, the problem is really not in the law; the problem is in mankind.”

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Spirit had him to do this was simply because law, or actually the manner in which it is addressed, is the problem. I hope to show the reader how that it is the problem, even though it is the law of God, and thereby perfect.

To be frank, the problem is really not in the law; the problem is in mankind.

Considering all the things that Paul says about the law, which some were inclined to take wrongly, one is apt to think that the law of Moses was evil. However, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the law of Moses, which was really the law of God, was holy and righteous and actually perfect in every respect. The giving of the law by God to the children of Israel placed them in a position of far greater advantage over all other nations. While others had laws, they were all man-devised, but Israel's law had come from God and consequently gave these people a tremendous advantage in every respect.

## So What Was The Problem With The Law?

First of all, the problem was not actually the law, but rather how man approached the law. Instead of accepting and using the law of Moses as it was intended by God, they attempted to make salvation out of its Commandments, which God never intended.

Among many other things, the law of Moses was intended to point out and define sin. As well, it was to portray to man his total inadequacy and inability to keep the simple Commandments—the Ten Commandments—that God laid down. He was then to throw himself on the mercy and grace of God for help and redemption, which was portrayed in the sacrificial system. It actually was a portrayal of the cross of Christ, which would one day come. While some few did exactly that, most did not. Most of Israel became puffed up in their own self-righteousness. Despite the fact that they couldn't even keep the few Commandments that God had given them, they multiplied hundreds of other commandments to go along with what was already there. In effect, Jesus was the giver and keeper of the law, and actually the only man who ever lived who did keep it, and kept it perfectly. But by the time that Jesus came, Israel would not accept Him. Not only would they reject His message, but in their evil they felt that they had to destroy the messenger, which they did by crucifying Him. Again, the law of Moses was not the cause or fault, but rather the evil wicked hearts of these people.

## So How Does This Effect The Gentiles?

Whether it is the law of Moses or a law of our own devising, man seeks to try to satisfy his spiritual needs by his own efforts. He tries to do it with laws of one kind or another, exactly as Israel did with the Mosaic law. There is an innate spirit in man, even in believers, that is loath to admit to himself or to God that he cannot solve his own spiritual problems. All of this is a result of the fall.

There are many reasons the Holy Spirit had the apostle use the law of Moses as an example. One reason is that if man could not gain righteousness by his attempts to keep the law of Moses (considering it was from God and perfect in every respect), how in the world does he think he can bring about the same results through some pitiful laws of his own making? Yet all of us have fallen into this trap in one way or another.

Our trust is in our own laws and efforts rather than in Christ and Him crucified. That, in a nutshell, spells out our failure.

Man's self-sufficiency is his greatest enemy. In other words, we have met the enemy, and he is us!

It's strange, but believers will look at the world and chide them for refusing to admit that they need Jesus, while we are doing the same thing. Too often we claim that we are leaning on Jesus when in reality, we are leaning on our own arm of flesh. All of it is so subtle and religious; consequently, it deceives so many people.

## Satan And The Law

The Evil One is quite content to allow us to struggle and strive in efforts of our own making instead of trusting Christ. He knows that not only are we not



going to get victory in that manner, but also that our situation is going to become progressively worse. All attempts to bring about victory in this way can only lead to defeat, with each defeat becoming worse than the previous one.

Satan is very content for man to be religious—even very religious—for the simple reason that he knows there is no victory or salvation in that sector. He even encourages these efforts. But the moment the believer begins to depend totally on Christ, that's when the war begins. Strangely enough, most of the opposition will come from fellow Christians. That is sad, but true!

In Romans 7, Paul is going to open his soul as few preachers ever have. He is going to portray his own failures and the reason for those failures. While we are studying this, do not forget that the reason for his failures is the reason for our failures as well. If the great apostle could not bring about victory by his own efforts, do any of us seriously think that we can succeed where he failed? 🦋

*This article will continue in the January 2023 issue of The Evangelist.*

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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 ..." (1 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 (1 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 (1 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; 1 Peter 2:24).
- 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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## WHEN HE WALKED THE EARTH, what was Jesus Christ like?



**THE ANSWER** to this question is as inexhaustible as Christ Himself. Throughout His ministry, we know that He preached the gospel and performed miracles, but John tells us that Jesus did so many other things that, if written down, he supposed the world itself could hold all the books written (John 21:25). How many more books could be written on what it was like to see and hear exactly how He did these things—things that revealed His character and personality?

He wept at the site of Lazarus' grave, but after raising him from the dead, what was his expression watching Mary and Martha reunite with their brother? What did His voice sound like when He calmed the storm? What was it about Christ that made the multitudes stay and listen to Him teach for hours at a time? Why did throngs of people follow Him for miles to his next stop? Did he hold his gaze on the Pharisees as he told the man in the synagogue to stretch out his withered hand? What was it that made parents bring their children to Him to bless? Why did the Pharisees say, "The world is gone after him"?

### **SHOW US THE FATHER**

All these questions really fold into one, and it's a question that each believer has to answer for himself: How well do I know Christ?

As believers, we should desire to know

Him and to see him, which is why we understand Philip's plea to the Lord, "Show us the Father." But Jesus told Philip, "Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14:9).

About this verse Bible scholar H.R. Reynolds said, "He [Christ] is not known in His humanity until the divine personality flashes through Him on the eyes of faith."<sup>1</sup>

Jesus is the personification of the Father. His actions, miracles, direction, persona, attitude, personality, and even His very essence are that of the Father. To see Jesus in action was to see the Father. To hear His messages was to hear the Father's. In witnessing His opposition to the religious hierarchy of that day, the Father's opposition could also be seen. When one saw salvation offered by the Son, one saw salvation offered by the Father. Jesus said it: "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

### **HIS APPEARANCE**

We wonder what Christ looked like, His physical appearance. We believe that Christ was the most handsome man who ever lived with a commanding presence. He was the consummate man—the only true man who has ever lived. There is a description supposedly written by a Roman official and

contemporary of Christ's. While the validity of what follows cannot be substantiated, apparently some artists have drawn their inspiration from it:

"There has appeared in our times, and there still lives, a man of great power (virtue), called Jesus Christ. The people call him prophet of truth; his disciples, son of God. He raises the dead, and heals infirmities. He is a man of medium size; he has a venerable aspect, and his beholders can both fear and love him. His hair is of the colour of the ripe hazel-nut, straight down to the ears, but below the ears wavy and curled, with a bluish and bright reflection, flowing over his shoulders. It is parted in two on the top of the head, after the pattern of the Nazarenes. His brow is smooth and very cheerful with a face without wrinkle or spot, embellished by a slightly reddish complexion. His nose and mouth are faultless. His beard is abundant, of the colour of his hair, not long, but divided at the chin. His aspect is simple and mature, his eyes are changeable and bright. He is terrible in his reprimands, sweet and amiable in his admonitions, cheerful without loss of gravity. He was never known to laugh, but often to weep. His stature is straight, his hands and arms beautiful to behold. His conversation is grave, infrequent, and modest. He is the most beautiful among the children of men."<sup>2</sup>

To see  
Jesus in  
action was  
to see the  
Father.

### MORE QUESTIONS

When Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Bible says, “*All the city was moved, saying, Who is this?*” (Matt. 21:10). By the way, when it says the city “was moved,” that really means “to quake,” as in an earthquake. There must have been several thousands of people going before Christ and behind Him while exclaiming the great salutation, “Hosanna in the highest!”

When Jesus calmed the storm, the disciples asked, “What manner of man is this?” Their question can never be fully answered because such vocabulary is not possible. While He is a man, still, He is God and, as such, He has the power to do anything that is needed to save humanity, which He did two thousand years ago at Calvary’s cross.

Every so often, when my husband is ministering, he will name each book of the Bible, saying who Christ is throughout the entire Bible. We get so many requests for this list, that we decided to include it in this article for you to have and refer to (see list at right) during this precious season as we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ and continually wonder at who He is. 🌿

<sup>1</sup> The Pulpit Commentary, (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1897).

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## WHO IS THE CHRIST OF THE BIBLE?

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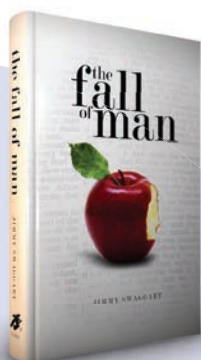
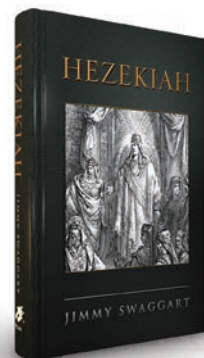
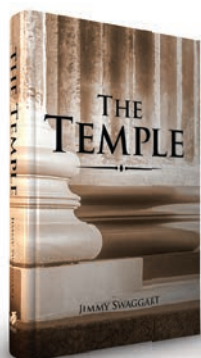
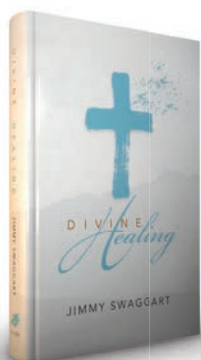
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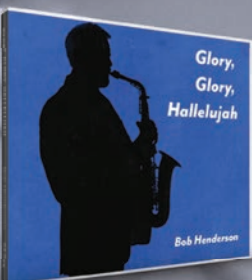
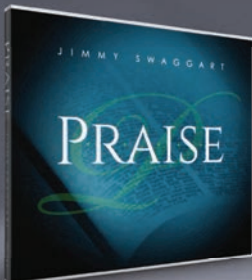
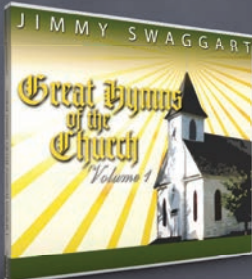
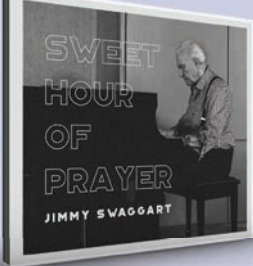
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ARTICLE BY **Donnie Swaggart**

# He Shall Save HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS

**THE BIRTH OF** our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of Bible prophecy (Isa. 7:14) and the beginning of God's redemption plan. Now we understand that the Lord was not born on December 25, but that's not really important. What is important is that He was born. The verses of my text not only tell us that He was born, but also why He was born. As we look at this text, I am going to start with the last word of Matthew 1:21—sins.

