

# The **Berean Searchlight**

Studying God's Word, Rightly Divided

June 2002



**Feature Articles**

*Images of Grace from the Philippines*  
 Pastor Paul M. Sadler ..... 8

*The Judgment to Come*  
 Pastor Cornelius R. Stam ..... 14

*What is the Berean Bible Institute? (The BBI Byline)*  
 W. Edward Bedore, Th.D. .... 20

**Departments**

From the Editor to You ..... 5

Travel Map ..... 7

Question Box ..... 13

Summer Bible Conferences ..... 24

News and Announcements ..... 25

Books on Tape ..... 26

The *Berean Bible Society* is an organization for the promotion of Bible study by means of newspaper series, recorded Bible lessons, and the distribution of Bible study literature. It is a non-profit organization, a work of faith supported by the gifts of Christian friends.

The *Berean Searchlight* is the official organ of the *Berean Bible Society*, and is sent free of charge to any who request it.

*Editor:* Paul M. Sadler; *Composition and Layout:* Kevin J. Sadler

Questions, comments, book orders? You can reach us at:

*Berean Bible Society*  
 N112 W17761 Mequon Road  
 PO Box 756  
 Germantown, WI 53022

*Berean Bible Society* Main Office: (262) 255-4750  
*Berean Bible Society* Fax Number: (262) 255-4195

Internet: <[www.bereanbiblesociety.org](http://www.bereanbiblesociety.org)>  
 E-mail: <[berean@execpc.com](mailto:berean@execpc.com)>

*Office hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CST*

**The Berean Searchlight (ISSN 0005-8890), June 2002. Volume 63, Number 4.**

The *Berean Searchlight* is published monthly (except July) at no subscription price, by *Berean Bible Society*, N112 W17761 Mequon Road, PO Box 756, Germantown, WI 53022-0756. Second-class postage paid at Germantown, WI. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to *Berean Searchlight*, N112 W17761 Mequon Road, PO Box 756, Germantown, WI 53022-0756.

**From New Jersey:**

"I thank God for your message. I also thank God for His Grace. God bless you all."

**From Idaho:**

"I have received the little *Berean Searchlight* for many years now and have found it to be thoroughly, thoughtfully, and logically researched. Along with several other grace ministries, it has helped me grow in grace and has given me the courage to share dispensationalism, a tool that is absolutely necessary if one is to *rightly divide the Word of truth*."

**From the Philippines:**

"The reason why I am writing to you is because I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to both you and Pastor Watkins for sparing and sharing your time with us. I am truly grateful to have met you in person and to hear your words of encouragement. Thanks for the refreshing course." (The honor was mine to come among you, beloved, to share the gospel of the grace of God. Ed.)

**From Indiana:**

"I have always enjoyed the *Berean Searchlight*. Keep up the good work."

**From South Dakota:**

"Thank you for your integrity with God's eternal Word. I so much enjoy the *Berean Searchlight* because it helps me to study the Bible in light of the differences between prophecy truth and mystery truth. I've asked our Lord to help my pastor see mystery truth and what I've been proclaiming to him. I also want to share with you the high regard I have for Pastor Jeff Seekins. Praise God for him and his ministry, as the Lord used him to introduce me to His Word, rightly divided."

**From Georgia:**

"Absolutely wonderful product [the Grace Library CD], hopefully you will be offering more of Pastor Stam's books as add-on modules soon. Think so?"

**From Niagara, Canada via E-Mail:**

"We heard Pastor Paul Sadler speak at the *Beacon of Grace Bible Church* in the Niagara area 2 years ago, and being intrigued by what he said and his dispensational charts, did much reading of your literature and now attend the *Beacon of Grace Church*."

**From the Internet:**

"I curse the day that Rina Jacquith taught me this dispensationalist doctrine in Israel back in 1973. I have been struggling to get to grips with true spirituality ever since, and still cannot read the Bible without mentally falling back into your divisive doctrine—a doctrine of division and hatefulness....The Apostle Paul did NOT walk around preaching a Mystery—he walked around preaching CHRIST. God does not call us to juggle and twist the Bible, and argue with everybody. You will do well to remember that. I just hope that one day I will again be able to read His Word without seeing things that differ, instead of things that unite; seeing Pastor Stam, Dov Avnon, Rina and Clifford Jacquith, and the Apostle Paul, instead of the Lord Jesus Christ." (We wholeheartedly agree that Paul "walked around preaching CHRIST," as he says, "according to the revelation of the Mystery"—Rom. 16:25. Ed.)

