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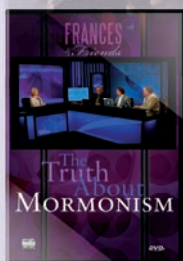
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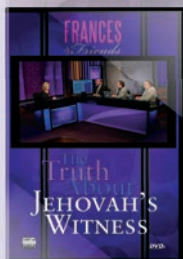
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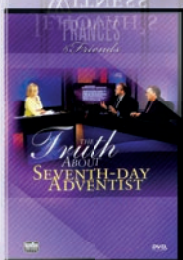
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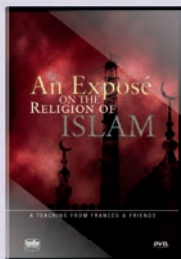
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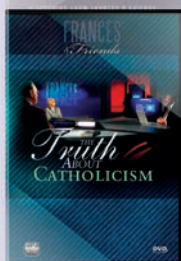
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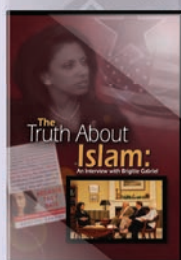
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# the giant will fall



*“Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.” — I SAMUEL 17:45*

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## By Jimmy Swaggart

PAUL USES the terms *in Him, in whom*, and *in Christ* a hundred and seventy times in his fourteen epistles, and they always point to what Christ did at Calvary's cross. Whenever you place your faith there and leave it there, the Holy Spirit will go to work for you to give you victory in your heart and in your life. And it's the only way that victory can be obtained; it cannot be obtained any other way.

When Cain was born, Eve said, "*I have gotten a man from the LORD*" (Gen. 4:1). Evidently, she didn't realize that it was impossible for fallen man to bring forth the promised redeemer, or that God could not use anything that man makes. He can't do

it. He can only use what He fathers, what He develops. That's why you can come up with any scheme that you want, and the church has a bagful of them—do this, do that, do the other. The big thing now is fasting, if you'll fast twenty-one days, and fasting is scriptural, it will bless you and help you, but it won't give you victory over sin. It's like trying to use a hammer for a handsaw; it won't work.

### The Lion And The Bear

*"And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren"* (I Sam. 17:17).

Why wasn't David also in the army? He wasn't old enough. In those days, the

fighting men of Israel were between the ages of twenty and fifty years old. David was probably about sixteen or seventeen. It's amazing how God can use what no one else pays any attention to. Most saw David as just a shepherd boy. But David had more going for him than his own family realized. It seems as though even Jesse didn't know that in David's room was a throw rug made from the hide of a bear. Glory to God! Or that David had another big rug on his wall made from the hide of a lion. Hallelujah!

Before coming to face the giant, the Scripture says that David, while tending his father's sheep, killed a lion and a bear that had come to take a lamb from the flock. There is a great spiritual lesson here. Before the outward foe can be defeated, and I speak of the Philistine, the inward foe—the lion and the bear—must be defeated. If we are still struggling with the inward, we will never defeat the outward. We must never forget this. The inward foe could probably be summed up in one word: self. We like to think of it as other things, but if we trace it to the source, it will conclude, I think, in self. The question may well be asked, how can the lion and the bear be figured as self? If self is in its rightful place, that is, in Christ, then the lion and the bear will not be difficult at all. It is what we do with self that decides the issue.

Spiritually speaking, have you killed a bear? Have you killed a lion? To get ready for the giants, you've first got to kill the bear and kill the lion. If you're thinking, "I don't know if I'm ready for that, Brother Swaggart." Well, you better get ready for it.

So David goes to the front, to his brothers, but they don't have time for him.

"What are you doing here?" they ask



# 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..."* (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 SAVIOUR

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 Saviour. *"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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**DEAR JIMMY: TODAY I ACCEPTED JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOUR.**

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him. "Why are you here?" Listen, many times, the greatest hindrance to your living for God will be your own friends and relatives. They'll give you fits.

The brothers asked David, "What are you doing here, anyway?"

He said, "Well, I've come to bring you some food. Our father sent it to you." "No," they said. "You came here to see what we're doing and how this giant is mocking us. That's why you're here."

David said, "Well, I didn't come for that reason, but I am here, and I think I can do something about it." Glory to God. David said, "I think I can do something about it."

We don't have to take it. You can do something about it. I said you can do something about it. I'm encouraging you—you have the privilege of changing things. Just the other day a lady said to us, "I pray that you all get it right, because if the United States of America hurts, then we in (whatever country she lived in)—we hurt too. It may make some folk angry for me to say this, but I'm going to say it anyway: the whole world, in a sense, looks to the United States. I've traveled all over the world, so I know what I'm talking about—they look to America, and I'll tell you why: because of the gospel of Jesus Christ that is in the hearts and the lives of the people all over this nation.

## Wrong Armor

One of David's brothers said, "Well, just what are you going to do?"

David said, "I'm going to go out there and talk to that giant. He's been coming out every day now for weeks asking if anybody will come up and fight him, and whoever wins will be the victor for the whole nation."

"You're going to do what?" they said.

"Well, he's asking for somebody to come fight him," David said, "and I'm as good as any."

His brothers said, "Well, first we might better take you to Saul."

Saul was head and shoulders taller than any other man in Israel, but he didn't go out there and fight Goliath. Even so, Saul told David, "Use my armor."

David gets a little of that armor on and says, "I can't use this stuff." David was not going to fight this giant in the normal manner. The problem we have presently with the modern church, is that it is loaded down with Saul's armor—the ways of the world. In fact, most if not all modern church growth programs are borrowed from the world, which means that the Holy Spirit has nothing to do with them.

## Five Stones

David said, "I'm going out there just like this, with my sling," and he picked up five smooth stones. Why five? Regarding the number, we really have no answer to that, because the Scripture is silent. However, believing everything that David did at this juncture was appointed by the Holy Spirit, it's quite possible that the Lord wanted him to choose five stones because the number five is the number of grace. In fact, Jesus has five names: *"Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace"* (Isa. 9:6).

## Physical Vs. Spiritual

Goliath stood possibly over nine feet tall, which automatically guaranteed him victory in the physical sense. In the spiritual sense, you are facing powers of

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**“It only took the Lord one stone—that’s all it took. David put it in that sling and began to whirl it. But you’ve got to remember, that was a Holy Ghost stone.”**

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darkness, demon powers designed to destroy you, which, in the natural, you cannot hope to defeat. And yet, the modern church seems to little understand this. That’s the reason the world of psychology is a joke. It has no answer for the child of God, or anyone else for that matter. Money cannot solve your problem. Science cannot solve your problem. Education cannot solve your problem.

You love God, but there’s a giant in your life that’s hurting you and causing you problems. You’ve tried this and that, and you still haven’t gained victory over it. I want that to sink in: it’s a giant. You cannot defeat it on your own. The giant in your life will go down in only one way, and that’s by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **Faith Vs. Unbelief**

David stood in front of the entire army of Israel. I don’t know how many thousands there were, but probably tens of thousands. On the other side of the valley were tens of thousands of Philistines with their spears and their swords at the ready, and Goliath bellowing out, “Send me out a man to fight.” And, David said, “I’m the man.”

The Scripture says, “*His sling was in his hand.*” The sling represented David’s faith. “*And he drew near to the Philistine,*” faith always draws near to its problem. Unbelief runs away, as Israel had been doing, but faith draws near as David did.

And David took out that one stone—one smooth stone; it doesn’t take the Lord much. Some of you have spent all kinds of money on all kinds of things, and it hasn’t helped. It only took the Lord one stone—that’s all it took. David put it in

that sling and began to whirl it. But you’ve got to remember, that was a Holy Ghost stone. Praise the Lord!

And that stone hit Goliath right in the middle of his head—a symbol of what Jesus would do to the devil at Calvary’s cross. When Adam and Eve fell, God said, “*I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel*” (Gen. 3:15). Jesus bruised the head of Satan.

### **Victory**

“*So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David*” (I Sam. 17:50).

David drew Goliath’s own sword and cut the head off of that giant and stood on top of him. You don’t need a giant standing on you, you need to stand on top of the giant.

Let me ask you a question: Are you standing on Goliath, or is he standing on you? It is the plan of God for every believer to overcome every Goliath, and to stand fully victorious on that prostrate enemy. That’s where you are intended to be and that’s where you can be, but only by the power of the cross.

If there’s a giant in your life, pray this prayer with me and believe it with all of your heart that victory is going to be yours. That giant will fall, and today is the day. Whatever your bondage might be, the Lord will set you free.

Dear God in heaven, I come to You in the name of Jesus. I’m sorry for my sins, my many failures. Please forgive me and cleanse me with Your precious blood from all unrighteousness. With my mouth, I confess victory in Jesus. Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever. In my heart, I believe, that God raised Jesus from the dead, and He is alive, and He is victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil. And because He lives, I shall live also. And at this moment, the giant has fallen, and I am free. I am free, in the name of Jesus, I am free! ✨





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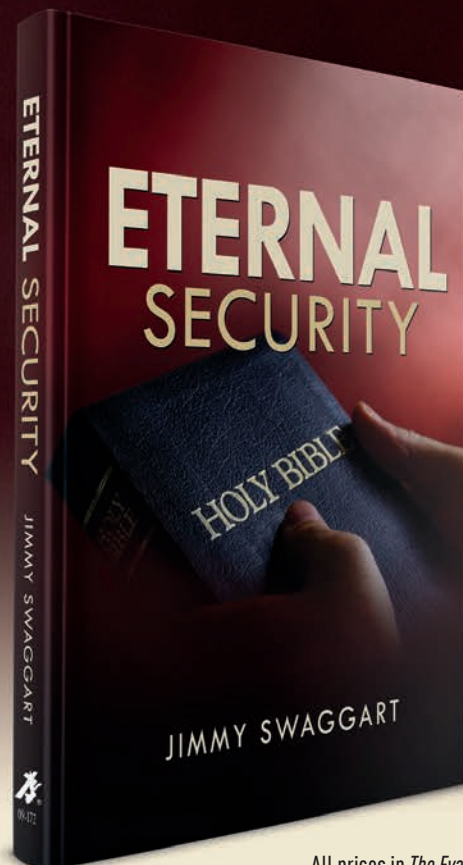
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**Can a born-again believer receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit and not speak in tongues?**

**A.**  
No. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, you will speak in tongues, which is instant, immediate, and totally of the Lord. If you have not spoken with other tongues, then you have not been baptized with the Holy Spirit. There are no exceptions.