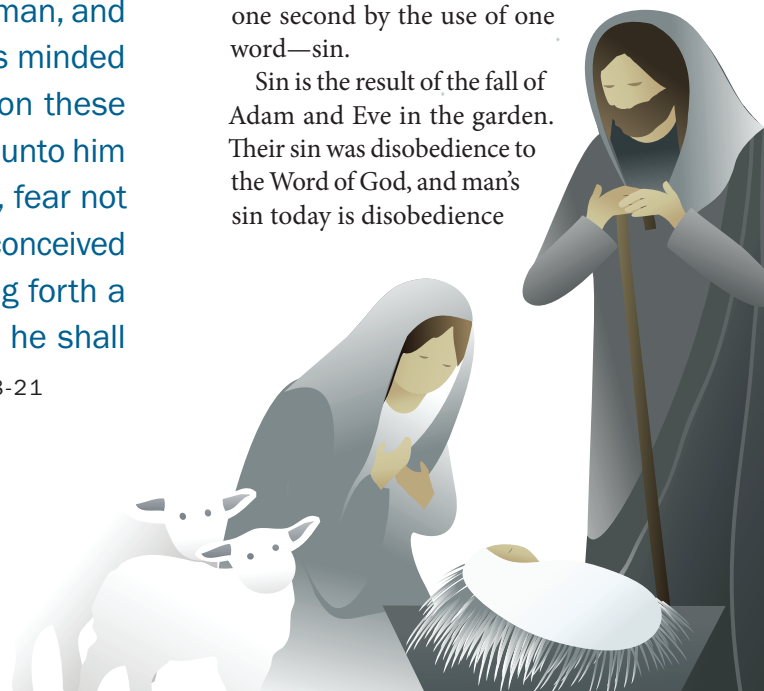
“NOW THE BIRTH of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” —MATTHEW 1:18-21

## **SIN**

The cause of all the heartache in the world is sin. The pain, the sickness, the suffering, the hunger, the war, and, ultimately, death is all because of sin. Our nation is divided today because of sin. Sin is so eroding the fabric of our nation that we have criminals who are more valued than victims of crime. We have the vile agenda of transgenderism that is even more sinister than that of the homosexual and lesbian agenda, and it's all because of sin. There are about fifty million Americans addicted to either gambling, alcohol, or drugs. Why? The reason is sin.

You could either spend hours discussing all that is causing harm to Americans or simply identify the problem in one second by the use of one word—sin.

Sin is the result of the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden. Their sin was disobedience to the Word of God, and man's sin today is disobedience





to the Word of God.

Acts of sin—and there are many—are really secondary to the great sin, which is refusal to accept Jesus Christ.

Since man could not redeem himself, God had to have a redemption plan, and that is the story of my text.

### SHE SHALL BRING FORTH A SON

In this statement, we find the beginning of God's plan. As man could not redeem man because man is a sinner, God would have to become flesh. Through the miracle of the incarnation, God became flesh and blood in order to be the ransom for man. Man's debt to God had to be paid; therefore, as it was a man that sinned, it would have to be a man that redeemed.

But no man was able because all men are born sinners, so God became flesh (John 1:14).

### JESUS

Then the text says, "Thou shalt call His name JESUS." His very name means "Savior." In the name Jesus, we find all the attributes of who He is. Jesus is not only our salvation, but He is also our healer, deliverer, baptizer, justifier, and sanctifier. He is our all in all. He is the "I AM." (John 8:58)

### HE SHALL SAVE

In the Greek, the word *save* is *sozo*, and it means "salvation from sin." This is my

His very  
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"Savior."

problem; this is your problem; this is the world's problem—sin. Notice the Scripture says, "He shall save," meaning that the church cannot save, religion cannot save, and works cannot save. Only Jesus can save.

Therefore, God stepped out of eternity and into time and became flesh—was very God and very man—to die on the cross that we might live and not die.

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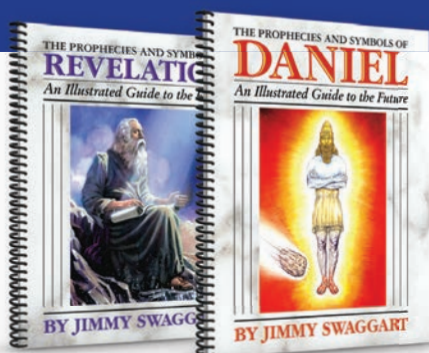
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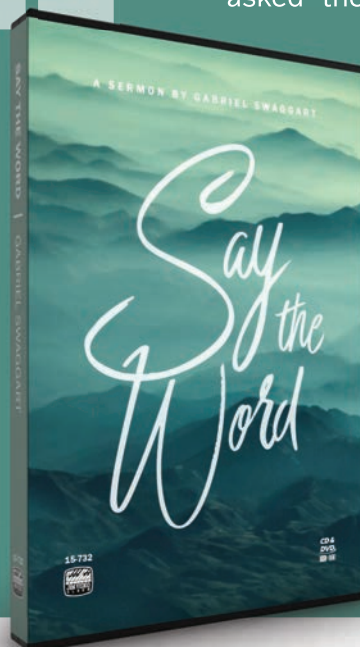
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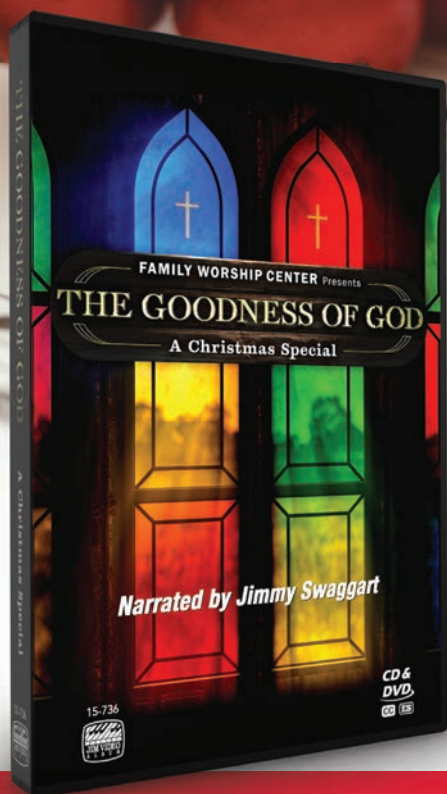
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ARTICLE BY **Gabriel Swaggart**

# Is Abortion Really Murder?

“But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” —MARK 10:14



**ON JANUARY 22, 1973**, a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court shook the very foundations of the United States of America. This ruling, a turning point, declared that a woman had the right to choose to have an abortion. Nearly fifty years later, and despite the overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in June 2022, this debate continues to pit families, cities, and entire states against each other. It has reshaped national politics and divided the United States into two groups—pro-life and pro-choice.

## **PRO-LIFE AND PRO-CHOICE**

The camp known as pro-life believes that life begins at conception, and the fetus is a living soul. The other side, known as pro-choice, believes that at the moment of conception, the fetus is not a person and, until the moment of birth or until it can live on its own, the fetus has no rights outside of its mother. They believe

the woman carrying the fetus has the right to decide whether or not the child will be born.

As Christians, we must not look to man to define when life begins; we must examine what the Bible says about this topic.

## **WE ARE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD**

First, the Word of God is not silent regarding this hotly debated subject. According to the Bible, human beings are made in the image of God. Genesis 1:27-28 declares, “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.”

If God created every person in His image, that should let us know that we are more than a random batch of cells thrown together with no rhyme or reason

attached. We reflect or display God, who called us into being with a specific design and purpose.

Furthermore, Psalm 139:13-16 tells us: “For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.”

In Jeremiah 1:5, the Lord told the prophet, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee ... and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations,” which tells us that even before that child was born, God knew who Jeremiah was and what he would grow up to be. God took the



“Life is sacred to God.”

time with every single one of us to form us in our mother’s womb, give us talents that could only come from Him, and show the world that something beautiful could come out of the fall—a human life.

### **CHILDREN ARE A BLESSING FROM THE LORD**

Second, all children are a blessing from God. Psalm 127:3 says, “*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*” We have the privilege of bringing life into the world, not taking life from the world.

I remember when all four of our daughters were born; it was the most exciting time of our lives. I remember the nurse putting each one of them in my arms, and I had the opportunity to hold them for the first time. As I looked down at each of them, the first thing that came over me was joy. Barring my salvation experience, never in my life had I experienced

such excitement, joy, or euphoria. In the moments following their births, I began to understand what unconditional love was, and Jill and I made a vow before God to raise them in the way that they should be raised, with Jesus being the center of our home.

### **LIFE IS SACRED**

Third, and most important, life is sacred to God. In the Old Testament, even before the law of Moses, we read in Genesis 9:6, “*Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.*”

In the Ten Commandments, God told Moses, “*Thou shalt not kill*” (Ex. 20:13). This means that if a person, adult, child, or fetus is killed, it is looked at by God as murder. Yes, every child that is aborted in this nation or around the world, God looks at it as murder.