**From Nakuru, Kenya:**

"I thank God for your website and I look forward to getting blessed from it."

**From the Philippines:**

"I know Pastor Sadler is very busy. I've been surfing your website and I've seen his schedule...what a busy man he is...no wonder you are the one [Pastor Kurth] who replied to my e-mail. By the way, just tell him that all his messages we heard from him have been preached by our pastors here and I can't tell you how much he has blessed us as he imparted those insights."

**From Wisconsin:**

"May God bless you for spreading the truth—rightly divided."

**From Michigan:**

“It is time I let you know how much I appreciate the *Berean Searchlight*. It is the only *rightly divided* material available here at the institution, so please continue to send it. For some reason I never got a July 2001 copy, so could you please send me one as I’ve saved each one since I started getting them in August 2000.” (Traditionally we have not published the *Searchlight* in July. Since our staff becomes weary around that time of year we thought it might be a good idea to give these veterans of the Cross a brief furlough. Ed.)

**From the Internet:**

“I have only just started receiving your *Two Minutes with the Bible* [via e-mail] and find it excellent. It is short and precise but with a depth of enlightenment.”

**From New York:**

“I thank the Lord every day for the way He has used you people in the Word, rightly divided. What a blessing to see as Paul said and taught the simplicity of the gospel. I never realized how we have been so confused for so many centuries by the so-called Christian church. It makes one angry, but thankful for what we have been saved from and what we have been saved for. Praise the Lord.”

**From Wisconsin:**

“Words cannot express the *unsearchable riches* that I and the brethren here are continuously receiving from the materials God has moved you to send. They bring much needed and appropriate *food*. I thank God for all the books.”

**From Nigeria:**

“Calvary greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am very grateful to God for the work He is using you people to do even here in Nigeria. For the past twenty-seven years now, I have been a regular reader of the *Searchlight* and have benefited much from it.”

**From the Internet:**

“I have been receiving the *Searchlight* for many years and look forward to reading it each month. I would like to request a subscription to be sent to a friend.”

**From North Carolina:**

“Please save the cost of printing and postage on my subscription to the *Berean Searchlight*. I will just download the PDF copy every month from the web site for viewing on my computer. Please cancel my subscription and hold down your cost, and I do appreciate your making it available on-line with all the Bible study articles also. This website is a great source of information.”

**From the Philippines:**

“I write this letter to personally thank you Brother Sadler for sending me your great book *Things That Differ* by Pastor Stam, and for including me on your mailing list of those receiving the *Searchlight*. The book you sent me is unlike any book that I’ve read about dispensationalism and I am greatly blessed with the truths I got from it. I do not have a degree in Bible school or seminary but I love the Lord and I want to serve Him. It is through good and excellent books like yours that missionaries like us get good doctrine. Will it be alright if I write again to you and ask questions regarding the book you sent me because there are some things I cannot yet comprehend because of language difficulties? I would like to know more and fully understand the dispensational principles.” (We will be happy to assist you in any way we can, beloved. Ed.)

**From the Internet:**

“I receive your publication the *Berean Searchlight* and have for many years. I have found it to be very helpful in many areas of my ministry. I am thankful and indebted to your faithful service to the Lord.”

“These [Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” —Acts 17:11



## From the Editor to You:

---



Dearly Beloved,

As I made preparations for a missionary journey to the Philippines, the words of the Apostle Paul to the church at Rome came to mind. Paul prayed without ceasing for these dear saints “making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you...” This was our request as well. Not only that God would grant to us traveling grace, but we longed to see our Filipino brethren, many of whom we had come to know through correspondence.

Although some were concerned for our safety, due to the terrorist threats of the Abu Sayyaf, I felt at peace about the trip from the very beginning. It was also reassuring to be traveling with Pastor Joe Watkins, a seasoned veteran on the field, who served as a missionary in the Philippines for nearly thirty years. We were joined by Joe’s granddaughter, Celestee, who was born in the Philippines, which rounded out the threesome. Probably nothing could have prepared us for the unforeseen circumstances of our journey. Any time you are going to visit a country where the people are anticipating your arrival to hear the gospel preached, you can be relatively sure you’re going to meet with opposition. Our enemy will make sure of it.