When comparing Acts 2, 10, and 19, we can arrive at no other scriptural conclusion but that speaking with tongues is the

initial physical evidence that a believer has been baptized with the Holy Spirit. Unless that believer does speak with other tongues, he or she has not been baptized with the Spirit. No other evidence is offered or suggested.

Acts 2:4 says, *“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”* In Acts 10:46 we read, *“For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.”* And in Acts 19:6, when Paul laid his hands on certain disciples, *“the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”*

Speaking with other tongues is the initial physical evidence—there are other evidences but that is the initial physical evidence—that one has been baptized in the Holy Spirit.

We want people to understand—you do not have to have the baptism of the Holy

Spirit to be saved. The only requirement for salvation is to simply believe on Christ. When the Scripture speaks of a person believing as it does in Romans 10:9-10, it simply means that he or she accepts who Jesus is—the Son of God—and what He has done, which refers to Christ dying on the cross of Calvary, in effect taking our place that we might be saved. It means you accept Him—and Him alone—as your personal Savior and resolve to make Him the Lord of your life, and to follow Him with all of your heart, mind, soul, and strength as long as you live.

Upon salvation, the believer is definitely regenerated by the Holy Spirit because that is the only way one can be saved (Rom. 8:14-16). However, there is a vast difference in being “born of the Spirit,” which happens to every person when he is saved, and being “baptized with the Spirit,” which is the second work



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the Lord.  
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of grace (Acts 2:4). Understand that being baptized with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues does not make a person more saved. One is as saved as is possible the moment he or she accepts Christ. The baptism with the Spirit is for power regarding the work of

the Lord. Without this experience, there is precious little or no power at all (Acts 1:8).

At salvation, the Holy Spirit baptizes believing sinners into Christ. In Spirit baptism, Jesus baptizes believers into the Holy Spirit, completely immersing them in the Holy Spirit, with the Holy Spirit in them and them in the Holy Spirit, which is the true meaning of baptism (Matt. 3:11).

### Why Tongues?

While believers can certainly pray and worship in their own native language, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of praying in tongues—the prayer language you receive from the Lord when He baptizes you in the Spirit. If you don’t have a prayer language, you are missing out on a great blessing because when you pray in a language that the Lord gives you, you go deeper, you climb higher, and you experience more of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

When I pray, the majority of the time I do pray in English, but there are other times when I spend my whole prayer time

speaking in tongues and worshipping God. When you pray in the Spirit, you’ll hear yourself move from the most beautiful and peaceful kind of worship to intercession for the needs of others.

Paul said, “*For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.*” (I Cor. 14:2). When one speaks with other tongues, he speaks the “wonderful works of God” (Acts 2:11). And in I Corinthians 14:4, Paul said, “*He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.*”

Not long ago, a friend of mine called me about a situation that we had been praying about, and after I hung up, I immediately felt the need to go to prayer. Without me thinking of whether I was going to pray in tongues or in English, I opened my mouth and began to pray. I began to pray in tongues, and the whole time I was praying concerning that particular situation, I was praying in tongues, and it was not something I instigated. I guess God knew what needed to be said. I did not know, but God knew, and I thank the Lord for that. The Holy Spirit prays through us. Every time I prayed concerning that same situation, I immediately went into tongues.

I never prayed anything in English. That was the Holy Spirit. I did not have the words; I only knew that it was a desperate situation and that God needed to intervene. And thank God, He did.





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The Bible says, *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

*And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God”* (Rom. 8:26-27).

And we cannot forget the tremendous joy that comes into your life once you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I remember the night I was baptized, and the joy that filled my heart! I came home, I could not sleep, I was just walking through my house from room to

**HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM SEEMS TO OPEN UP THE DOOR TO EVERY THING.**

room to room praising the Lord! My husband had never seen me do that—I had never seen me do that—I was too shy to do things like that. Before I was baptized in the Holy Spirit, I’d been too shy to pray or worship in public, but afterward I could have cared less who saw me praying and worshipping the Lord. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a tremendous joy!

Holy Spirit baptism seems to open up the door to everything. It’s like your mind becomes clearer, and you are able to grasp and understand the things of God so much easier. The truth of God’s Word starts penetrating your mind, praise God.

Again, if you are a born-again believer,

and you have not yet received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you will still make heaven because you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, and that’s all that is required to be saved.

But between now and heaven, all believers face difficulties in this life on earth, and you don’t want to face them by yourself. Trust me when I say that you want the baptism of the Holy Spirit in your life; you need it. There are no words in my vocabulary to explain how wonderful the Holy Spirit is. Folks, there is a life in the Spirit that you will never know unless you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. I can’t be strong enough about that. There is absolutely nothing like the Spirit-filled life! ✨

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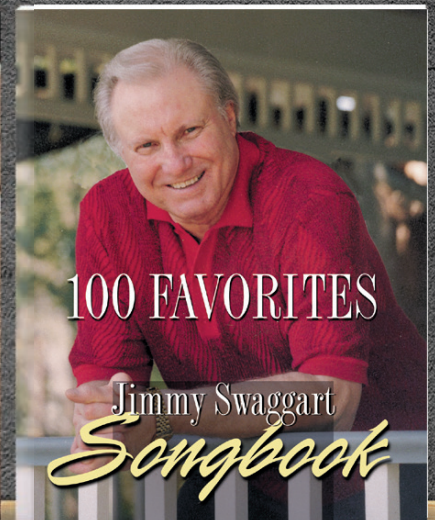
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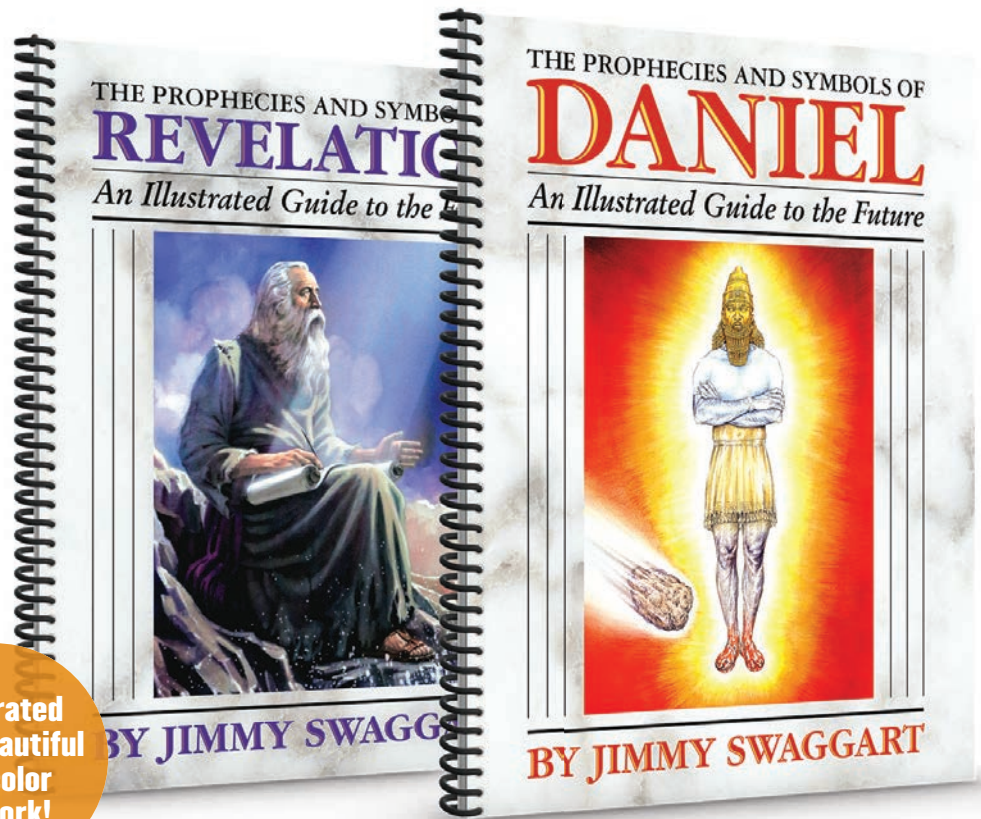
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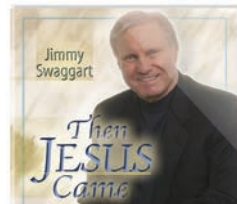
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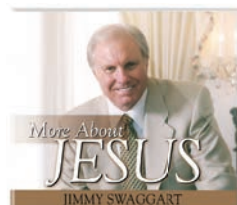
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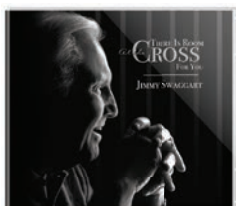
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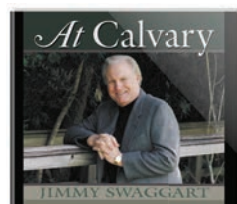
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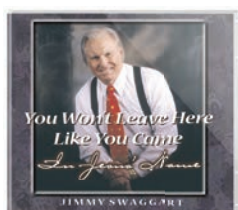
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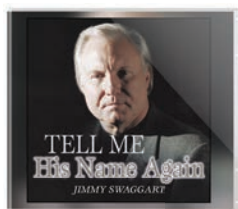
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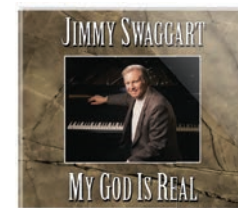
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## CHURCH, READ THE BOOK OF ACTS And Get Ready!