Ecclesiastes 1:9 informs us that there is nothing new under the sun, which means, in this context, that as long as there have been pregnancies, there have also been abortions.

Exodus 21:22-25 tells us what would happen to an individual if an unborn child was either harmed or killed during an altercation. Abortion was a crime then, and throughout the early stages of America, abortion was wholly renounced and a crime under common law, which is recognized as the basis of law in most civilized nations.

### **MORALITY CANNOT CHANGE**

Murder is a moral law, and moral laws cannot change. No matter how many laws or decisions pass through Congress, the Senate, or even the Supreme Court, you cannot change morality. To answer the question at the beginning of this article, “Is abortion really murder?” There is only one answer: yes.

My position, as should be the position of every child of God in the world today, is that according to the Word of God, which is the heartbeat of this nation, abortion is murder, and the blood of millions of babies aborted in this nation will be on the hands of politicians, presidents, doctors, and parents.

I understand why this article might make you uncomfortable and cause you to become angry. Still, I must take this stand according to the Word of God, that every life is special, and every life begins at the moment of conception. The Bible is the final authority on matters of life and death, and I choose to stand on the side of the Bible. I choose life! ✎



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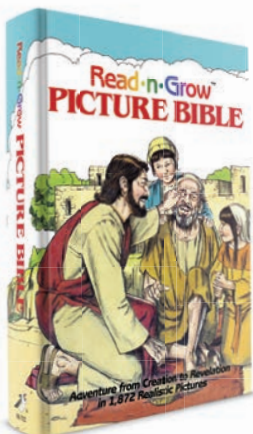
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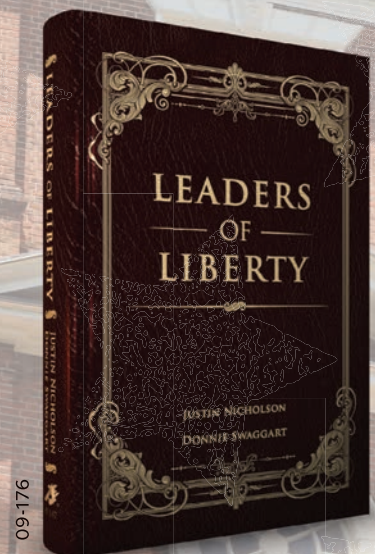
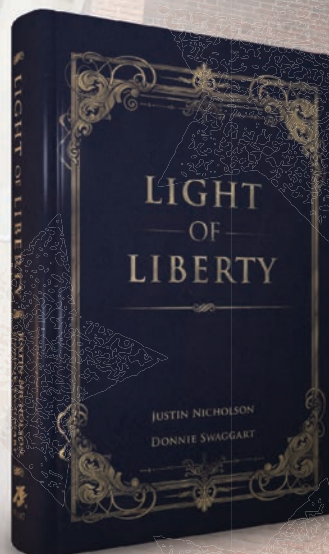
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SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK

**RADIO & TELEVISION PROGRAM LISTINGS**

Hour (CT)	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
12:00:00 AM			Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	
12:30:00 AM				
1:00:00 AM	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
1:30:00 AM				
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				
6:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word
7:00:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
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				
8:30:00 AM	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
9:00:00 AM		Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)
9:30:00 AM	A Study In The Word	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)
10:00:00 AM				
10:30:00 AM	Family Worship Center Sunday Live Service			
11:00:00 AM				
11:30:00 AM		FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music
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 Pastor Broadcast	
1:00:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast
1:30:00 PM	Generation of The Cross E/I			
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 (Repeat Of AM Service)			FWC Music
3:30:00 PM		Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics
4:00:00 PM				
4:30:00 PM	FWC Music			
5:00:00 PM				
5:30:00 PM	Crossfire Service E/I	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)	Insight (Re-Air)
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 Live Service			FWC Music
7:00:00 PM		Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	
7:30:00 PM				Family Worship Center Live Service
8:00:00 PM	FWC Music			
8:30:00 PM	The Story Behind The Song	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	FWC Music
9:00:00 PM				
9:30:00 PM	Family Worship Center Morning Service (Repeat Of AM Service)	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)
10:00:00 PM				
10:30:00 PM				
11:00:00 PM				Frances & Friends (Re-Air)
11:30:00 PM	FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	





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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	Hour (ET)
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast	1:00:00 AM
FWC Music			FWC Music
Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	2:00:00 AM
			FWC Music
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	3:00:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	3:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music		4:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Live)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	4:30:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music	FWC Music	5:00:00 AM
Insight (Live)	Insight (Live)	The Story Behind The Song	5:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Live)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	6:00:00 AM
FWC Music	FWC Music		6:30:00 AM
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	Generation of The Cross E/I	7:00:00 AM
Family Worship Center - Associate Pastor Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Broadcast		7:30:00 AM
FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	FWC Music	8:00:00 AM
Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Jimmy Swaggart Crusade Classics	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	8:30:00 AM
			Insight (Re-Air)
A Study In The Word	A Study In The Word	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	9:30:00 AM
Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	Frances & Friends (Re-Air)	10:00:00 AM
The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	The Message of the Cross (Re-Air)	Preachers, Patriots & Providence	10:30:00 AM
Crossfire Service E/I	Donnie Swaggart Broadcast	Family Worship Center Wednesday Night Service (repeat)	11:00:00 AM
FWC Music		FWC Music	11:30:00 AM
	FWC Music	Crossfire Service E/I	12:00:00 AM
			12:30:00 AM

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**UNITED STATES  
CABLE, SATELLITE,  
& DIGITAL  
LISTINGS  
NATIONWIDE**

<b>MEDIACOM</b>	
24/7	215
<b>DIRECTV® NETWORK</b>	
24/7	344
<b>DISH NETWORK</b>	
24/7	257
<b>VERIZON FIOS</b>	
24/7	797
<b>GLORystAR</b> Covers:	
<i>US/Canada/Mexico/ Central America</i>	
24/7	125
<b>GALAXY 19</b> Covers:	
<i>US/Canada/Mexico/ Central America</i>	
24/7	125
<b>ROKU AND APPLE TV</b>	
24/7	
<b>AT&amp;T U-VERSE</b>	
24/7	580
<b>SPECTRUM</b>	
24/7	Check Local Listings

**UNITED STATES  
CABLE AND  
OVER-THE-AIR  
(DTV) LISTINGS**

<b>A</b>	Channel
<b>ALABAMA</b>	
<i>Anniston</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Berry</i>	487
<i>Birmingham</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	24
<i>Fayette</i>	
OTA	15.4
<i>Florence</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Huntsville</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Mobile</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	48.2
<i>Montgomery, Selma</i>	
OTA	5 / 29.2
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 776

<b>ALASKA</b>	
<i>Anchorage</i>	
OTA	31
<b>ARIZONA</b>	
<i>Phoenix</i>	
OTA	22.3 / 50.3
<i>Safford, Show Low</i>	
Cable One	91
<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
<i>Ft. Smith, Fayetteville</i>	
<i>Springdale, Rogers</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Little Rock</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	14.2 / 49.3

**C** Channel

<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
<i>Bakersfield</i>	
Spectrum	499 / 1499 HD
OTA	34.6
<i>Beaumont</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Burlington</i>	
VolPTV	115
<i>Fresno</i>	
OTA	7.2 / 35.3
<i>Los Angeles</i>	
Cox	483
Spectrum	470
OTA	20.1
Verizon	297
<i>Palm Desert, San Diego</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Redding/Chico</i>	
OTA	41.2
<i>Sacramento</i>	
OTA	9.1 / 49.6
<i>Salinas</i>	
OTA	27.4
<i>San Rafael</i>	
Lucas Valley Cable	487
<i>San Francisco/San Jose</i>	
Comcast	103 / 1099
Wave Division	15
San Bruno Cable	23
Google Fiber	42
Charter Communications	23
OTA	38.3
DirecTV/DISH/AT&T Inc.	42
<i>Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara</i>	
OTA	40.2

<b>COLORADO</b>	
<i>Denver</i>	
Comcast	91
OTA	5.1 / 16.3
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	
<i>Hartford, New Haven, Manchester</i>	
Spectrum	129 / 854
Comcast	1096
OTA	43.2

**D** Channel

<b>DELAWARE</b>	
<i>Wilmington</i>	
Comcast	487
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	
<i>Washington DC</i>	
RCN	55
Cox	28
Comcast	Check local listings
OTA	49.5

**F** Channel

<b>FLORIDA</b>	
<i>Astor, Astatuloa, Lakes of Mt. Dora, Magnolia Point</i>	
Florida Cable Inc.	168
<i>Fort Myers-Naples</i>	
OTA	22.3
<i>Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach</i>	
OTA	48.2
<i>Gainesville</i>	
OTA	2
<i>Jacksonville</i>	
OTA	24
<i>Miami</i>	
OTA	16.2
<i>Orlando</i>	
Spectrum	231 / 1116 HD
OTA	55.4
<i>Tallahassee</i>	
OTA	4
<i>Tampa (Hillsborough, Manatee, St. Petersburg)</i>	
Spectrum	199 / 1116 HD
OTA	43.1
<i>West Palm Beach</i>	
OTA	57.3

**G** Channel

<b>GEORGIA</b>	
<i>Atlanta</i>	
Comcast	28
OTA	16.2
<i>Augusta</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Milledgeville</i>	
Bulldog	112
<i>Rome</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Savannah</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	34.5
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	157 / 782

**H** Channel

<b>HAWAII</b>	
<i>Statewide</i>	
Spectrum	406 / 1406 HD

**I** Channel

<b>IDAHO</b>	
<i>Boise</i>	
OTA	41.3
<i>Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls</i>	
Cable One	91
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
<i>Champaign</i>	
OTA	46
<i>Chicago</i>	
RCN	270
WOW (Wide Open West)	194
Comcast	115 / 365
OTA	35.2