If I have a choice to drive for ten hours to a destination or take an hour flight, I will choose to fly every time. I love to fly! However, after spending twenty hours in the air to the Philippines, I may have to re-evaluate things. When I stepped off the plane in Manila my body clock was so confused, having passed through so many time zones, it simply shut down. You know you’re in trouble when you fly that length of time and never see daylight.

The trips to Bataan and Cebu City were uneventful, but as we were preparing to leave for Ozamiz a typhoon hit unannounced. Of course, it wasn’t typhoon season, nevertheless the winds were 65 miles per hour, the trees were going sideways, and it rained so hard it looked like monsoon season. Thankfully the storm passed quickly, allowing us to continue our journey to minister the Word. Joe said he wanted me to experience the Philippines, but that he didn’t have a typhoon in mind.

The twelve-hour boat excursion over to Ozamiz was like sailing on a crystal sea; however, the same could not be said of the return trip. We had high seas! Very high! That old ship was up one side of the swells

and down the other. Our cabin was located at the very front of the ship, so when the waves broke over the bow it sounded like a tidal wave coming over us. On more than one occasion that night, I thought we were going to spend a night and a day in the sea, like Paul.

The final destination on our missionary journey was the *Luzon Youth Conference* outside of San Andres. Normally the trip from Manila takes about twelve hours, but unbeknown to us the road had been partially washed out by recent storms. This added five hours to the expedition, which meant some of our meetings had to be re-scheduled for the next day. Since



we were unable to return the way we came, the only other option was to take an “outrigger” to a location beyond where the road was washed out. As you can see from the picture above, it wasn’t a very big boat! The three-hour voyage across the South China Sea was breathtaking, but I sure wouldn’t want to be out there in an outrigger on a stormy day!

The evening before our departure home we received word that Taiwan had been hit by a 7.0 earthquake, which leveled a number of buildings. Of course this threw everything into a brief tailspin, simply because we were unsure whether or not we would be able to land in Taipei. The concern was that the runways may have been damaged and our flight would be diverted to an alternate destination. So, we were up in the air for several hours, no pun intended. Early the next morning, we learned that the airport at Taipei had experienced mild tremors, but it hadn’t sustained any damage.

Upon arriving in Taiwan, there was a security alert which delayed our flight to L.A. As a result the military had armed guards posted around the aircraft until our departure for the States. Of course, this meant I would miss my connecting flight to Chicago. This is pretty much par for the course when you fly these days.

Although the potential for harm, major delays, and cancellations seemed to be whirling around us the entire journey, by the grace of God everything went smoothly when you consider the trip covered over 20,000 miles. As you will see, we went to the Philippines to encourage the saints, but it turned out that we were the ones who returned encouraged by their faithful stand for Paul’s apostleship and message.

Gratefully yours,

Paul M. Sadler  
President

# Missionary Journey to the Philippines

## Travel Map

March 15-31, 2002



# Images of Grace from the Philippines

By Paul M. Sadler

**T**hey say a picture is worth a thousand words. Truer words have never been spoken in this case. With over 400 Grace Churches in the Philippines the Grace Movement is alive and well, which is a tribute to *Things to Come Mission*. In 1958 Pastor Vernon Anderson and Pastor Joe Watkins moved their families to the Philippines to undertake the work of the ministry among the Filipino people.

Although it was slow going at first, the arduous treks through the mountainous terrain began to pay eternal dividends. As souls were saved, gradually the gospel began to spread through the barrios, from which sprang local assemblies. Here we believe *Things to Come* exercised sound judgment. Rather than trying to draw Christian workers from the States to fill these pastoral positions, they established Grace training centers in various regions of the Philippines. There are now five *International Grace Bible Institutes* devoted solely to training pastors and Bible Women. Thus, the Filipino pulpits are always filled with capable Christian leaders. Should the door ever close to American missionaries in the Philippines, the nationals are well equipped to carry on the Lord's work. This, of course, is the Pauline way (Acts 14:21-23; 20:28-32 cf. Titus 1:5-9).



The Manila American Cemetery and Memorial

The first stop on our missionary journey was Bataan, where the infamous Bataan death march took place during World War II. On our way to the meetings, we drove down the long, straight ribbon of highway where thousands of courageous American and Filipino soldiers were led to their deaths at the hands of the Japanese. Years ago, I remember sitting at the feet of my father listening to the stories of his tour of duty in the Philippines.