AS WE BEGIN a brand-new year, I have decided to run a reprint of the first chapter of my book, *Church, Read the Book of Acts and Get Ready!* for two reasons.

1. As I write this article (October 29), I have no idea of the results of the 2020 presidential election. I pray that the outcome is what I hope it will be. But regardless of the outcome, I still believe that the Lord is going to pour out His Spirit like we have never seen before. Though I am a strong believer that bad government hinders the work of God, I still have to put everything in God's hand and believe that no matter what, God's work will go forth. So with that said, this article gives us an overview of that which I believe the Word of God tells us to expect in the future.

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### Reprint—Chapter One

*“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).*

The title of this chapter (and this book) did not come from me but from the Lord through a message in tongues and interpretation. It was during the Saturday morning service of our 2006 Thanksgiving Campmeeting. Just prior to Brother Larson's message, Dad was leading the congregation in worship. The presence of the Lord was so real as He moved in our midst. Then the Holy Spirit spoke through Sharon Cornell, the wife of Bob Cornell. When the interpretation of the message came forth, the Holy Spirit said three times: “Church, read the book of





Acts and get ready.”

You could sense the Spirit of the Lord sweep across the congregation. As I was scheduled to minister that night from the book of Acts, I knew that I was to take the words of the Holy Spirit, “Church, read the book of Acts and get ready,” as the title for my message. That night the Lord moved, with many believers baptized with the Holy Spirit.

As well, just a few days prior to campmeeting, I felt the Lord instructing me to go back and read the book of Acts over again. I believe this happened because the Lord is getting ready to do great things. So, church, read the book of Acts and get ready!

### The Day Of Pentecost

This day had to do with the Feast of Pentecost, one of the seven great feasts celebrated by Israel. *Pentecost* means “fiftieth,” as it was celebrated 50 days after Passover. This is very important to note, for this tells us the following: Passover was a type of Calvary and Pentecost a type of the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Salvation comes first for the believing sinners, and then they are to go on into the baptism with the Holy Spirit.

On the first day of Pentecost to be celebrated, God gave Moses the law on Mount Sinai. On this day 3,000 men died, but on the day of Pentecost in the book of Acts, 3,000 were saved. The Holy Spirit brings life. Wherever the Holy Spirit is allowed to move, great things happen. The life of the Spirit ushers in new converts, heals the sick, breaks bondages, brings forth revelation, and glorifies Christ.

The Feast of Pentecost was the second greatest event in human history, with Calvary being the greatest. This event would do more to change the world for good than any other happening outside of Calvary. At this moment, the Holy Spirit came, the church was born, and the world has never been the same.

Since that day, nearly 1 billion people all around the world have been filled with the Holy Spirit. Presently, at least a quarter of the world’s 2 billion Christians embrace the Pentecostal message.

### Pew Forum On Religion

In a recent study conducted by the Washington, D.C. based Pew Forum on Religion, it was found that among those in the U.S. who called themselves Pentecostal, 49 percent reported that they do not speak in tongues. What an indictment. However, we must not forget the Lord has the final say in all matters. So, my response is, “Church, read the book of Acts and get ready,” for Acts 2:17 says, “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh.*”

### Suddenly There Came A Sound From Heaven

In the Greek *suddenly* means “unexpectedly.” The idea is that they didn’t know how the Holy Spirit would come or when He would come. This identifies one of the great workings of the Holy Spirit, and that is the sudden, unexpected outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He can move anytime He desires and anywhere He desires. As Spirit-filled believers, we should desire and appreciate these unexpected blessings. As well, this tells us that the Holy Spirit cannot be controlled by man.

*Sound* in the Greek means “echo,” as in what happened at Pentecost was an echo of what was happening in heaven in regard to worship. As well, this tells us that as ministers, we are to be an echo of the Word of God.

“*From heaven*” tells us that the Holy Spirit doesn’t originate from man but from the very throne room of God.

### As Of A Rushing Mighty Wind

*Rushing* in the Greek means “to be driven” or “to rush,” as in a powerful force that drives back the forces of darkness and rushes in the spiritual power of God.

*Mighty* means “violent.” The Holy Spirit is gentle to the believer but violent to the powers of darkness.

*Wind* means “respiration, breeze, or breath.” This was the breath of God, symbolized by Jesus breathing on the apostles after the resurrection and saying, “*Receive ye the Holy Spirit*” (John 20:22). When the believer is filled with the Spirit, spiritually, it’s as if the Lord Himself breathes into us.

### Tongues Of Fire

*Fire* speaks of purity and refers to the help and work of the Holy Spirit in the sanctification process. This is what was spoken of in Matthew 3:11-12. Though saved, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done in our lives.

### They Were All Filled

Notice that all were filled; none were left out. It is the Lord’s will that believers be filled with the Spirit.

*Filled* means “to influence,” “to supply,” “to accomplish,” “to furnish.” All of these meanings speak of all the help the Holy Spirit can and does give to the body of Christ.

### Began To Speak In Other Tongues

Tongues are a divine means of communications as prophesied by Isaiah in chapter 28, verses 9 through 12. It is to be a part of our worship unto the Lord. Paul would state, “*I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all*” (I Cor. 14:18). While one certainly can pray and worship

in one's own native tongue, praying and worshipping in the tongue supplied by the Spirit presents a depth of praying, worship, and petition unknown in any other manner.

### There Is A River

I believe the best is yet to come, and I believe that which the Lord is going to do in these last days will be ushered in by the Holy Spirit. As a believer, you must desire to be filled with the Spirit by the Spirit. Consider the words of David Sapp's great song, "There is a River":

*There came a sound from heaven, As a rushing mighty wind,  
It filled their hearts with singing, And gave them peace within;  
The prophet gave this promise, The Spirit will descend,  
And from your inner being, a river with no end.  
There is a river that flows from deep within,  
There is a fountain that frees the soul from sin.  
Come to this water, there is a vast supply,  
There is a river that never shall run dry!*

### What The Church Must Be

*"But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:16-17).*

The book of Acts is meant to portray what the church must be. In other words, the church must be a book of Acts church. In fact, the Holy Spirit is what legitimizes the church. Without Him, there is no reason to gather, but with Him, there is every reason to expect His power and anointing to change hearts and lives.

The book of Acts is a book of doctrine carried out in the actions, ways, and means in the church and, also, through its principal players—the apostles and the rest.

Over fifty times, the title or name Holy Spirit, Spirit, or Spirit of God is used. So, the Holy Spirit is the principal player in this story. It is the Holy Spirit at work carrying out the designs of Christ, the head of the church.

### Two Emphatic Statements

In verse 17, the Lord Himself gives two emphatic commands—"It shall come to pass" and "I will." We are not to read over these statements lightly. They tell us that the Lord has great things in store for His church and His people. What He started is not over; there is yet more to come. Isaiah prophesied 750 years prior to Pentecost that He would pour out His Spirit no matter what Satan tried to do. As well, He is saying, "The best is yet to come." No matter what Satan does and no matter what the apostate church does, the Lord says, "It shall come to pass" and "I will." What the Lord says is going to happen will happen

because God does not lie.

To you, the reader, perhaps your faith has wearied. I say to you, "Hold on, it shall come to pass." The Lord says to you, "Don't despair, I will do mighty works and I will perform miracles for you." The Lord is not through with the church. The church was born in Pentecostal fire, and it's going out in Pentecostal fire.

### In The Last Days

The last days began on the day of Pentecost and will continue through to the end of the great tribulation. That which happened on the day of Pentecost is called the former rain, and that which began in 1901 and continues on today is called the latter rain. The latter rain will be greater than the former, for the Lord always saves the best for last. I believe the best days are yet to come. I believe the book of Acts is just part of all the great things that are in store for us.

### Pour Out

To pour out literally means to "gush out." It's like standing in front of a dam when it breaks open. It doesn't trickle out, but it gushes out. Mark my words, the dam is about ready to break, and nothing can stop it.

### My Spirit

The Holy Spirit comes from Christ and only Christ. Man cannot impart or anoint men. That is the providence of the Lord alone. We see preachers today over TV telling people they can impart their anointing upon others. This is false! First of all, they have no anointing, and secondly, you can't give away what doesn't belong to you.

### Upon All Flesh

What the Lord has and what the Lord is going to do is for all people. It's not just for a select few, but it is for every national-ity on earth.