<i>Hamilton County, Dahlgren</i>	
Hamilton County Communications Inc.	16
<i>Highland</i>	
Hamilton Communications Services	161
<i>Metamora</i>	
MTCO	201
<i>Peoria</i>	
Comcast	74
<i>Rockford</i>	
Comcast	103

<b>INDIANA</b>	
<i>Indianapolis</i>	
Spectrum	257 / 1257 HD
OTA	30.5
Comcast	90
<i>South Bend</i>	
Comcast	111
<i>Terre Haute</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
<b>IOWA</b>	
<i>Des Moines, Ames</i>	
OTA	14 / 19.2 / 36.2
<i>Sioux City</i>	
Cable One	91

**K** Channel

<b>KANSAS</b>	
<i>Dodge City</i>	
United Telecom	162
<i>Emporia</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Wichita, Hutchinson Plus</i>	
OTA	40.4
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	
<i>Bowling Green</i>	
OTA	39.4
<i>Independence</i>	
Cincinnati Bell	265
<i>London, Owensboro</i>	
Spectrum	TBA
<i>Louisville</i>	
OTA	21 / 25.6 / 50.1
<i>Paducah</i>	
OTA	27.2

# NOTE

AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2022 THERE ARE NEW COMCAST CHANNELS NOW AVAILABLE in Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana! PLEASE SEE STATE LISTINGS BELOW.

L	Channel
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	
<i>Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Lafayette</i>	
Cox Cable	273
<i>Baton Rouge</i>	
OTA	14.1, 47.4
<i>Houma</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Monroe</i>	
OTA	39.4
<i>Plaquemine</i>	
Clear Choice Cable	225
<i>Prairieville, Gonzales</i>	
Cox Cable	389
<i>Shreveport</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	14
<b>M</b>	Channel
<b>MAINE</b>	
<i>Augusta, Bangor, Portland, York, Saco</i>	
Spectrum	489
<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	
<i>Boston</i>	
OTA6	2.2
Comcast	1096
Spectrum	129 / 854
Beld Broadband	20 / 520
Shrewsbury	
Community	24 / 1231
<i>Worcester</i>	
Spectrum	129 / 854
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
<i>Detroit</i>	
Comcast	389
Spectrum	158
WOW (Wide Open West)	194
OTA	14.5 / 19.2 / 47.3
<i>Flint, Saginaw, Bay City</i>	
OTA	49.2
<i>Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek</i>	
OTA	54.2
<i>Oakland County, Livonia</i>	
Spectrum	179 / 379
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	
<i>Duluth, Superior</i>	
OTA	27.2
<i>Minneapolis</i>	
Comcast	191
<i>Minneapolis, St. Paul</i>	
OTA	25.2
<i>Rochester</i>	
Spectrum	150 / 705
<i>Thief River Falls</i>	
Sjoberg's Inc.	182
<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
<i>Biloxi, Columbus, Grenada</i>	
Cable One	91

<i>Greenville, Greenwood</i>	
OTA	15.3
<i>Hattiesburg</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Jackson</i>	
Comcast	1070
OTA	23.2
<i>Tupelo</i>	
Comcast	1070
<b>MISSOURI</b>	
<i>Cape Girardeau, Harrisburg</i>	
OTA	27.2
<i>Higginsville</i>	
Citizen's Cablevision	122
<i>Joplin, Pittsburg</i>	
OTA	49.3
<i>Kansas City</i>	
Spectrum	470
OTA	21.3
<i>Kirksville</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>St. Louis</i>	
Spectrum	109 / 775
OTA	7.2
<i>Springfield</i>	
KRFT-LD TV8	8.7
<i>Excelsior Springs</i>	
New Dawn Fiber	15
<b>N</b>	Channel
<b>NEBRASKA</b>	
<i>Auburn, Columbus, Fremont, Lincoln</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Norfolk</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Omaha</i>	
OTA	48.4
<b>NEVADA</b>	
<i>Las Vegas</i>	
OTA	30.3
<i>Reno</i>	
Spectrum	139 / 890
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>	
<i>Region-wide</i>	
Spectrum	470
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	
<i>Audubon, Burlington, Central Gloucester, Jersey City, Meadowlands, Monmouth, Ocean County, Plainfield, Pleasantville, Princeton, Somerset, Hillborough, Trenton, Union, Vineland</i>	
Comcast	190
<i>Long Beach Island</i>	
Comcast	22
<i>Northwest</i>	
Comcast	280
<i>Toms River</i>	
Comcast	19
<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	
<i>Albuquerque</i>	
Comcast	91

OTA	32.3
<i>Rio Rancho</i>	
Cable One	91
<b>NEW YORK</b>	
<i>Albany, Binghamton (Montros, Bath, Jamestown), Buffalo, Syracuse, New York</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Buffalo</i>	
OTA	26.2 / 56.6
Spectrum	470
<i>Cobleskill</i>	
OTA	41.4
<i>Carmel</i>	
Comcast	191
<i>New York</i>	
Cablevision	15
Spectrum	22 / 470
Comcast	19 / 27 / 15
Frontier	43
RCN	39 / 270
OTA	42.1 / 43.1
<i>Rochester</i>	
Spectrum	470
<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
<i>Asheboro, Denton, New London</i>	
Randolph Telephone	257
<i>Charlotte</i>	
Comporium	391
Spectrum	81 / 470
<i>Fayetteville</i>	
OTA	15.3
<i>Asheboro, Greensboro, Raleigh</i>	
Spectrum	470
<i>Raleigh-Durham</i>	
OTA	16.3
<i>Wilmington</i>	
OTA	43.2
<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	
<i>Enderlin</i>	
MLGC Enderlin	150
<b>O</b>	Channel
<b>OHIO</b>	
<i>Akron</i>	
OTA	27.3 / 41.3
<i>Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton</i>	
Spectrum	388 / 1388 HD
<i>Cincinnati</i>	
OTA	25.6
<i>Cleveland</i>	
WOW (Wide Open West)	193
OTA	27.3 / 41.3
Spectrum	388 / 1388 HD
<i>Columbus</i>	
Spectrum	388 / 1388 HD
WOW (Wide Open West)	193
<i>Toledo</i>	
Buckeye	109
<i>Wapakoneta</i>	
Telephone Service Company, Inc.	75

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	
<i>Altus</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Clarksdale, Batesville</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Duncan</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Oklahoma City</i>	
OTA	22.2
<i>Ponca City</i>	
Cable One	91
<i>Tulsa</i>	
OTA	48.2
<b>OREGON</b>	
<i>Medford</i>	
Spectrum	173 / 802
<i>Portland</i>	
Comcast	99 / 1099
<b>P</b>	Channel
<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
<i>Philadelphia</i>	
Comcast	193 / 1095
OTA	25.2 / 51.3
Blue Ridge Comm.	8 / 24
<b>PUERTO RICO</b>	
<i>Region-wide</i>	
Claro	24
Dish	7
Liberty Cable	41
Choice Cable	41
<i>San Juan</i>	
OTA	25.2 / 42.1
<b>R</b>	Channel
<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	
<i>Providence</i>	
Cox Cable	70
<b>S</b>	Channel
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
<i>Charleston</i>	
Comcast	1070
<i>Columbia, Statewide</i>	
Spectrum4	70
<i>Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Lancaster, York, Chester, Clover, Lake Wylie</i>	
Comporium Cable	391
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	
<i>Beresford</i>	
Beresford Cablevision	487
<i>Huron, Mitchell</i>	
OTA	12.3
<i>Sioux Falls</i>	
OTA	7.3
<b>T</b>	Channel
<b>TENNESSEE</b>	
<i>Chattanooga</i>	
Comcast	1070

<b>Dyersburg</b>	
Cable One.....	91
<b>Jackson</b>	
OTA.....	27.4
<b>Knoxville</b>	
Comcast.....	1070
<b>Memphis</b>	
Comcast.....	1070
OTA.....	26.5 / 44
<b>Nashville</b>	
Comcast.....	1070
OTA.....	31.3
<b>TEXAS</b>	
<b>Abilene</b>	
Harris Broadband.....	17
<b>Alma-Garret</b>	
Spectrum.....	12
<b>Amarillo</b>	
Cable One.....	91
OTA.....	22.3
<b>Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Waco, Killeen</b>	
Spectrum.....	470
<b>Austin</b>	
OTA.....	17.3
<b>Balch Springs</b>	
Suddenlink.....	20 / 107HD
<b>Bryan</b>	
OTA.....	34.6
<b>Carrollton</b>	
Spectrum.....	14
<b>Dallas</b>	
OTA.....	47.5
KODF.....	26.5
KHPK.....	28.1
KTXD.....	47.5
Spectrum.....	470
<b>Denton</b>	
Spectrum.....	6 / 749 HD
<b>Duncanville</b>	
Charter.....	13 / 749 HD
<b>Ennis</b>	
Spectrum.....	12 / 750 HD
<b>Greenville</b>	
Geus Cable.....	551
<b>Greenville (Commerce)</b>	
Spectrum.....	22 / 742 HD
<b>Houston</b>	
Comcast.....	76
OTA.....	10.2
<b>Lubbock</b>	
OTA.....	29.4
<b>Odessa</b>	
OTA.....	22.3
<b>Park Cities</b>	
Spectrum.....	3 / 749 HD
<b>Pilot Point</b>	
Suddenlink.....	97 / 197 HD
<b>Port Lavaca, Aransas Pass, Texarkana</b>	
Cable One.....	91
<b>Rockwall</b>	
Spectrum.....	14 / 749 HD