He had the honor of fighting under the command of General MacArthur when he returned to liberate the Philippines. We were also returning, but for a completely different reason. It was our desire to fight the good fight of the faith.

I counted it an honor to attend and preach at the dedication services of the *Bataan Grace Bible Institute*, along with Brother Vernon Anderson and Brother Joe Watkins. As we were dedicating the new building, plans were already being made to expand the facility to accommodate larger gatherings of the saints. Pastor Gerson Bermejo, who ministers at the school and the assembly, was kind



Bataan International Grace Bible Institute



enough also to be our guide. He shuttled us around Manila, which served as home base during our stay. This was no small task since Manila rivals Chicago at rush hour with countless cars, jeepneys, and motorcycle rickshaws, all *racing* at breakneck speeds for the same spot. I saw my life flash before me on more than one occasion!



Dedication Service



Jeepney Taxi

Upon returning from Bataan to Manila, we flew to Cebu City where we met with over 150 Grace Pastors, Bible Women, and Elders who had gathered to hear the preaching of the Word, rightly divided. These meetings were designed to encourage these Christian leaders to stand fast in the faith that was first delivered unto them. Sadly, the Lord's Supper, Pure Grace, and "KJV only" teachings have even divided assemblies in the Philippines. Therefore, these brethren requested that we address these issues so they would be better equipped as to how to deal with these unsound teachings. I thought Brother Joe and Brother Vernon did a good job reminding the people that it was *Things to Come Mission* who originally brought the gospel to them. As it was correctly said, "We kept nothing back from you, as you are now being told, but committed unto you the whole counsel of God in light of the Pauline revelation."



Pastors & Bible Women  
at Cebu Conference

Some of the Dialogue Times (Question & Answer Sessions) that were scheduled for one hour went well over two hours. Thankfully, God granted us a special measure of grace to endure to the end after preaching for an hour. Needless to say, we were more than willing to spend and be spent for the sake of the truth. Although the majority of Filipinos are very fluent in English, some of the older brethren have difficulty understanding it. Consequently, we used interpreters at Cebu City so all could benefit from the preaching of the Word (I Cor. 14:9). This opened the door for a number of humorous moments. As I was delivering my first message on *The Importance of Having a Knowledge of God's Will*, I made a *brief* statement during the course of the address. I then paused for the translator to translate into *Cebuano*, but he seemed to go on forever. I *slowly* turned to him when he was finished and responded, "Did I say all that, brother?" Everyone thought that hilarious! The translator replied that sometimes additional commentary was necessary to explain the English words that are not found in their language.



Pastor Sadler  
with Translator



IGBI Graduates



Graduation



Commencement Service

After the “mini typhoon” passed, we made our way to the 41st graduation of the *International Grace Bible Institute* in Ozamiz City. Here I had the privilege of delivering the Baccalaureate and Commencement addresses to the student body and their families. This year 24 were graduating, with honors, after completing the four-year program. The school in Ozamiz, which includes dormitories, is one of the largest Grace training centers in the Philippines. Incidentally, the Filipinos have angelic voices, especially



Ozamiz IGBI Training Center



Dormitories

the Student Choir at the Institute; they lifted our hearts into the heavenlies on more than one occasion! Pastor Boco, the faculty, and staff at IGBI are to be commended for their labor of love in faithfully training these young people for the work of the ministry.

We also had an opportunity to minister the Word at the dedication services of the *Grace Gospel Church* in Ozamiz. Brother Alcontin, who has printed and distributed BBS literature in the Philippines, spearheaded the erection of this new facility. So many attended these meetings they were unable to fit everyone into the building. I was truly touched by how many came up to me after the services to convey their appreciation for sending them the *Berean Searchlight*. Some even brought back issues of the *Searchlight*



Grace Gospel Church Ozamiz



Dedication Service

with them so they could personally ask me questions about specific articles. This was made possible by the sacrificial giving of those who faithfully support the ministries of BBS.