I don't know about you, but I want more of the Holy Spirit, and it's going to happen. So, church, read the book of Acts and get ready! 🦅



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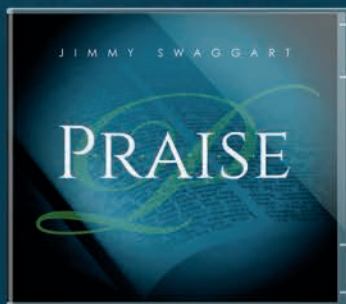
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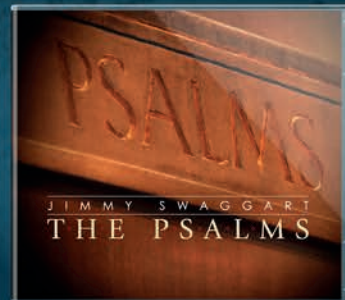
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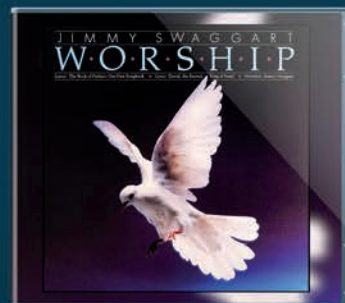
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# The Commandment to BLESS

FOR NEARLY FORTY years, the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness. Just as God's people were on the threshold of entering the promised land, an enemy of Israel witnessed this cavalcade of humanity marching through his land and was overtaken with fear. The leader of this tribe of enemies was Balak, king of the Moabites. Before this event, God gave victory to the children of Israel over the Amorites, which caused fear to rise in Balak's heart. Instead of calling upon his soothsayers, he sought out a wayward prophet, Balaam, to come and curse God's people. Balak approached Balaam with the promise of financial gain if he would only speak curses upon these people walking through this land. If Balaam were in any relationship with Jehovah, there would not have been any need for him to accept bribery. Still, he ignored a specific command from the Lord, that he was not to curse God's people because they are a blessed people (Num 22:12).

## The Blessing Of Abraham

To be blessed speaks of increase, and it goes back to what is known as the blessing

of Abraham. In the book of Genesis, Moses recounts Abraham's story and how that God would speak to the heart of Abraham and instruct him to leave everything behind and head toward a place that would be revealed to him by God. Upon receiving these instructions, the Lord spoke to Abraham and informed him that should he choose to accept these terms, God would make of him a great nation, and through him the entirety of the world would receive the blessing. And when God makes a promise, He keeps His promise.

## The Love Of Money

Yet, God knew that Balaam would go despite what was said, and he allowed him to accept the invitation. While traveling to pronounce a curse on the people of God, something interesting took place that should have been a warning sign to Balaam: the donkey spoke. Understand that everything a believer might go through in life is a test. How will that person act or react during that test? Balaam would not handle this test positively. He saddled his donkey and began his journey when an angel of the Lord stood in the way to

prevent him from venturing further into sin. The donkey saw the angel with a sword drawn in his hand and would not go any further. However, Balaam did not see the angel and grew angry at the donkey, striking the animal on three separate occasions. Suddenly, the Lord caused the beast to speak. The reason for this event taking place was the love of money. God gave a specific command in Exodus 20 that His people were to have no other gods before them. For Balaam, money was his god. He desired gold while trying to please God, and that never ends well for anyone.

## Seven Altars

Upon his arrival, Balaam instructed Balak to prepare seven altars—a perfect picture of religion. God instituted that there be one altar, which is a type of the sacrifice of Christ. That altar was a type of what Jesus Christ would accomplish for us at Calvary's cross, where He would defeat the powers of darkness on our behalf. There is no need for any other altar. Yet Balaam erected seven. As Balaam stood before those altars, the words that came out of his mouth infuriated Balak, as five prophecies were given that would not bring a curse upon God's people.

## The Prophecies

The gist of the first prophecy is found in Numbers 23:8. The doctrine of this first prophecy is located in Romans 9, where Paul explains that Israel has been chosen, numbered, separated, and blessed by God.



The second prophecy is such a powerful word, as the Lord would speak through this backslidden prophet and declare: *“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it”* (Num. 23:19-20). If God declares that He will bring something to fruition, then He will bring it to completion. God promised Israel a land that was flowing with milk and honey, and God has never reneged on a promise. Because of His very nature, God cannot lie. Neither will He change His mind regarding the said promise. What He blesses, nothing can reverse it. Let this be a lesson to the entire body of Christ that God desires to bless His people in every way imaginable.

Balaam continues to prophesy that God has not seen any iniquity in Jacob; neither has He witnessed any perverseness in Israel, which speaks of justification by faith. When anyone comes to the Lord Jesus Christ and accepts His redemption plan, not only does He accept us, but He views us as though we have never sinned. In previous chapters, we find many faults and failures with Israel, but God says that He cannot see any fault within them. He sees them as perfect.

Throughout this second prophecy uttered by Balaam is one of God’s most fantastic promises and revelations given in Scripture. When God blesses a man, woman, tribe, nation, or land, nothing can reverse that blessing. The only thing that hinders that blessing is the individual, tribe, or nation turning their backs on God. Every child of God should boldly proclaim that we are blessed, and not one single thing can reverse it.

Balaam’s third, fourth, and fifth prophecy further angered the sovereign, as he would extend this blessing toward Israel. As God brought them through Egypt, He would get them through every trial and tribulation that would arise in the future, including the great tribulation. The star out of Jacob speaks of Christ, for He is the

scepter that will rise out of Israel. It would be some fifteen hundred years into the future when Christ would make His debut on this earth, but specifically, this speaks of the second coming of Christ, which is soon to take place. When Christ comes back the second time without sin unto salvation, He will have dominion over the entire planet, destroy the Antichrist, and reign supreme as Lord of all.

### God’s Economy

When a person enters into the family of God through Christ, they enter into God’s economy, which is not tied to the world’s system. Because that person is now entered into God’s economy, there is a guarantee of blessing. Many of God’s blessings are conditional, meaning that blessings will follow if God’s people follow His commands. The question now becomes, how do we follow those commands? The answer is, we cannot. There is nothing that a Christian can do within his strength and abilities to keep God’s commands. Thankfully, Christ did. And through faith in what He has accomplished for us at Calvary, we have become law keepers.

All blessing comes through faith in Christ and what He did at Calvary, which now becomes a way of life. God’s blessings, and God’s economy, covers every aspect of the believer’s life, whether it be spiritual, physical, financial, domestic, or any other area in life. And just as the prophet spoke nearly thirty-five hundred years ago, what God has blessed, nothing can reverse it. If believers keep their eyes on Christ, if Christians place their faith in what He has done for them, and if the body of Christ continues to look to Jesus, then blessings are guaranteed. Included in these blessings is assurance of victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil. Regardless of how strong the enemy might be, despite the great assault upon one’s life, and no matter how often those attacks come, victory’s rightful place is with God’s people.

This scenario provides the Christian with much faith to believe God for every blessing to fill his life. The enemy of our soul does a great job of filling the child of God’s mind with questions, doubt, and unbelief. Yet in this story, God’s people were declared blessed. As a believer, proclaim your blessings and believe God for what is needed. ✚

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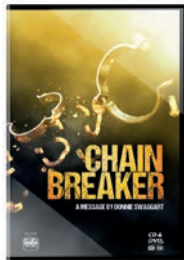
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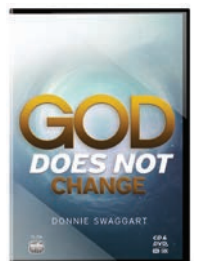


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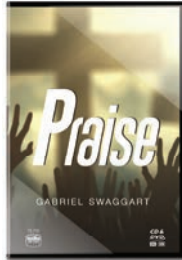
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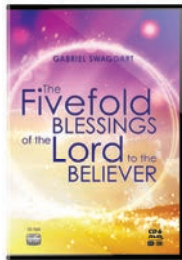


### **THE FIVEFOLD BLESSINGS OF THE LORD TO THE BELIEVER (15-704)**

Too many Christians today are going without all that God desires for them simply because of misplaced faith. Under the old covenant, in Deuteronomy 28, we find a series of blessings that God made to the children of Israel if they would simply hearken to the voice of the Lord. In this anointed message, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart reveals how these blessings are still within the believer's reach, under the new covenant, which is based on better promises and attainable through the finished work of Christ.

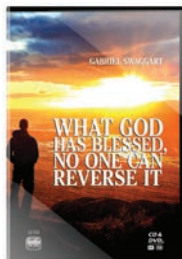
#### **Includes:**

- Praise & Worship (Joseph Larson)
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be blessed, and blessing means increase. This anointed message will encourage believers again and again as the truth of God's eternal promise to His people is proclaimed: God is not a man that He should lie, and what He has promised, He will do.

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- I'm Free (Jimmy Swaggart)
- Sermon: What God Has Blessed, No One Can Reverse It

### **WHATEVER THE NEED, GOD'S GOT IT (15-702)**

In John 5, the Bible says an angel went down at a certain season and troubled the water. In this anointed message, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart uses the healing of a certain man at the pool of Bethesda to show how Christ's miracles met the physical and spiritual needs of the people, and that no matter how great or small your need is, and regardless of what obstacles Satan may use to hinder, God's got it.

#### **Includes:**

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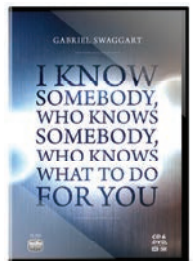


### **I KNOW SOMEBODY, WHO KNOWS SOMEBODY, WHO KNOWS WHAT TO DO FOR YOU (15-701)**

In this powerful service from an International Youth Conference, Pastor Gabriel Swaggart turns to the story of Naaman, the leper, to show believers what it is to live without hope. Eventually, God would heal Naaman, but not before the mighty man of valor humbled himself and gave ear to a young maid's testimony of the One who could recover his life.