<b>Sherman</b>	
Suddenlink.....	95 / 714
<b>Temple</b>	
OTA.....	34.6
<b>Throckmorton, Lake Graham, Newcastle</b>	
TGN Cable.....	487
<b>Waco</b>	
OTA.....	34.6
<b>Waxahachie</b>	
Spectrum.....	12

**U** Channel

<b>UTAH</b>	
<b>Salt Lake City</b>	
Comcast.....	91
OTA.....	23.2

**W** Channel

<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
<b>Bellingham</b>	
OTA.....	24.2
<b>Goldendale</b>	
J&N Cable.....	487
<b>Seattle</b>	
Comcast.....	81
Frontier.....	24
OTA.....	24.2
<b>Tacoma</b>	
OTA.....	24.2
<b>WASHINGTON DC</b>	
<b>Washington DC</b>	
RCN.....	55
Cox.....	28
Comcast.....	Check local listings
OTA.....	49.5
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	
<b>Riverton</b>	
SKSRT.....	34
<b>Wheeling</b>	
Comcast.....	190
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
<b>Green Bay</b>	
Spectrum.....	388 / 1388
<b>Madison</b>	
OTA.....	8.3
<b>Milwaukee</b>	
Spectrum.....	388 / 1388 HD
AT&T.....	68 / 1068
OTA.....	68.8

**INTERNATIONAL CABLE, SATELLITE AND FREE-TO-AIR (FTA) LISTINGS ALL LISTINGS OPERATING 24/7**

**A** Channel

<b>ASIA &amp; INDIA</b>	
ABS 1	
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<b>AFRICA</b>	
<b>Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde Islands, Central African Republic Chad, Comoros, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial, Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali Mauritania, Mauritius, Mayotte, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Reunion, Rwanda, Sao Tome &amp; Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania &amp; Zanzibar, The Gambia, Togo, Uganda, Zambia</b>	
Multichoice Platform.....	345
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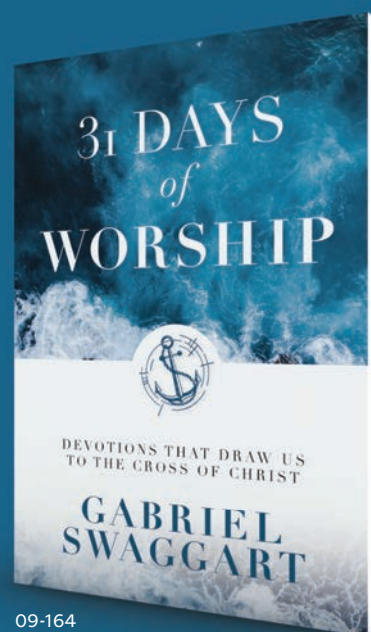
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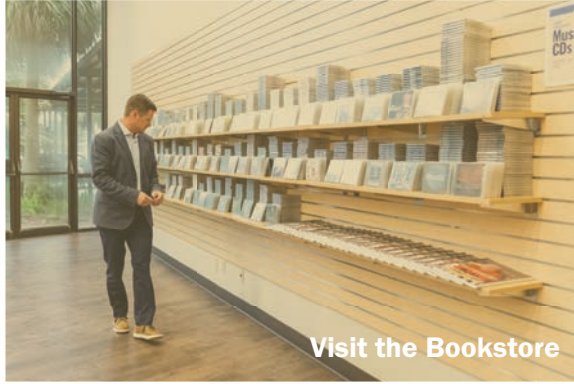
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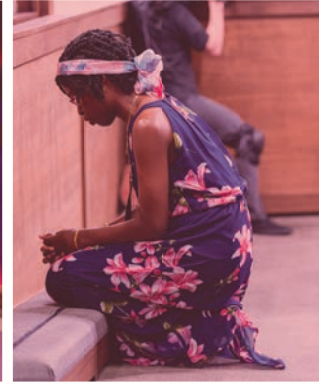




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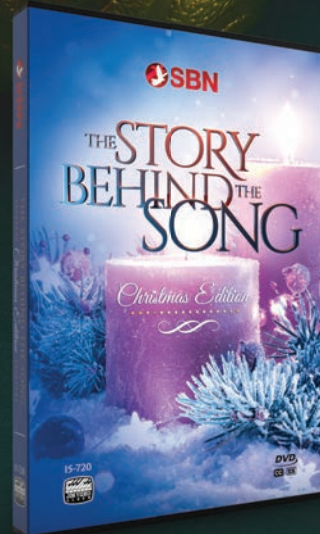
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**Dear Evangelist,** I have been trying to understand since I started watching SBN what the message of the cross meant. I understood pretty well but finally had my big revelation tonight watching *Frances & Friends* on my SBN Now app. Pastor Donnie said, “The only way to the Father is through the Son. And the only way to the Son is through the blood!” —**MICHIGAN**



**Dear Evangelist** Hello my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm writing to thank you all for such a great, great Bible! Easy to read and learn about! So much that I was thinking of about doctrine and theory is in the notes. Plus, so much that I've never thought of yet there! And so easy to comprehend! Wow! Hallelujah! Amen! When I can, I want to buy some more for my friends, so we can study here at my home; sort of a casual house church. Thank you so very much for being here to help us be better Christians, and grow in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah, Amen! Thank you all at JSM, SonLife. Lots of love. —**London, England**

**Dear Evangelist** Thank you Sister Swaggart and panel. What an awesome informative show. You just don't know how you all have changed my life. I have learned so much about my life and

salvation from your show than from my own church. I was a backslider. I came across your ministry when I got DISH, and I'm so glad I got DISH. SBN has changed my life and made me take a truthful look at my walk and talk to God and how I look at His Word. I once was Catholic, but I got saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Your music and the books have enlightened me so much. Thank you, Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart! Your Classic Crusades—I am lost for words. I wish I could go back in time and attend some; awesome! May the Lord continue to use SBN. —**Email**

**Dear Evangelist** Hey Pastor Gabe! I'm a truck driver, and on my driving shift a few days ago, I was listening to you on a podcast episode about doing the will of God and how laziness is a sin.



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That really spoke to me because it described me to a T. I knew God was speaking to me through your podcast, and I prayed and rededicated my life to God. Your grandpa led me to be saved in 2020. Ever since I’ve rededicated my life, I feel even more alive and grounded in Christ than I did when I first got saved. I’m clean inside, my mind is renewed, my heart is on fire for God, and I can feel the Holy Spirit move in me! It would be amazing to speak in tongues someday. I finally know what my grandma meant when she would say how happiness comes from within, because I feel the happiness that God cemented in me through what Jesus did on the cross. Thank you and your family so much for all you all do and for leading me to Christ! I’ll never be able to express my thanks to all of you and most of all to God for ministering to me through your ministry. I’m going

back to church and am going to start singing again more often. God bless you all, and I hope to one day be able to meet all of you in person. I’ve seen your dad in person twice. You and your dad are such great men of God, and all of your family are such great people in the Lord! Take care and God bless! —**Virginia**

**Dear Evangelist** I just received my CD, *Jimmy Lee and Jerry Lee: The Boys From Ferriday*, and I’m so happy! It is amazing. And our gladness is also because Jerry Lee came back to Jesus! My wife and I are media members of this blessed church. May God bless you all in this ministry. Thank you so much! —**São Paulo, Brazil**

**Dear Evangelist** Today I’ve stumbled on your program. Thank God! The topic today you are speaking on is answering many questions that I’ve had and been confused about for years. Listening to your conversation this morning, I believe is truth. When you hear the truth, you know it. I can’t change the channel—I want more! I’ll certainly continue to watch your program and continue to watch this channel. I stumbled on this channel, and I don’t think it was a mistake. Thank you for your program, it has been very fulfilling for my life. —**Email**

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**Dear Evangelist** Hello Pastor Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, I thank God for your life and great impact to the world! I’m always watching you live from Ghana, West Africa. Your messages have had a very tremendous impact on my life! Thank you and thank you and may grace abound more for your service in the ministry. Amen! —**Ghana**



ARTICLE BY **Dr. Don Paul Gray**

# My Most Memorable Christmas Ever

“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.”

—II CORINTHIANS 9:15

**WELL FRIENDS,** Christmas 2022 is on my mind. When our boys were small, we would always celebrate Christmas with my wife’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harper of La Marque, Texas. Donna’s parents would always spend lots of money on our three boys and their cousin Derek for Christmas. In preparation for our visit, MeMe, our boys’ grandmother, would cook many delicious pies, and her Christmas tree would have gifts around the tree piled up almost three feet high. Upon arriving at the Harper’s home, we would smell the turkey in the oven and the freshly baked apple, pecan, and coconut pies, and we would see the beautifully decked Christmas tree with many lights and Christmas decorations throughout the house. Our three sons—Brent, Ryan and Eric—enjoyed the Harper Christmas immensely; we all did.

But my most memorable Christmas of all was the Christmas of 1950. I was a second-grade student. In the summer of 1950, our family—the Gray family—had moved from our hometown of Bartlesville, Oklahoma to a large cotton farm near Penelope, Texas, located somewhere near Waco and Hillsboro. We were there

as sharecroppers to work the Hoosie farm. We hoed lots of cotton and pulled lots of cotton bolls that year. I will never forget December 24, 1950. At that time, nine of our fourteen siblings were still living at home—Jack, Pete, Bill, Mary, Ted, me, Charles, Sue, and Wesley.

On Christmas Eve, Mom told us that money was very scarce and that there would be no gifts on Christmas Day. I went to sleep that night very sad. After we had all gone to sleep, something awakened me. I heard voices and, out of curiosity, I crawled out of bed, cracked the bedroom door, and saw several strangers talking to Mom. They had a large cardboard box with them. I heard them say they were from a church there in Penelope and decided that they should bring some Christmas gifts for the Grays. That church was the First Baptist Church of Penelope. I quietly closed the door and, with sweet peace, went back to sleep knowing that we would have a good Christmas the next day.