The last leg of our journey took us to the *Luzon Youth Conference* just outside of San Andres. With the road partially washed out, both Joe and I concluded that only a handful would probably be in attendance. Boy, did we underestimate the determination of our young people, who numbered well over 200. We arrived late Good Friday evening

to the unusual sound of *chanting*. As we gathered for a brief time of fellowship before we retired for the evening, the brethren shared with us that Good Friday was *Payson*, a Roman Catholic ritual of penance where the members of the church must chant for 24 hours to receive the forgiveness of their sins.



Luzon Youth Conference

Unfortunately I woke up in the middle of the night; sure enough they were still chanting. As I was lying there trying to go back to sleep, which isn't that easy when a group is chanting, I thought to myself, how sad, it's "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5). While Catholicism teaches that Christ died on the Cross for sin, they do not believe in the Lord Jesus "only." They believe that Christ died, *plus* the good



Youth Facilities



Luzon Young People

works they must perform in order to receive forgiveness. Even then the sinner at death is confined to purgatory for an indefinite period until the remainder of his sins is purged through suffering. Thankfully we are saved by grace through faith alone and have a knowledge of sins forgiven on the basis of the shed blood of Christ. We are *complete* in Him! (Eph. 2:8,9 cf. Col. 2:10).

The warm hospitality we received during our visit made us feel right at home. Like in America, our Grace women in the Philippines are great cooks! I truly enjoyed the delicious Mongo Bean Soup that I tasted for the very first time. By the way, Mrs. Anderson was kind enough to make sure that I went home with the recipe. I also had the enjoyable experience of going to a coconut grove where a young man scaled a 30 to 40 foot high coconut tree in his bare feet. Once again, I had to marvel at the complexity of God's creation.



Preparing for Dinner

The coconut provides juice, milk, coconut, and its shell is used, like we use charcoal, to cook.



Brother June (left) and Joe reminiscing

I must say that I was truly touched by the *dedication* of the Filipinos to the things of the Lord. In addition to having a well-rounded knowledge of the Scriptures, they are standing fast in the defense and confirmation of Paul's gospel. *Things to Come Mission* has done an outstanding job evangelizing, edifying, training, and organizing the work. Al-

though TCM is still generally overseeing the ministry in the Philippines, it is the Filipinos who are now doing the work of the ministry—they

organize national and regional conferences, provide the faculty and staff for the Bible Schools, and supply the pastors and Christian workers for their assemblies. I was impressed at how well the national leaders organized our itinerary and the services. Everything was done decently and in order to the glory of God.

Those who have faithfully supported the Lord's work in the Philippines are to be commended. I saw firsthand the fruits of your labor. In fact, the Filipinos are now sending out missionaries from their own to evangelize the lost in other countries. While there are still many needs in the Philippines, perhaps the



The Voice of an Angel

most pressing is for literature. Some of the Bible Institutes are in need of a complete set of our books and booklets and other sound grace materials. Our pastors could use Bibles, grace literature, and references works, such as concordances, to assist in their personal ministries.



Brother Vernon  
with the brethren

If you are in a position to help us meet these needs or help with the astronomical shipping costs, simply designate your gift, "Literature for the Philippines." You can also contact *Things to Come Mission* directly regarding regular support and other needs. TCM can be reached at: 2200 English Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46201 or e-mail: <tcmusa@tcmusa.org>.



## Rocky Mountain Grace Camp

***Nestled in the Beautiful Rocky Mountains of Colorado***

**Dates:** August 19-24, 2002

**Location:** Long's Peak Inn, Estes Park, Colorado

**Family Hour Speaker:**

Evangelist Lee Homoki

Executive Director of *Bible Doctrines To Live By*

For brochures, directions, and additional information, please contact:

Pastor and Mrs. James Harley

Phone: (920) 829-6021

E-mail: <j.harley@juno.com>



***"Here is where we hear God's Word  
and learn the Mystery!"***



## Question Box

*“Pastor, there are some that came from America who sowed discord among the brethren, teaching we are not to observe the Lord’s Supper in the administration of Grace. The passage they use, among others, is I Corinthians 11:20, where Paul states, ‘This is not the Lord’s Supper.’ As you know, this is not the position of Things to Come Mission, but could you please address this matter for us that we might be better equipped to confront this doctrine?”*

—The Philippines

Beloved, any time the Lord is blessing the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery, you can be sure the enemy is going to attack. Allow me to reassure you that we are to observe the Lord’s Supper. Paul is quite clear that he received a direct revelation on the matter, which he initially delivered to the church at Corinth. “For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you” (I Cor. 11:23).