#### **Includes:**

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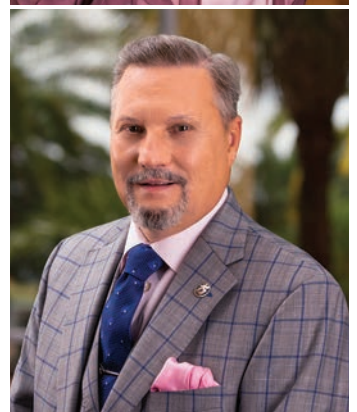


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<b>Boston</b>	
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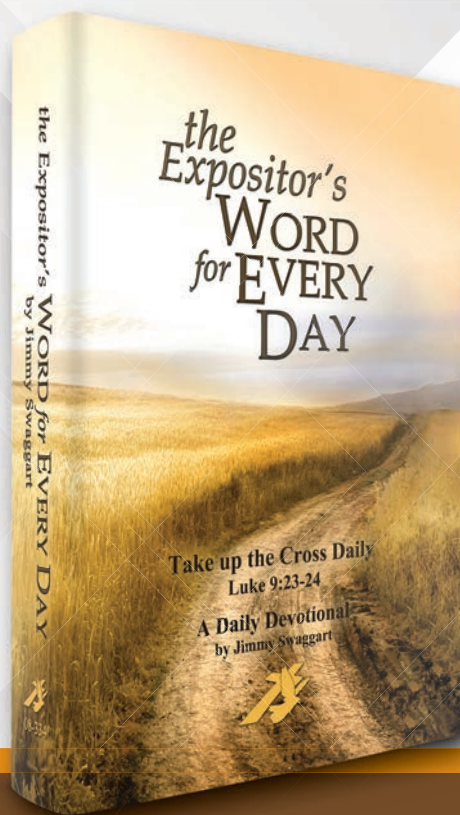
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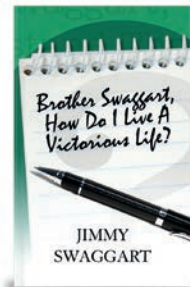
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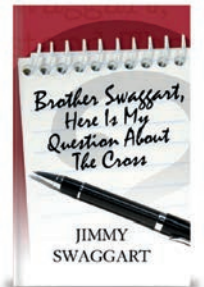
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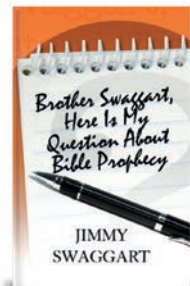
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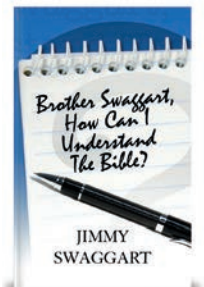
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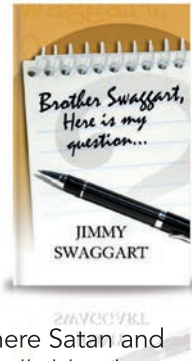
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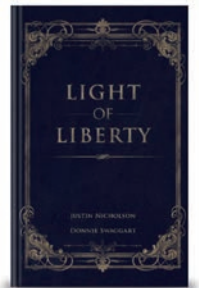
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**DEAR EVANGELIST** I just wanted to share with you what happened when I was watching a broadcast by Donnie Swaggart. I have been asking for such a long time now for the Lord to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, but it did not happen until I was watching Brother Swaggart's broadcast just recently. My prayers were finally answered and, when it happened, I was so filled with the Holy Spirit that I could not get the words out fast enough! I was so filled with joy—I was laughing, my teeth were chattering, and I could feel the words rising up from within and bursting out of me. It was the most incredible experience I have ever had. Praise the Lord! Bless you, Brother Swaggart, and may the Lord bless everyone at JSM. I watch SBN all the time and love the music and learning more about God's Word. Thank you so much for what you do. —**Tasmania**

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twenty-six, I heard one day, on the evangelical radio in Italy, his preaching again and discovered that on Tuesday evening it was broadcasting the preaching of Brother Swaggart, so I began to record the preaching on the radio in order to hear it again. I contacted the radio to be able to have all the audio and video copies that they could have because I loved—and still love—these messages that direct me to Jesus and the Holy Spirit and all the whole work. For some years, I have also found the SBN international TV channel that broadcasts these messages that I was listening to on the radio. Then, on the internet, I found your site and the channels that broadcast these crusades that I have been following every day for three years! I embrace you, and God bless you so much and help you every day. A big hug to Brother Jimmy Swaggart and family. —**Italy**

**DEAR EVANGELIST** I'd like to thank you so much for the work of ministry that is not leaving many without impact. I'm a minister of the gospel here in Uganda and have been in the ministry of evangelism for about fifteen years now. By the grace of God, I feel so much blessed when doing the ministry of soul winning. And I always do it through personal evangelism

and also mass evangelism, and both have left so many lives searching their lives and surrender to the Lord as their Lord and Savior. The Expositor's Study Bible I received is such a blessing to me! —**Uganda**

**DEAR EVANGELIST** Brother Donnie, I just want to send you a message about being born again. About a year ago, I started flipping channels on the TV, and came across SBN. I started watching for a while, but just couldn't get into it. But one day I watched, and everything changed for me. Your dad said if you want to be born again say this prayer, and I did! After that, I watch every night and Sunday morning. Your father has taught me more about God than anyone else. I've always been a Christian and was raised up believing, but now I look at things differently. My friend who is a born-again Christian told me that the Holy Spirit has come into me and changed me! I used to cuss a lot and drink beer, but not anymore! Thank you for helping me as this channel has changed me. I'm not afraid to die anymore as I know where I'm going! God bless your TV channel and God bless all of you at SBN. —**Virginia**

**DEAR EVANGELIST** I just want to end the week with a little sunshine. I am a media church member of your church, and it's the best thing that has happened to me. And I love the monthly magazine you send out each month. I get a little something from everyone on the panel and other writers who pick a subject and expound on it. It's like a nugget from heaven, and I take it to heart. Just want to thank the panel and the rest of the group who write each month in *The Evangelist*. If I am having a bad day, I just go and read one of the articles and it up lifts me and helps me so much! Just want to say thank you so much and please don't ever stop it. —**Email**

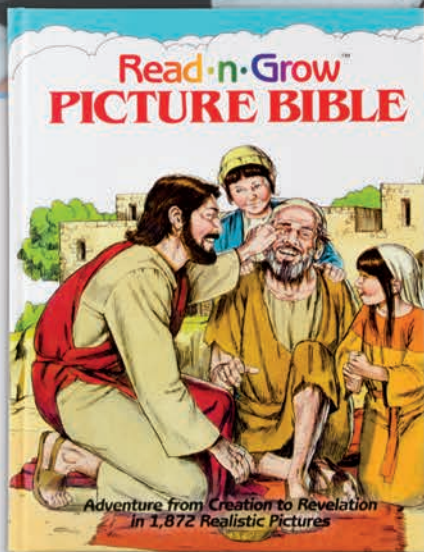






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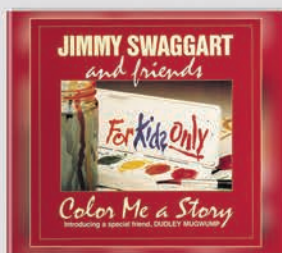


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# Dr. Don Paul GRAY

“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.” —I CORINTHIANS 1:18

## EMPEROR CONSTANTINE I AND HIS Vision of the Cross

DURING THE LAST week of October, AD 312, the historic city of Rome, Italy, was in great turmoil and crisis. A major war and battle was about to begin. Two powerful generals were preparing for battle less than four miles from the Vatican, close by the famous Milvian Bridge overlooking the Tiber River. It was General Flavius Julius Constantius of the West against Emperor Marcus Valerius Maxentius, emperor to the East. This great battle would change the world.

These two men of war knew each other well. General Constantine was married to Fausta, daughter of the general he was about to fight. Later he had her executed for adultery. General Constantine, born in Serbia, had been serving as the Roman general to the West, including Britain, Gaul, (France), Germany and other western countries. Emperor and General Maxentius was ruling over the East, including Rome, Italy, Greece, Turkey, North Africa, and other eastern countries.

One historical source tells us that General Constantine had forty thousand men

ready for battle and Emperor Maxentius had one hundred and sixty thousand men ready. On the afternoon of October 27, the young dynamic, thirty-two-year-old Constantine experienced an epiphany. He claimed that while in prayer to the sun god (being a polytheist), as he was asking for help with the upcoming battle, he saw a symbol of a cross in the sky, and heard a voice say to him, “Conquer with this sign.”

The following night, Constantine testified that he had a supernatural dream and again saw the emblem or sign of a cross and heard a voice telling him to “use the sign of the cross” when warring against all enemies. Immediately General Constantine required all soldiers to put the emblem of a cross on their shields and banners in preparation for war. Very soon the battle got under way.

The two great armies met at the famous Milvian Bridge. Both armies made ready, and then rushed into battle fighting courageously. At some point Constantine’s cavalry charged toward the bridge, and Emperor Maxentius’ men retreated to boats

on the river. Historical sources tell us that many of the troops belonging to Emperor Maxentius drowned in the Tiber River. Emperor Maxentius himself was drowned as well. General Constantine severed the emperor’s head, put it on the end of a spear, and marched triumphant into Rome declaring himself to be emperor of all of the Roman world.

From AD 312 and on, Emperor Constantine used the sign of a cross in every battle. Historical sources reveal that Constantine’s mother, Helena, was a devout Christian and probably had great influence on him.

History reveals that Constantine I did much for Christianity. With the cooperation of General Licinius, he established the Edict of Milan in AD 315, which did three significant things for the Christian church:

1. Required all persecution of Christians to cease
2. Required that all properties be returned to Christians and to congregations
3. Established freedom of religion for all people and all religions



Can you imagine the impact that edict had on congregations throughout the Roman world in the fourth century? He became friends with scores of bishops in the church and referred to himself as the thirteenth disciple of Christ. With the encouragement of his mother, Helena, he caused many churches to be built in the Roman world and a special cathedral to be built in Jerusalem.

Later on, with a strong desire to bring about greater theological unity in the church, he called for a gathering known as the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He made sure that the travel and lodging expenses of all the bishops, more than three hundred persons, was paid for by the government and he personally chaired the conference with Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea of Palestine by his side. It lasted for several months. The big theological issue was the Trinity and the deity of Christ. Out of this conference came the Nicene Creed. Emperor Constantine died in April of 337, near Nicomedia, now called Izmit, Turkey, from natural causes at the age of sixty-three and was buried at the Church of the Holy Apostles. Bishop Eusebius, known as the “father of church history,” wrote much about the life of Emperor Constantine. They had become close personal friends.