Yes, the Christmas of 1950 was my most memorable Christmas ever. Our family was the recipient of a large box of Christmas gifts from strangers that we did not



know. The incredible love shown to the Gray family that night was overwhelming to me. The little First Baptist Church of Penelope truly manifested to us the true Christmas spirit.

But the greatest Christmas ever was when Christ was born in Bethlehem!

The beloved apostle John wrote in His gospel, “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [that means everybody and anybody] believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*” (John 3:16).

Christianity always begins with love—God’s love. Think about that for a moment. The great God Jehovah, Creator of the universe, while seated on His throne in heaven, saw a broken, sick, hurting, and sinful world comprised of millions of people who desperately needed healing, forgiveness, deliverance, and purpose in life. This plan of redemption was conceived by our heavenly Father a long time before the

original Christmas story occurred.

The apostle Peter writes *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot; Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”* (I Peter 1:18-20).

And the apostle Paul writes *“According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world”* (Eph. 1:4).

In Revelation, John writes *“the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”* (Rev 13:8).

Before Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden; before Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and even King David, God had a plan of redemption, forgiveness, and deliverance for each of us, and this plan is the real Christmas story.

The greatest Christmas story is not my story or your Christmas story, but the story prompted by the Holy Spirit found in Matthew 2:1-12, Luke 2:1-21, and John 1:9-14. The only begotten Son of God—the second person of the Trinity—was sent by the Father God to this blue planet called Earth to be the babe of Bethlehem.

Matthew writes, *“The angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt*

*call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins”* (Matt. 1:20-21).

In Romans, Paul writes *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8).

The greatest Christmas gift ever is the incarnation of Christ, which made possible the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which then provides for us many spiritual gifts:

1. In Acts 2:38, Peter says that if we will believe and repent for our sins, *“ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”*

2. Romans 5:15 speaks of the *“gift of grace.”*

3. Romans 5:17 tells us about the *“gift of righteousness.”*

4. Romans 6:23 says, *“the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

5. I Corinthians 12:4 says, *“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.”*

6. Ephesians 2:8 reads, *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”*

7. In I Timothy 4:14, Paul reminds Timothy, *“Neglect not the gift that is in thee.”*

8. James 1:17 reads, *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.”*

9. Romans 11:29 says, *“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”*

10. Luke 11:13 says, *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that*

*ask him?”*

In II Corinthians 9:15, Paul speaks of Christ as the *“unspeakable gift.”* The ancient Greek word for *unspeakable* is *anekdiegetos* and means *“indescribable.”* How can one truly describe and explain all of the great characteristics and attributes of Christ and also explain what He provides for those who will receive Him as Savior and Lord?

Dear friend, it is so important that we understand the doctrine of the incarnation and the doctrine of the cross. Because Christ was willing to drink the bitter cup; to accept the beating by Roman soldiers, to carry His cross via dolorosa, and to lay Himself willingly down to be nailed to the old rugged tree, and then to be crowned with a crown of thorns, and finally to receive the spear in His side—all of this suffering to pay the price for the sins of the world. And this great sacrifice pays the price for my sins and your sins. By understanding and greatly appreciating the significance of the cross and what it provides for each believer, we can be truly saved, sanctified, anointed, and be able to live and walk this Christian walk in victory, peace, and assurance of God’s love and continued grace.

Paul wrote, *“Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift,”* which is the best Christmas gift ever! Will you take time this Christmas season to thank Him and share Him with others? 🦋

**“But the greatest Christmas ever was when Christ was born in Bethlehem!”**



ARTICLE BY **Loren Larson**

# Power Is For Servants

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.” —ROMANS 1:1

## THE DEFINITION OF A SERVANT

The apostle Paul defines himself as a servant. In Paul’s writings, it seems that this description is one of his favorite expressions of who he is and what his life is all about.

The term *servant* indicates that Paul has chosen to be a bonds slave of the Lord Jesus. A bonds slave is a person whose will is swallowed up in the will of his master. The two

key motives that drive the servant are an incredibly strong love for his master and a definitive love for others.

It’s not easy to submit your life to someone else. But this is the key characteristic of a true servant—one who does not live for himself, self-gratification, self-aggrandizement, or self-promotion. A true servant knows the mind of his master and strives to accomplish the purpose that his master has set before him. He must lay aside selfish goals and seek desperately for the will and the purpose of the one he serves. There is no one within the body of Christ who cannot attain to the status of a servant. The real question is, who will dedicate and submit himself or herself to being servant?

## THE CHARACTER TRANSFORMATION OF THE SERVANT

One of the great joys and benefits of salvation is the character transformation of the individual Christian. Every Christian has the potential to be transformed into the image of Christ. There is, no doubt, as Romans 8:29 declares, that God desires for all of His children to be conformed to the image of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When this is identified as the believer’s premier goal, it should also be obvious that we as human beings need help in being transformed to the precious image of Jesus.

Without the help of the Holy Spirit, this transformation is impossible—not probable but impossible. Therefore, the true servant understands his need for God’s power for transformation. The believer must come to recognize that that power is released as a result of his faith. Faith must remain forever and always in Jesus and what He has done for us. We must recognize that the work of Christ on the cross allowed the Holy Spirit not only to indwell every believer (beginning at the moment of salvation) but also this same Spirit has the power to transform him into what God desires for him to become. Wrong thoughts can be cast down. Wrong actions can be eliminated. Wrong attitudes can be identified and cast aside. But only as this believer, this servant, keeps his faith in who Christ is and what Christ has done.

James 4:6 says that God gives grace to the humble but that He resists the proud. The character of the servant recognizes his need for his master’s power, not just



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**THE REAL QUESTION IS**, who will dedicate and submit himself or herself to being servant?

in an event or a moment in time but every minute of every day. Only as we trust and depend upon what God has provided for us in the redemption process may we be changed.

Let me be clear: Religious activities, even biblical activities, cannot provide one with transformation. All the disciplines in the world coupled with consecration from the heart cannot, in themselves, bring about the change that is needed. Power to change comes to a servant who knows where to place his faith and who is dependent upon the supernatural equipping of God. Power to change is for servants.

### THE POWER FOR SERVICE AND THE SERVANT

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is a supernatural event subsequent to salvation. While some in the body of Christ deny that there is a second subsequent work available to the believer, the evidence in the book of Acts tells a different story. The doctrine of subsequence speaks of the truth of a second work. Subsequence can be proven through the simple observation of time.

In Acts 8, there seems to be no feasible doubt that the Samaritans were saved and then later received a special infilling of the Spirit. It is impossible for someone to be born again without receiving the Holy Spirit, relative to the salvation experience and all that it entails. The time frame that existed between the initial salvation experience of the Samaritans and the infilling power of the Spirit is undeniable.

A second example cited today would be Acts 19. No matter how you interpret Acts 19:1-7, it is obvious that a period of time separates the initial salvation experience



**“It’s not easy to submit your life to someone else.”**

of the Ephesian disciples that Paul met from the infilling of the Spirit that they experienced after they were water baptized.

The baptism with the Holy Spirit is an experience that initiates supernatural power for service in the life of the servant. It does not make one a “super Christian.” No single experience guarantees that any believer will constantly be led by the Spirit, helped by the Spirit, anointed by the Spirit, etc. The baptism with the Holy Spirit does not guarantee power in a never-ending measure. It lays the foundation for the availability of power for service to

those who are servants.

For too long, this wonderful experience has been either misunderstood as the power to change character or it has been utilized to categorize one Christian as “better” than another. Power for service is to be power for servants who love God and love people and care more about others than they do themselves. God’s power for change and God’s power for service is available to all Christians. But the most outstanding use of power for transformation and power for service is the supernatural ability afforded by God to the believer who desires to be a servant and used for God’s service.

Power is for servants! 🦿



ARTICLE BY **John Rosenstern**

# The Unique, Authentic, and Inspired Word of God, *Part III*— **Bible Doctrine**

**BIBLICAL DOCTRINE** is not in any way endangered by the textual variations. Sir Fredrick Kenyon, a leading authority in the field of New Testament criticism said, “No fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith rests on a disputed reading.” Kenyon also states, “It cannot be too strongly asserted that in substance the text of the Bible is certain: Especially is the case of the N.T., the number of manuscripts of the N.T., of early translations from it, and of quotations from it in the oldest writers of the church, is so large that it is practically certain that the true reading of every doubtful passage is preserved in some one or other of these ancient authorities. This can be said of no other book in the world.”

The manuscripts are supported by various versions and early church fathers. It was lawyer, judge, and historian, Sir David Dalrymple who questioned, “Suppose that the New Testament had been destroyed, and every copy lost by the end of the third century, could it have been collected together again from the writings of the father’s in the second centuries?”

After great investigation Dalrymple concluded, “That question aroused my

curiosity, and as I possessed all the existing words of the second and third centuries, I commenced my search, and up to this time I have found the entire N.T., except eleven verses.”

In the book of Hebrews, we read, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds*” (Heb. 1:1-2).

Rest assured, the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, inspired, and authentic Word of God. It is totally reliable.

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

## **EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS**

The uniqueness of the Bible is expressed through its eyewitness accounts, as in the following verse: “*This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true*” (John 21:24).

John 21:24 is an example to us that God

gave the gospel writers firsthand exposure to the events of Jesus’ ministry and understanding of those events which uniquely qualified them for their writing task.

Paul wrote to the churches on practical matters:

- “*I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you*” (I Cor. 4:14).

- “*I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators*” (I Cor. 5:9).