Paul used the same phraseology in I Corinthians 15:1-4 regarding the terms of salvation for the dispensation of grace. Consequently, if you deny Paul received a special revelation that the Lord’s Supper is to be practiced today, then you must also reject that he received a direct revelation concerning the terms of salvation. Both of these revelations were intended for the Gentiles, *not Israel*. After all, Corinth was a Gentile city where Paul had established a local assembly that was made up of Jews and Gentiles in one Body (Acts 18:4-11 cf. I Cor. 12:2,13).

In hermeneutics (the science of interpretation), a passage taken out of context is a pretext. As we study the immediate context of I Corinthians 11:20, the apostle is discussing the behavior of the Corinthians at the Love Feast. Sadly, there were divisions among them! Although a feast had been prepared fit for a king, some were hungry, and others were drunk. Then to add insult to injury, near the end of the feast they gathered together to observe the Lord’s Supper, which speaks of the *oneness* of the Body. Paul was appalled at their conduct, “This is not the Lord’s Supper,” this is a *disgrace!* “What? Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not” (I Cor. 11:22).

The solution Paul offers is for them to eat at home. So then, “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord’s death till He come” (I Cor. 11:26 cf. 14:37). Clearly the members of the Body of Christ are to observe this command of Christ until He returns for the Church at the Rapture. This, too, Paul received by special revelation.

—Pastor Sadler

# The Judgment to Come

By Cornelius R. Stam

**“And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled....”**

—Acts 24:25

Judgment to come is stated in Scripture to be one of the first “principles” of its doctrine (Heb. 6:1,2). We live in a day, however, when this fact is held in general disregard and often made light of. Few men tremble, as Felix did, at the thought of judgment to come, probably because few men preach it as Paul did.

Even believers, failing to understand Paul’s great message of grace, too often think of God only as a Being of infinite love, who gave His Son to die for man, forgetting that it was His very justice that demanded so terrible a price for sin and that the flames of the Lake of Fire are but the expression of His righteous indignation at man’s rejection of His love and grace. Believers are also prone to put the mildest possible construction upon those passages which deal with the coming judgment of their conduct as Christians, as though it were nothing more than a joyous handing out of rewards at the close of life’s race.

## GOD THE SUPREME JUDGE

That God is, among other things, the great Judge of all and acts in that capacity is the consistent testimony of Scripture.

In Genesis 18:25 He is called “*the Judge of all the earth*,” in Judges 11:27, “*the Lord, the Judge*” and in Psalm 9:7 we read: “*He hath prepared His throne for judgment.*” Paul, by inspiration, calls Him, “*the Lord, the righteous Judge*” and “*God, the Judge of all*” (II Tim. 4:8;

Heb. 12:23). And in this connection he warns that “*it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” (Heb. 10:31).

## DIRECT JUDGMENT COMMITTED TO THE SON

It is not God the *Father*, however, but God the *Son*, who will have direct charge of the future judgment of mankind. The Apostle John, by the Spirit, records our Lord’s own words as to this:

**“For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son” (John 5:22).**

**“And hath given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the<sup>1</sup> Son of man” (John 5:27).**

This is reasonable, for as Son of God and Son of man, our Lord has both the right and the qualifications to judge men.

Thus Peter declared to Cornelius and his household that it is *Christ* who was “*ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead*” (Acts 10:42). And Paul adds his confirmation to this, declaring that God “*hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained*” (Acts 17:31). Again in II Timothy 4:1, he refers to “*the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead.*” Even the judgment at which the service and conduct of believers will be dealt with, he twice calls “*the judgment seat of Christ*” (Rom. 14:10; II Cor. 5:10).

## THE COMING “DAY OF JUDGMENT”

There are various judgments to be distinguished from that “judgment

to come” of which Paul reasoned with Felix. There is, for example, the judgment of the world at Calvary—God laying the sins of the world upon Christ (John 12:31). There is also the judgment of the believer’s old nature in his death with Christ (Rom. 6:2,3), the believer’s judgment of himself (I Cor. 11:31), etc. Then too, there will be a future judgment on earth of Israel and the living nations (Matt. 24:27-25:46). But beyond all these,<sup>2</sup> there still lies a judgment for sins which will take place after the present life is over, except for those whose sins have already been dealt with by grace through the vicarious death of Christ.