The message of the cross, which is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ is the heart of the gospel story. Greek scholars call the gospel story, the *kerygma*. I believe that the Christ of history experienced thirty-nine stripes and laid down His life on an old rugged cross, giving His life’s blood as a propitiation for all my sins. He arose from the grave on the third day. Conservative Christianity and all evangelicals know that the kerygma is the greatest story ever told. It is the message of the cross.

The apostle Paul proclaimed loudly the message of the cross. He wrote to the Galatians, “*God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” He reminds the church at Colossae, “*and having made peace through the blood of the cross.*” In Philippians 3:18, St. Paul refers to “*the enemies of the cross of Christ.*”

Decades ago, Lewis E. Jones wrote:

*Would you be free from the burden of sin?*

*There’s power in the blood, power in the blood;*

**GREEK SCHOLARS CALL THE GOSPEL STORY, THE KERYGMA**

*Would you o’er evil a victory win?*

*There’s wonderful power in the blood.*

In the seventeenth century, Isaac Watts wrote:  
*Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!*

*Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?*

*Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?*

*Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!*

Oh my, true biblical faith in the blood of Calvary will set you free from sin and keep you free from sin. Paul loved the message of the cross.

I believe that the message of the cross lays the foundation for five very important spiritual and doctrinal truths:

1. The message of the cross establishes the opportunity of full salvation for all
2. The possibility of true sanctification for every believer
3. Sets forth the truth and possibility of supernatural healing and deliverance for anyone
4. Real faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ opens the door to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit in the lives of every believer
5. Calvary secures the necessary “passport” to travel from this world to another planet called heaven

But never forget, the terrible death of Christ on Golgotha happened because God loved “all of us” so very much. St. John 3:16 says, “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.*” And in John 16:13, we read, “*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*” God’s incredible and unconditional love made possible the message of the cross.

In conclusion, did Emperor Constantine I (AD 272—AD 337) understand the message of the cross as a result of experiencing a vision of the cross in October AD 312? I doubt it. I believe he eventually understood it for salvation. He truly believed that God had visited him. He clearly understood the symbol or image that he should exalt in battle. It was a cross. Soon after his theophany, he began to read and study Scripture, doctrine, and philosophy and developed relationships with several bishops of the church. As stated, his mother, Helena, had important influence on him for Christ. I do believe he died in faith. Bishop Eusebius says he requested water baptism before he died. His epiphany—the vision of the cross—changed his life, and probably changed the history of the Roman Empire. He did win the great battle at the Milvian Bridge in Rome in October, AD 312 and soon after became emperor of the Roman Empire, and a follower of Jesus Christ until his death in AD 337. 🦋





# LOREN LARSON

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

—ROMANS 6:15

## THE CHARACTER OF A Servant

### Renewing The Forgotten Commitment

Whenever God calls someone into full-time ministry, it is a call that demands a lifetime commitment. Romans 11:29 says, “*The gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*” This means that God will not change His mind in regard to the person called or to the ministry to which that individual is destined. Following the initial call there will come a time of training, spiritual growth, the need for experience, and a heart that must maintain a singular goal of serving Christ. I remember the initial excitement surrounding my call to ministry and the desire to do whatever God asked me to do. No job was too small and visions of doing great things for God lived in my heart. But after thirty-five years of serving Christ, I have to ask myself if I still maintain that original fervor to ministry. Oftentimes we allow wrong motivations,

hurtful experiences, or difficult circumstances to lower our motives and lessen our commitment. Such was not the case with the apostle Paul. Despite all of the setbacks, false brethren, rejections, and personal peril he faced, Paul never seemed to waver from his original dedication to serve Christ. One of his favorite expressions that he attached to himself was the term *servant*. This term literally indicates one who is a bonds slave. To see if our commitment is as strong as Paul’s, let us look into the biblical definition of a bonds slave.

### The Bonds slave

The story of the Hebrew bonds slave is found in Exodus 21:1-6. In the covenant community of Israel, a man who had fallen upon difficult financial times could indenture himself as a servant to a fellow Israelite. It did not matter about the circumstances



that surrounded his financial failure. The following guidelines were placed into the Mosaic law to aid a person in this condition. An agreement between the Israelite and the fellow Hebrew who became his slave covered a time frame of six years. In the seventh year the Hebrew servant was to be freed. If he was married and had children, that individual may legally belong to the one who had been his master. He would be free to go, but they would have to stay. If the man found that his service to his master pleased him, and he had no desire to return to the life he knew before,



he could make a lifetime commitment to his Hebrew master. His decision was based upon his love for the master and his love of other people (his family). This commitment included a ceremony where the ear of the new bondsman was punctured by an aul, forever designating him as a bondsman. One of the key characteristics of this



servant was that his will would be forever swallowed up by the will of his master. Therefore, when Paul calls himself a servant, this is what he has in mind. He does what he does out of love of Jesus and for the love of others. His will is totally yielded to the will of God. Paul is a bondsman.

### The Pride Of Life

Whenever ministers come together and talk about their work for the Lord, the conversation invariably goes to the number of people reached. In and of itself this is not wrong, but when we begin to gauge success by numbers, we can easily miss God. Just because a person has access to more individuals than another minister does not mean that he or she is more successful. Whether we minister to five people or five thousand, this should not matter most if we are in the will of God. John warned us against the pride of life in I John 2:16-17. The pride of life can be described as an inappropriate internal value that someone places on who they are, what they have, what they do, and how many people are affected. Have we begun to pursue a platform? Are we more interested in numbers than the value of a soul? Will we labor unseen and unheard to the masses in order to bring one heart and one mind around to the understanding of the truth? What price are we willing to pay to bring about the edification of others even if we ourselves are not noticed, touted, or recognized? Many ministers have fallen prey to the pride of life. It has caused their love for ministry and their love for the Lord to be cheapened by the felt need of acknowledgments and applause from men. Many a ministry may be thought of as insignificant. But if that ministry is doing the will of God, and souls are being positively impacted, a true bondsman will rejoice in the knowledge that God is pleased with him and the results. Do we consider the work that we do as small and insignificant? Do our dreams

of self-aggrandizement matter more to us than the will of God? If so, then it may very well be that we have lost sight of our original commitment to the Lord.

### The Example Of Christ

Recently I had a student in homiletics state a profound question. She said, "How do you think Jesus felt when men despised Him and yet worshipped the temple in Jerusalem?" Everything in that temple pointed to Him. Everything about the sacrifices pointed to Him. Everything in the law served as shadows and types that pointed to Him. And yet He humbled Himself and became a servant to all. The only one who could have ever truly boasted about being essential to the kingdom and plan of God was Jesus Christ. Instead He allowed men to revile and rebuke Him. How did He feel when they refused to admit who He really was? He also subjected Himself to the cross and paid the ultimate price for our redemption. He traveled through ministry and exhibited the attributes of the true bondsman. In Gethsemane He declared, "Thy will be done." The only one who had a reason to be proud refused to be, and for love of His Father and for the love of others He fulfilled a ministry that was certainly "below" Him. In doing so the whole world won an opportunity for salvation. Have you lost your commitment to ministry? Have you lost your commitment to the will of God? Have you allowed the pride of life to blind you to the true purpose as to why God called you? If so, today would be a good day to renew your commitment to the one who called you, loved you, and gave Himself for you. Amen! ✠

**“What price are we willing to pay to bring about the edification of others even if we ourselves are not noticed, touted, or recognized?”**

# JOHN ROSENSTERN



In His magnificent wisdom God planned the cross of Christ from before the foundation of the world. God’s awesome power was made known unto us by the laws to which nature abides. Clearly, His omnipotent power and glory is witnessed in His creation and that witness testifies to all fallen humanity that there is a God—a God of perfect order who should be sought out by everyone.

## THE CROSS

# The Power of God

PART III

HERETOFORE, SIN-FALLEN mankind needed another realm of God’s power to be spiritually born again—for service and for daily living. All three of these needs for God’s power were made available to us by the cross. The cross is the means that made it possible for humanity to have God’s miraculous power to be spiritually born again, for evangelistic service, and to live for God.

### Power To Save

*“For the preaching (word, message) of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto to us which are saved it is the power of God.”* (I Corinthians 1:18).

Jesus is the door, the cross is the means,

and our faith is the key to receive power from God.

*“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* (Hebrews 11:6).

The mission of Christ in becoming man was for the purpose of redeeming man. His virgin birth and perfect life made him suitable for God to become the only acceptable sacrifice to God for man’s sins. The finished work of the cross made it possible to also put man back into relationship with God. The cross accomplished redemption, and the cross also supplied reconciliation. *“And all things are*

*of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...”* (II Cor 5:18).

Salvation is for “whosoever will.” Christ died for all, but only those that accept Him and His death on the cross will receive his power for the new birth. *“But as many as received him, to them gave he power (legal right) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name,”* (John 1:12).

Redemption supplies the kind of power that creates a spiritually new person with a new heart and a new nature. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new.”* (II Cor 5:17)

The cross broke the power of Satan over humanity. *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son”* (Colossians 1:13).

### Power For Service

Every believer is called to participate in the Great Commission, *“Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature”* (Mark 16:15).

Prior to engaging in our mission to fulfill our calling, we are commanded by



the Lord to receive power. The mighty baptism in the Holy Spirit is not optional. John the Baptist spoke of this as he prepared the hearts of the Jews to receive their Messiah: "...I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (Luke 3:16)

Jesus commanded his disciples, "...not to depart Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence... But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:4-5,8).