Paul knew he was expressing what the Holy Spirit directed him to write: “*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord*” (I Cor. 14:37).

God used Paul to declare his revealed wisdom: “*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual*” (I Cor. 2:13).

What Paul wrote was to be received as divine instruction. Peter said of Paul, “*And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto*



him hath written unto you” (II Pet. 3:15).

In John’s epistle letters, he explained that he did not write to the churches to reveal any new instructions from God: “Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth” (I John 2:7-8).

He did not write because his readers were ignorant of truth that Christ had already revealed: “I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth” (I John 2:21).

He wrote to believers who clearly knew truth and encouraged them to obey. It’s clear that the New Testament writers worked in perfect harmony with truth that had already been revealed of Christ and by Christ.

## NEW TESTAMENT MANUSCRIPTS

In brief, how we received the New

Testament gives us wonderful assurance of God’s Word and truth He expressed to us. We have many fragments of the New Testament text that were written in the second century (AD). Some fragments are on ostraka, which are scraps of pottery, and talismans—pendants, bracelets and other objects that early Christians wore to ward off evil spirits). These potter fragments contain only short quotations and give us little information about the original text.

In the third and fourth century after Christ, we find the New Testament written on papyrus (paper made from papyrus reeds). The earliest papyrus is stored at John Rylands Research Institute and Library in Manchester, England. Although the fragment is only 2.5 inches by 3.25 inches, it contains a portion of John 18:32-33, 37-38 and dates back to AD 125.

Seventy-six leaves of papyri, known as the Chester Beatty Biblical Papyri, are located in the Chester Beatty in Dublin and at the University of Michigan. Each of the leaves is 6.5 inches by 11 inches and contains approximately 25 lines of writing. It contains most of the apostle Paul’s

writings. Experts estimate it to be written around AD 200.

The Bodmer Papyri is another important manuscript written around AD 200 and contains chapters one through fourteen of the Gospel of John and fragments of the last seven chapters. It is located in Cologny, Switzerland, in the Bodmer Library.

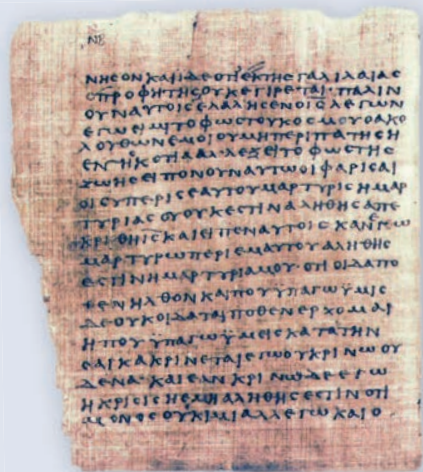
When the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered at the Qumran Caves, papyrus fragments from Cave 7 contained fragments of Mark’s Gospel, according to professor José O’Callaghan of Barcelona.

In the third and fourth centuries, New Testament copies were all written in capital letters and run together. These manuscripts were written on vellum (parchment) uncials. The scribes used uncial style of writing up until the ninth century then began to use small, cursive Greek script. There are 2,700 manuscripts written in this style also called minuscule.

According to its website, the Codex Sinaiticus discovered in 1859 by Constantin von Tischendorf at the foot of traditional Mount Sinai, is “a manuscript of the Christian Bible written in the middle of the fourth century, contains the earliest complete copy of the Christian New Testament.”

King James I of England received a gift from the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople in 1624 of the entire Bible written in Greek, along with the apocryphal books, I and II Clement, and the Psalms of Solomon. The Codex Alexandrinus is an uncial manuscript that dates to around AD 400. ✚

This four-part series finishes in the January 2023 issue of *The Evangelist*.



## An example of the Bodmer Papyri, another important manuscript written around AD 200.

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ARTICLE BY **Mike Muzzerall**

**IT STARTED OUT** as an ordinary night. The shepherds sat on a hilltop watching their flocks as the sun began to set. A fire was lit in anticipation of the cool night air. It was going to be a long night. They needed to be ever vigilant for the safety of their flock. All was calm. All was peaceful. No one knew the silent night would become a holy night. *No one knew a Savior was born.*

# A Savior Is Born

## **A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE**

Isaiah, the Messianic prophet, spoke more than any other prophet about the coming of the Messiah, the ministry of the Messiah, the death and resurrection of the Messiah, and of the millennial reign of the Messiah. He revealed how the Messiah would begin his mission some seven hundred years before the incarnation of Christ: *“The Lord himself shall give you a*

*sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa. 7:14).*

## **IT HAD TO BE**

Jesus had to be born of a woman in order to replace us on the cross. Identification and substitution is a foundational truth in reference to atonement. The one bringing the animal to be sacrificed had to lay his hands with force on the head of the animal to be sacrificed showing identification and substitution. The lamb then could atone for his sins. Jesus had to be one of us to pay sin’s debt for us.

## **BORN WITHOUT SIN**

Jesus could not be have been born through the natural process or He would have been born with Adam’s sin. This would have disqualified Him as the Lamb of God. Mary spoke of her purity when told that she would conceive: *“How shall*

*this be, seeing I know not a man?’ And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:34-35).*

**THE GREATEST BIRTH KNOWN TO MAN**

The shepherds had never seen a night like that night for there was never a child born like the Child born that night: “*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring*

*you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:9-14).* What a night!

**A CRIB AND A CROSS**

What made the crib important was the cross. What made the birth important

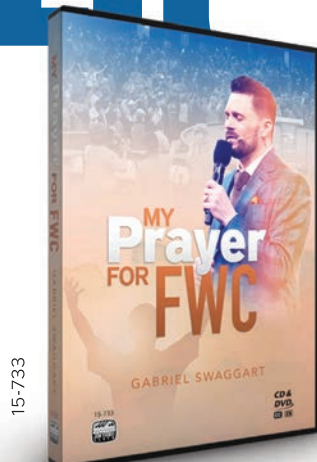
**“The shepherds had never seen a night like that night...”**

was the death. What makes this story important is the story of salvation. Had Jesus not lived a perfect life, walked in obedience to the will of the Father, allowed sinful men to nail Him to a cross, and willingly laid down His life only to be raised three days later, there would be no celebration of His birth. We celebrate the birth of Christ because we celebrate the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Yes, it was a silent night, a holy night, for a Savior was born! ✎

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ARTICLE BY **Dave Smith**

# Abide, Walk, and Continue in Christ

One of the things that Jesus accomplished when He died at Calvary was to pay the full penalty for all sins—past, present, and future.

**SO, ALL A** person has to do to be forgiven is to admit that he is a sinner and, by faith, receive Jesus Christ as his Savior because of who He is—the Son of God—and what He did on the cross (Rom. 10:13, Titus 3:5-6, I John 1:9).

He must do this instead of trying to hide, cover up, or blame someone else like Adam and Eve tried to do (Gen. 3:7-13). When a person admits that he is a sinner and asks God for forgiveness, he is no longer guilty before God.

When Jesus said, “*It is finished*” (John 19:30), the justice of God was satisfied, and the debt for sin was paid in full.

That’s why Paul, who had Christians beaten, imprisoned, and killed could say, “*Forgetting those things which are behind*” (Phil. 3:13).

It’s why Jesus could tell Peter, who had betrayed Him, “*Feed my sheep*” (John 21:16-17).

And, after sinning with Bathsheba and having her husband killed, this was the only way David could rightly say, “*Purge me with hyssop*” (Ps. 51:7).

Another thing that Jesus accomplished when He died on the cross was that He broke the power of sin. By doing so, He provided victory over sin for every believer.

This means the sin nature was made dormant and inactive in the believer’s life. But this result is not permanent and will not be permanent until the resurrection (I Cor. 15:52-54). It’s only true as long as the believer keeps his faith in who Christ is and what He did on the cross. If he moves his faith to anything else, then the sin nature is reactivated.

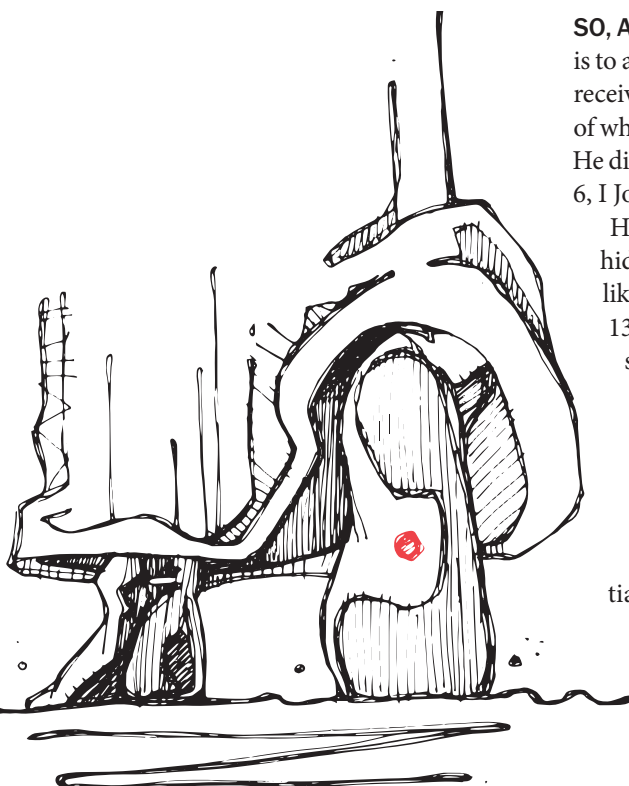
There are three terms used in the Bible that describe what Christians must do to maintain the victory over sin that Jesus won on the cross: abide, walk, and continue.