It is of mankind in general that the Apostle Paul declares:

**“It is appointed unto men once to die, but AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT” (Heb. 9:27).**

Thus our Lord referred to *“the day of judgment”* as something beyond His premillennial judgment of the living nations, for “in that day,” He said, it will be more tolerable for the people of the land of Sodom (who had long since died) than for His rejectors (Matt. 10:15).

Again, He evidently referred to the same judgment when He said: *“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in THE DAY OF JUDGMENT”* (Matt. 12:36).

Peter also declares that God will *“reserve the unjust unto THE DAY OF JUDGMENT to be punished”* and refers further to *“THE DAY OF JUDGMENT and perdition of ungodly men”* (II Pet. 2:9; 3:7).

### **NONE CAN ESCAPE GOD’S JUDGMENT**

In Genesis 18:25, God is called *“the Judge of all the earth”* and in Hebrews 12:23, *“the Judge of all.”*

Again, in Romans 3:6, Paul states that God will *“judge the world.”* The fact that believers have *already* been judged in Christ only emphasizes the fact that none who have *not* thus been judged will escape the judgment *to come*—that *all* are subject to God’s righteous judgment.

Some Annihilationists deny that there will be a resurrection of the unsaved dead, and argue that therefore they *cannot* be judged. Other Annihilationists, if they carried their arguments for the “destruction” of the unsaved to their logical conclusions, would have to say the same. But if the Scriptures are clear on anything, it is the fact that there will be a resurrection of the “unjust” as well as of the “just” (Acts 24:15). Indeed, our Lord distinctly stated that “they that have done evil” will “come forth” in “the resurrection of damnation [Lit., judgment]” (John 5:29).

Our Lord is repeatedly called “the Judge of the quick [living] and the dead” (Acts 10:42; II Tim. 4:1; I Pet. 4:5) and, as we have seen, “the judgment” appointed for mankind, apart from Christ, is to take place after death (Heb. 9:27).

Let no man, therefore, entertain the unfounded hope that he can reject the Savior and yet escape being judged for his sins. If God could save even *one* soul on the grounds of His compassion alone, apart from the death of Christ, He could save *all* on the same grounds, and the death of Christ would then prove to have been the greatest blunder, yea, the greatest crime ever committed.

Let self-righteous Christ-rejectors, then, ponder soberly over the words of the Spirit through Paul: *“Thinkest thou...that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?”* (Rom. 2:3).

## **BELIEVERS ALREADY JUDGED FOR THEIR SINS**

As we have intimated, all true believers will escape this judgment for sins, since their sins have already been dealt with on the Cross and they now stand before God *“justified from all things”* (Acts 13:39), *“accepted in the Beloved”* (Eph. 1:6), and *“complete in Him”* (Col. 2:10).

It is true that *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment,”* but this passage in its entirety has an encouraging message for the believer:

**“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment;**

***“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin<sup>3</sup> unto salvation”*** (Heb. 9:27,28).

Hence we read in John 3:18 that *“He that believeth on Him is not condemned [judged]”* and in John 5:24: *“He that heareth My word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [judgment] but is passed from death unto life”* and again in Romans 8:1: *“There is therefore now no condemnation [judgment] to them which are in Christ Jesus.”*<sup>4</sup>

## **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE**

**“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.**

**“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.**

**“And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell**

**delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.**

**“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

**“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”** (Rev. 20:11-15).

This judgment, which we have already referred to, stands between the passing of the present heaven and earth and the appearance of the new heaven and earth. It is the judgment at which all the remaining dead—all the *unsaved* dead—will stand before God the Son to answer for their sins.

Terrible as it is to contemplate, it is the *final* judgment of the ages. In the words of Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer, it is “the last word of a holy God respecting sin and all unrighteousness” (*Systematic Theology*, Vol. IV, P. 412).

## **NOT A GENERAL JUDGMENT OF ALL**

Those who believe that the judgment at the great white throne is to be a “general judgment” of all men have confused it with the judgment of the living nations described by our Lord in Matthew 25:31-46. But these two judgments cannot possibly be the same. In our Lord’s description of the judgment of the living nations, sheep, goats *and brethren* are referred to, the judgment is held on earth and treatment of the Jew is the issue, while, by comparison, the judgment at the great white throne concerns only the *unsaved*, the earth will have fled away, and *all* sinful works will be dealt with. Further, there could be no resurrection at the judgment of the *living* nations, while men are raised from the dead to stand before the great white throne.