Power for service is essential for every believer. The word used for power is *dunamis*. Strong's Concordance says *dunamis* power means "force, specifically miraculous power, ability, abundance, meaning, might, power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work."

The anointing (help) of the Holy Spirit is what makes all the difference in every believer's ministry calling. The ministry of the Holy Spirit to us will always glorify Jesus Christ. The fact that He is God makes Him worthy of all glory, but the unique distinction, and emphasis of our Lord's finished work on the cross, now makes Him worthy of the glory as being our Savior. In the book of Acts, at the Feast of Pentecost, the promise of the Holy Spirit descended, and the inaugural birth of the church began. It has been said that the book of Acts is not so much the acts of the apostles but

the acts of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "...without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). As we understand and operate in the power of God for service to the unbelieving world, our responsibility is to lift up Christ.

Jesus said:

- "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).
- "...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me..." (John 14:6).
- "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

When it comes to our place of service in the body of Christ, the baptism in the Holy Spirit enables us to operate more effectively in the gifts of the Spirit. There are nine gifts mentioned in I Corinthians 12—three of these gifts are vocal gifts and emphasized with their administration and discussed in I Corinthians 14. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are to benefit the body of Christ: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (I Cor. 12:7).

Paul would say later in the chapter that there was to be no schisms in the body of Christ but that members should care for one another, and with the various gifts each member of the body of Christ edifies one another.

### Power To Live A Godly Life

Perhaps the most important aspect of God's power is seen in the believer's walk with God. The fruits of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance—are witnessed by the actions of believers and are observed by the saved and

unsaved alike. The nine fruits of the Spirit do not grow separately but holistically. For example, one cannot have love and not have faith. The fruits of the Spirit are the manifestation of God's character being formed in us.

When Adam sinned, mankind was subjected to being born dead in trespasses and sin. The result left mankind ruled and dominated by the sin nature. The corrupting power of the sin nature made it impossible for mankind to please and serve God. The cross provided a double cure; it paid the debt for sin that man owed God and also broke the power of the sin nature that corrupted man. As the old saying goes, "The cross gave us victory over sin, the flesh, and the devil."

To receive the power of God for living, one must daily deny himself and take up the cross. Denying self simply means we do not rely on our willpower or talents to bring us strength and power for daily living. We make the cross our object of faith and wait upon the power of the Holy Spirit to give us Christ's victory. This is guaranteed to work because it is a law ordained of God: "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

The same Holy Spirit power that raised Christ from the dead is the same Holy Spirit that quickens our mortal bodies to live in victory! ✚

# MIKE MUZZERALL



What a year 2020 was—families hit by sicknesses, financial difficulties, violence across America, and blatant attacks on Christianity. One of the phrases that has been used repeatedly is, “the new norm.” The wearing of masks, limited access to employment, and goods and services being curtailed are presented as the way that life must continue. It is presented as the “new norm.” We are starting a new year, but must we accept this new norm?

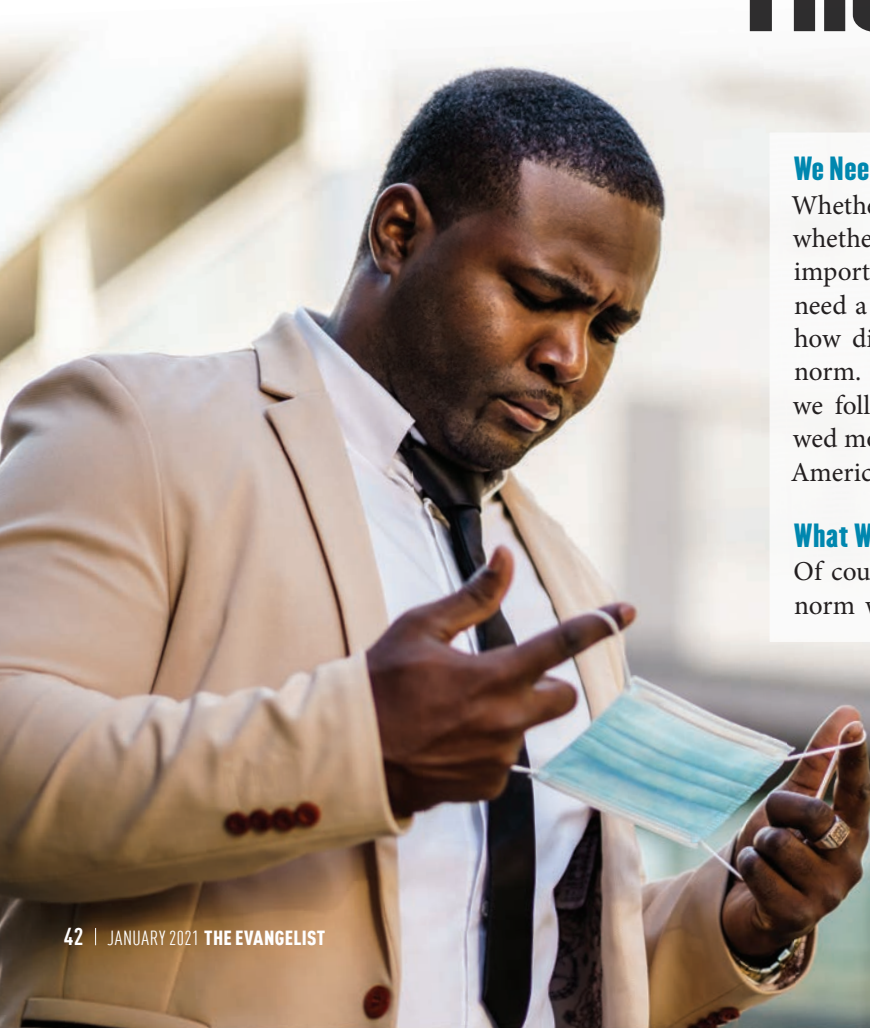
## The New Norm?

### We Need a New “New Norm”

Whether or not we have to wear masks to enter businesses or whether our favorite restaurant survived the last year is not as important as what God is attempting to do in our lives. We need a new “new norm.” We need God’s new norm. Imagine how different America would be if we followed God’s new norm. Imagine the unborn lives that would be protected if we followed God’s new norm. Imagine the decrease in unwed mothers, drug addiction, alcoholism, and even suicides if America would live according to God’s new norm.

### What Would God’s New Norm Look Like?

Of course we would need a consensus as to what God’s new norm would look like. For us to all agree seems impossible,





but what if God could somehow show us what His new norm should be? We've seen what man thinks the new norm should look like, and it's clear that there's no room for God. Why not see what God wants as the new norm?

### God's Word Shows Us God's Way

How would God let us know what this new norm should be? It's not as hard as you would think. It begins with the realization that the Bible is God's Word. It does not contain God's Word. It is God's Word. If it contained God's Word, then we would feel that we may choose what parts we think are His Word and which parts we think are expendable. But it is God's Word, and therefore it reveals His will. If we would follow the pattern God presents in His Word as our new norm, what a wonderful world this would be!

### It Begins With God's People

God's new norm should be the norm for the church. It must begin with His people. God's children should pattern their lives according to God's pattern. Being led by God's Word

should be our norm. We can't expect the unregenerate world to live according to God's new norm just as it's impossible for true born-again believers to accept the world's new norm. This is somewhat radical but imagine how blessed our lives would be if we lived every day according to what He states is normal. "God bless America" will happen when America blesses God.

### He Has the Right to Decide

God has the right to determine what the norm should be. Paul told the church in Corinth, "*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's*" (I Cor. 6:19-20).

Jesus' sacrifice on the cross redeemed us. Since we are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, we owe Him everything. He clearly has the right to decide what the new norm should be. Every part of our lives should be lived according to His desires, His dictates, His directions. Imagine what a wonderful world this would be if we all lived according to His new norm. ✨

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# [Dave Smith]

Although depression can be caused directly by physical problems like side effects from drugs, thyroid, hypoglycemia, sleep loss, poor nutrition, or hormonal imbalances, it can also be a result of spiritual problems. It can result from hopelessness, lack of purpose, grief, or guilt that leads to disappointment, discouragement, despondency, and depression.

## DEPRESSION

*The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (Fifth Edition)* outlines the following criterion to make a diagnosis of depression. The individual must be experiencing five or more symptoms during the same two-week period and at least one of the symptoms should be either (1) depressed mood, or (2) loss of interest or pleasure:

- Depressed mood most of the day, nearly every day.
- Markedly diminished interest or pleasure in all, or almost all, activities most of the day, nearly every day.
- Significant weight loss when not dieting or weight gain or decrease or increase in appetite nearly every day.
- A slowing down of thought and a

reduction of physical movement (observable by others, not merely subjective feelings of restlessness or being slowed down).

- Fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day.
- Feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt nearly every day.
- Diminished ability to think or concentrate, or indecisiveness, nearly every day.
- Recurrent thoughts of death, recurrent suicidal ideation without specific plan,



or a suicide attempt or a specific plan for committing suicide.<sup>1</sup>

### Hopelessness

When people reach a point of helplessness, they believe they have exhausted all of their resources, or come to the end of themselves, and have two options. Many turn to hopelessness which is believing circumstances are impossible or having no expectation of good or success. It is a sinful attitude that is the ultimate end of hoping in anything less than God (Rom. 5:1-5).