Abide means “to remain, or dwell in.” Psalm 91:1 says, “*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*” According to Bible scholar Finis Jennings Dake, this means “to sit down, to dwell; to remain; to settle in the sense of taking up a homestead or staking out a claim and resisting all claim-jumpers; to possess a place and live therein.”<sup>1</sup>

In John 15:4-8, believers are told by Christ, “*Abide in me*” in order to bear fruit, or, if they abide not, be thrown away and burned. Here, the word *abide* means “to remain, continue, and dwell.”

Another way a Christian’s life should be lived is presented in the word *walk*. It means how a believer chooses to rule or order his life. Believers are told to:

- walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4)
- walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1, 4)
- walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16, 25)
- walk in love (Eph. 5:2)



- walk by faith and not sight (II Cor. 5:7)
- walk as children of light (Eph. 5:8)
- walk in the light (I John 1:7)
- walk circumspectly (Eph. 5:15)

The final word, *continue*, means “to remain, persevere, endure, stay, and be steadfast and faithful.” In the positive sense, it refers to:

- prayer (Col 4:2; Acts 2:46)
- well doing (Rom. 2:7)
- the Word of God (Romans 2:7)
- Christ’s love (John 15:9; I Tim. 2:15)
- the grace of God (Acts 13:43)
- sound doctrine (I Tim. 4:16; II Tim. 2:15)
- the Son and the Father (I John 2:24)
- charity and holiness with sobriety (I Tim. 2:15)

- witnesses (Acts 26:22).

This is the same as continuing in the faith (Acts 14:22; Col. 1:23), continuing to follow the Lord (I Sam. 12:14), and continuing in the Son and the Father (I John 2:24).

So, by the same faith that a person gets saved is the same faith by which he abides, walks, and continues in Christ (Col. 2:6). According to I John 2:24-25, if a believer abides in the true gospel by faith in the cross (Acts 14:16), he will abide, walk, and continue in the Son and Father and have eternal life. ✎

SOURCE:  
Finis Jennings Dake, Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible (Lawrenceville, Georgia: Dake Bible Sales, 1963), 591.

“Another thing that Jesus accomplished when He died on the cross was that **HE BROKE THE POWER OF SIN.**”

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The first thing I want to do is to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



**LOOKING BACK** on 2022, I must thank you for helping to make this past year the best we've ever seen. And I think it's just getting started. I'm believing God for the greatest move of God that the world has ever seen, and I believe the Lord will give it to us.

The greatest work in the world—the most rewarding work and that which is absolutely unsurpassed—is what little bit we can do for the Lord Jesus Christ.

**CALL OF GOD**

And here is what I want you to realize, and what I believe the Lord has told me to say to you: You are called.

As I am called, and all of the brethren with me, plus their wives and even their children, we are called for the greatest work on the face of the earth—telling others about Jesus. But I want you to understand that the place and position that you occupy is also a call of God. Never treat it less than that. Always understand in your mind and in your spirit that you have a call from God.

And this call is extremely important. In fact, it is the single most important work on the face of the earth. You should thank God every day of your life that He has given you this privilege. And I want you to think of it that way—a privilege that is unexcelled; a privilege that not many in history have ever had. But you have it and, for His own ways, He has seen fit to



include you in the greatest work on the face of the earth, and I'm talking about winning souls for Christ.

God has put you in a special place—a place that the prophets of old and apostles would have given anything just to be in your shoes. To be able to reach out to the entirety of the world, is a privilege unexcelled, unparalleled. I want you to understand that and to believe that, because it is true, and I want you to thank God that He has given you this honor and this privilege.

I thank Him every day of my life for the opportunity that He's given me, and I pray that I will be able to stand before Him one day and hear Him say, "Well done thou good and faithful servant." I want Him to say the same thing about you, and I believe that He will.

#### **SALVATION**

We're seeing more people saved than ever before; however, I think it's a proverbial drop in the bucket compared to what it's going to be in the very near future. I am asking God for the greatest harvest of souls that the church, or anyone, has ever seen in history. And I believe the Lord is going to give it to us.

About twenty-five years ago, He told me, "I am going to start a move at Family Worship Center that's going to girdle the globe." I am quoting the words exactly that the Lord gave to me that morning in prayer.

The Lord has related many other things in relationship to this, which I will not divulge at the moment. But I know that what He said is going to come to pass exactly as He has said it: "I am going to start a move at Family Worship Center that's going to girdle the globe." Once again, you are a part of that.

Collectively, we pray for you each and every day, and I'm asking, please, that you include us in your prayer time.

Once again let me say to you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I pray that the Lord will give this ministry the best year its ever had in the up and coming twelve months, and I pray that God will

bless you—yes you—as never before. And I pray that He will give you the desires of your heart, whatever those might be.

We love you and thank you so much for your help to reach another soul for Christ. Nothing is more important than that.

As well, we pray that this will be the greatest Christmas for you yet. And, if you know the Lord, and I'm certain that most of you do—and hopefully all of you do—then you have the greatest Christmas gift of all.

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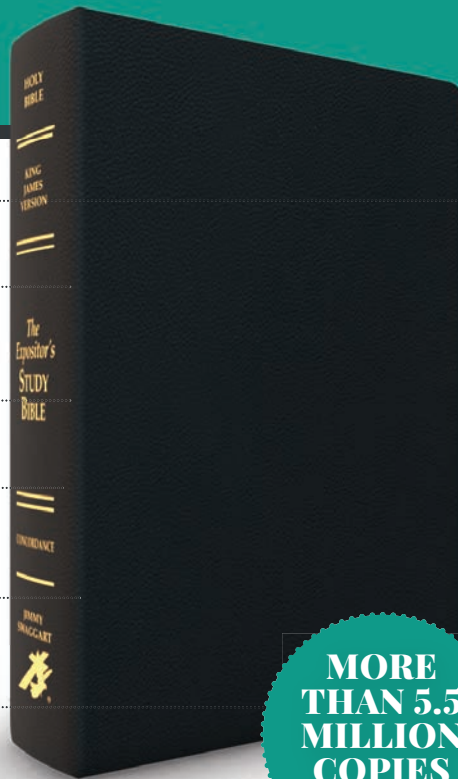
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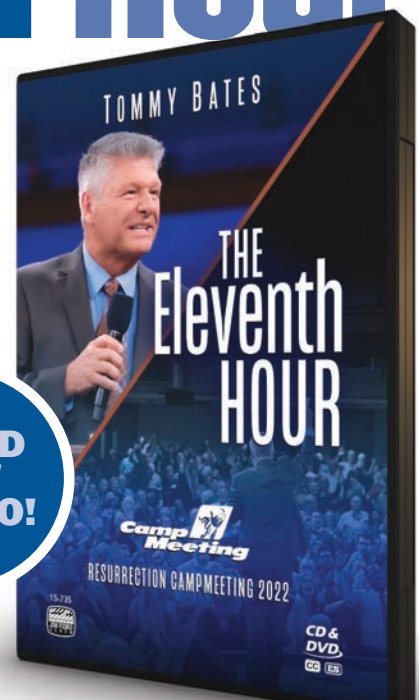
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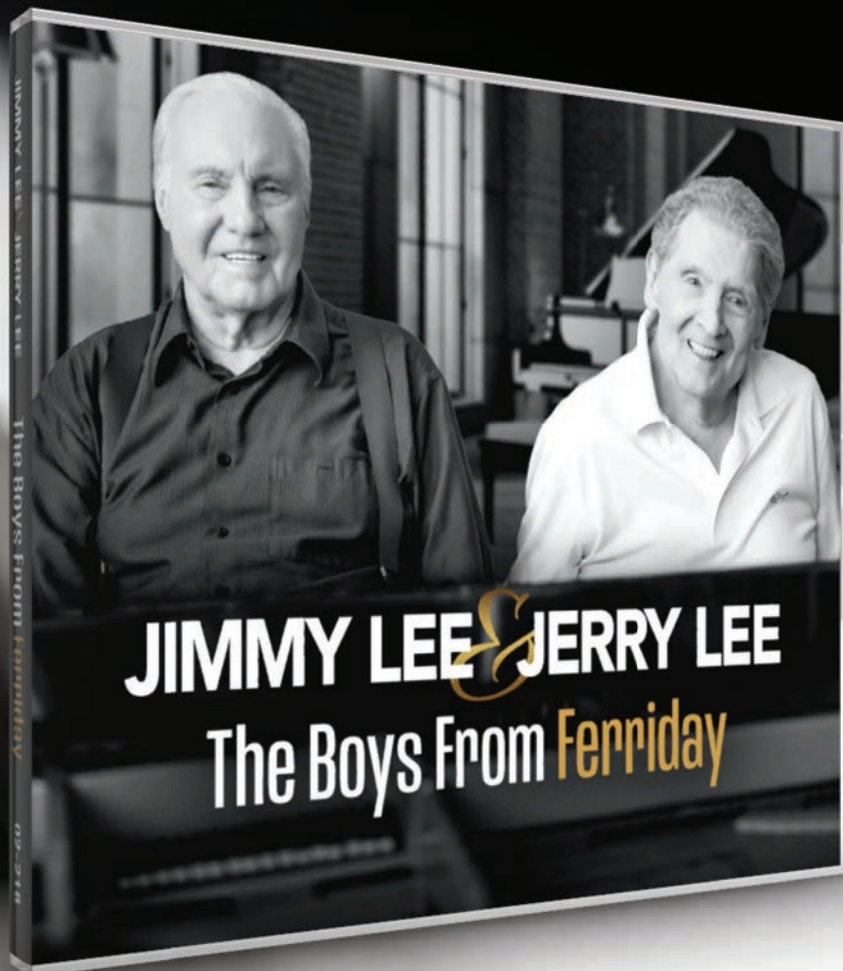
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