In *The Christian Counselor's Manual*, Jay E. Adams lists several types of people who may have reached the point of hopelessness:

- People, like the man in John 9 who was born blind, with long-standing problems
- People, like the woman in Matthew 9 with the issue of blood, with peculiarly difficult problems
- People who have a problem that has been labeled incorrectly
- People who have been harassed by fear
- Persons whose hopes have been dashed repeatedly
  - Those who have tried repeatedly and failed like Paul in Romans 7:18
  - Those who do the right thing but give up too quickly.
  - Older people who often need hope because



they believe they have passed the point where change is possible

- Depressed people need hope
- Suicidal people need hope
- People who have suffered life-shattering losses like death, moving, adultery, divorce, possessions, or position need hope
- Those who are without Christ need hope because they “have no hope” (Eph. 2:12).<sup>2</sup>

The other option is hope, which is the favorable and confident expectation about things that are not seen (Rom. 8:24-25), and for the future. Biblical hope is twofold because it includes hope for abundant life now (John 10:10), and hope for eternity. This hope is based on God’s promises and His faithfulness to fulfill them, and not on people, possessions, or circumstances. This is why God is the God of hope (Rom. 15:13).

God provides the following hope for believers:

- Salvation (Rom. 8:20-25; 15:4, 13; I Thess. 5:8; II Thess. 2:16; I Pet. 1:3).
- Righteousness (Gal. 5:5).
- God’s calling (Eph. 1:18; 4:4).
- Eternal inheritance (Eph. 1:11-18; Col. 1:5; Heb. 9:15; I Pet. 1:4).
- God’s glory (Rom. 5:1-5; Col. 1:27).
- Resurrection (Acts 23:6; 24:15; I Thess. 4:13; Titus 2:13; I John 3:3).
- Eternal life (I Cor. 13:13; 15:19; Eph. 2:12; Col. 1:23; Titus 1:2; 3:7; Heb. 3:6; 6:11, 18-19; 7:19; I Pet. 1:3-13).
- Safety in heaven (I Thess. 2:19).
- Joy (Rom. 5:2; 12:12; 15:13; Ps. 146:5; Jer. 17:7).
- Peace (Rom. 15:13).
- Encouragement (Rom. 15:4).
- Perseverance in any situation (Rom. 8:24-25; Heb. 6:9-12)
- Confident steadfastness (Col. 1:21-23; I Thess. 1:2-3; Heb. 3:5-6).
- Dependence on God (II Cor. 1:8-10).
- Disciplined life and faithfulness (I Tim. 4:7-10).
- Purity (I John 3:3).
- Endurance (Rom. 5:5; I Thess. 1:3).

These hopes that counteract hopelessness are received by a person believing he is a sinner and receiving Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord. ✠

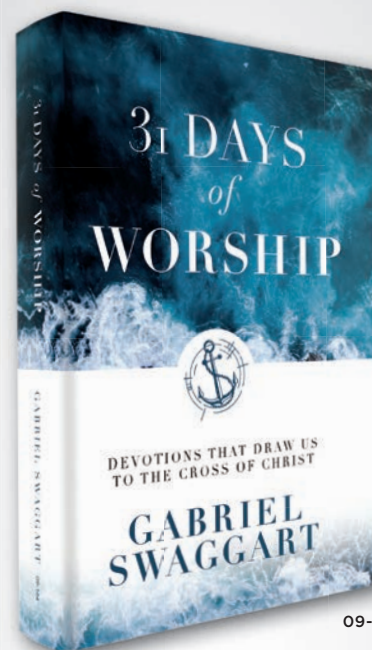
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# FROM ME TO YOU

By Jimmy Swaggart

Several weeks back, on a Saturday morning, I was watching our program, *The Message of the Cross*. Incidentally, 7 a.m. CST is the time *The Message of the Cross* comes on in our city, and it comes on at that same time seven a days a week. As I watched, it was a good program, but little did I realize what was about to happen...



WHEN WE DID this particular program live, we were close to the end of our time, and I remember asking the control room, “Would it hurt if I went over some two minutes or more?” They told me it would be no problem, so I turned to the camera and told the people that I wanted to pray for sinners to be saved. In other words, I wanted to give an altar call, which I did.

There was no great moving of the Holy Spirit. You could sense the presence of God, but countless times I’ve had it to take place in a much stronger way. But all of a sudden, when



I began to give the altar call, the presence of God filled that room. I sat there with tears rolling down my face as the presence of God became so strong, so mighty, so powerful.

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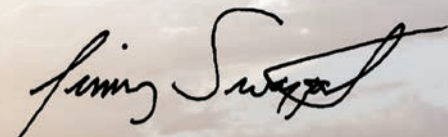
And then the Lord spoke to my heart telling me that this which I was doing—the giving of the altar calls over television—was exactly what He wanted and desired. He also said, “I’m going to give you a harvest of souls like you have never known, seen, witnessed or experienced previously.” You must remember the word that I gave you concerning the harvest in Egypt which took place under Joseph. It was so large that Joseph had to build granaries all over Egypt. Actually, it was beyond counting. The Lord told me, “That is an example of what I am going to do spiritually.”

I need an army of intercessors, of people with faith to believe God that we may see that which He has promised. We cannot take it for granted. That’s the reason I need the intercessors and those full of faith.

You must remember that last month I said that you were called of God, the same as I am called of God. You may never have thought of it in that fashion, but it definitely is true. That means that you have a great responsibility even as I have. Don’t forget that, and don’t throw it aside. Let me say it again: your call is the same as mine.

I thank you so very, very much, for what you have done in the past, and what you are doing at the present. By faith I will thank you for what will be done in the future. We live in times that are unlike the world has ever seen before. God is able. Irrespective of what we try to do, He is big enough for the task. Thank you for praying, thank you for fasting, and thank you for sharing the burden with me and those that you see in this ministry.

In the Master’s service, yours,



Jimmy Swaggart

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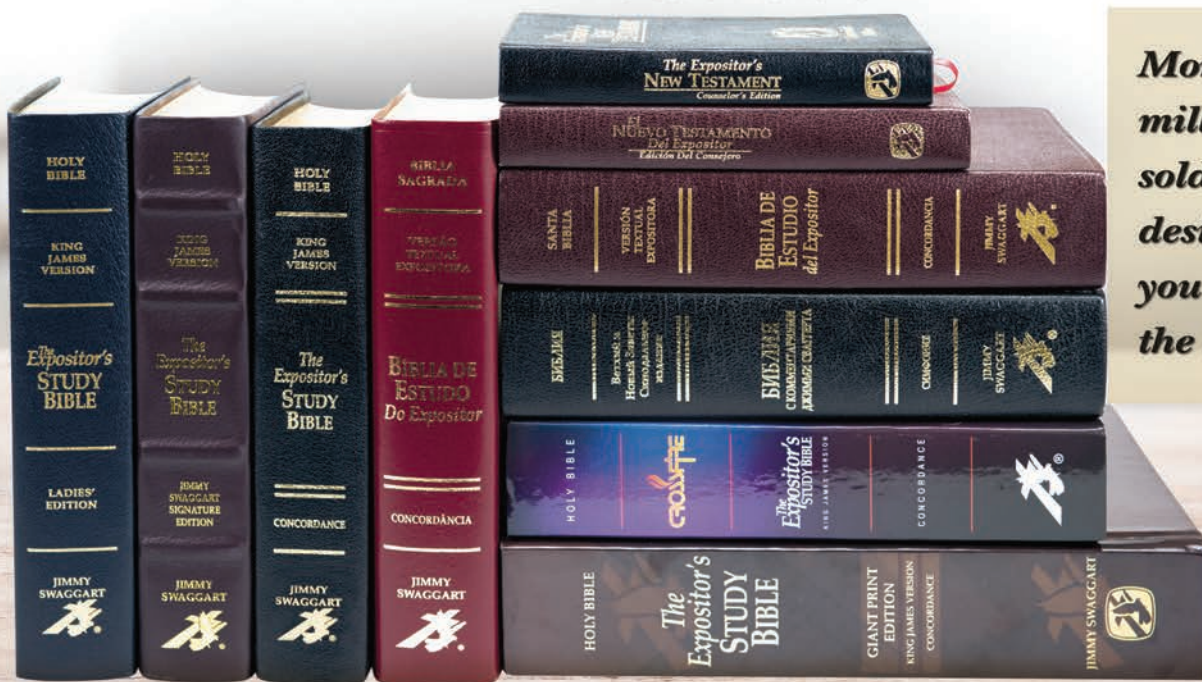
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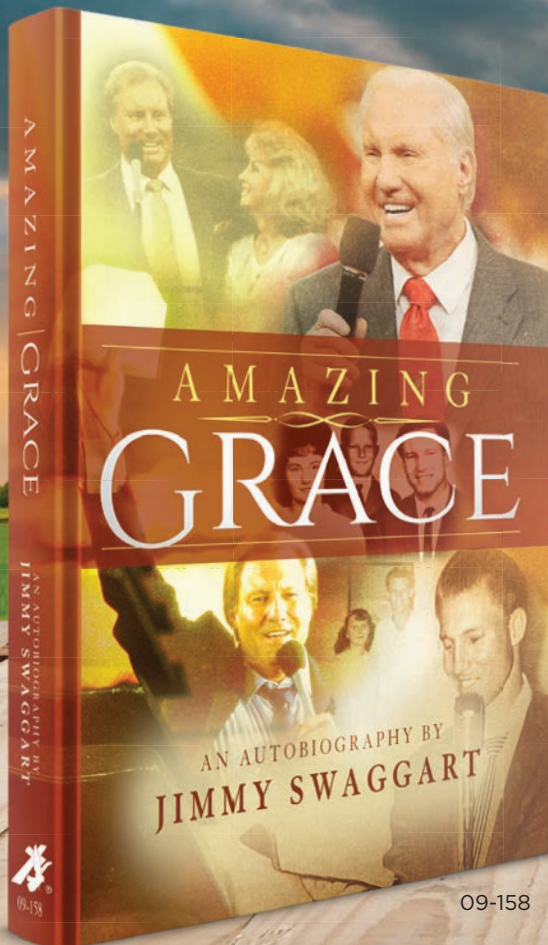
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