Nor does the idea of a general resurrection and judgment stand the Berean test any better in the light of other related Scriptures.

It is true that we read in Daniel 12:2 that “some” shall awake “to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt,” and in Acts 24:15 that “there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust,” but neither of these passages say that the resurrection and judgment of the saved and of the unsaved will occur at the same time. They merely state that both will be raised and judged.

Isaiah 61:2,3 contains a prediction concerning “the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God” in one sentence, but by closing the book after reading only the former phrase, in Nazareth’s synagogue, our Lord made it abundantly clear that these were not to occur simultaneously. The former phrase concerned the day in which He spoke, but the latter concerned a future day. Indeed, we *now* know that “the day of vengeance” did not even follow immediately after “the acceptable year of the Lord.”<sup>5</sup> So it is with the two passages above referred to. They merely say that both the just and the unjust will be raised and judged, but other Scriptures must be consulted for further light as to details of time, etc.

Our Lord’s words in John 5:28,29 already indicate that only “they that have done evil” will arise in “the resurrection of damnation” and that this is thus to be distinguished from “the resurrection of life.”

Should it be objected that our Lord spoke of an “hour” in this connection (Ver. 28), we reply that in Verse 25 He also spoke of an “hour” both coming and then present—an hour which has already lasted more than nineteen hundred years.

The language is clearly idiomatic in both cases.

Furthermore, how could there be a general resurrection and judgment when I Corinthians 15:22-24 gives us a definite order of successive resurrections, when I Thessalonians 4:16-18 speaks of a resurrection in which only “the dead in Christ” shall have part, and when Revelation 20:5 speaks of a “first [Lit., former] resurrection” to take place before the millennium and states that “*the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished*”?

### **THE FINAL JUDGMENT OF THE UNSAVED DEAD**

The great white throne is clearly the final judgment of the unsaved dead. Its purpose, however, is not to determine the guilt of those who stand before it—this was established long before—but rather to manifest sin and deal with it finally, for the fire of the lake of fire has already been kindled in *hades*. Thus the rich man in *hades* spoke of being “tormented in this flame” and sought to save his brothers from “this place of torment.” This also explains in what sense “death and [*hades*]” will be cast into the lake of fire.

Indeed, while “*gehenna*” is spoken of as synonymous with the lake of fire, our Lord frequently speaks as though His hearers will, if rebellious, be cast into its flames at death—this, simply because the fire has already been kindled. Hence His warnings regarding “*gehenna*” (Matt. 5:29,30; 10:28; etc.), “everlasting fire” (Matt. 25:41), and “the fire that never shall be quenched” (Mark 9:43-49).

### **The Scene Described**

What could be more terrible to contemplate than the final judgment of the ungodly, where the Son

of God, who loved men enough to die in shame and disgrace for their sins, must deal righteously with those who have refused to call upon His name; where sinners will be made to appear before the august majesty of Him who occupies the great white throne where their long-hidden sins will be exposed to the white light of His holiness!

### **The Throne, Its Occupant and Those Who Stand Before It**

The throne is called “great” evidently because of the vastness of its jurisdiction. There the billions of earth’s unsaved will be gathered, from every age of history and every nation of the world.

It is called a “white” throne because its dazzling brilliance will not, like human courts, be sullied by partiality, dishonesty or cruelty. It will be a throne of perfect and absolute *justice*.

But if the throne is great and dazzling, more so its Occupant. He is not described. He cannot be, for He appears in the infinite glory of His eternal Godhead and, from His face, the earth and heaven flee away and no place is found for them. If only the multitudes before Him could also flee away, but they cannot. *He* holds the central place and claims the undivided attention of all. Here, at last, sinners will find themselves exposed to the searching gaze of Him who is “of purer eyes than to behold evil” and who “canst not look on iniquity.” Here, finally, their sins will be manifested in their true light as utterly accursed and worthy only of the most dreadful retribution. At first it may appear that there are no witnesses. But the Great Witness is on the throne. A second is in every man’s heart, a third in every neighbor’s face, and all the evidence is in the “books.”

The throne of Revelation 4:2-6 and its Occupant are surrounded by a rainbow of promise, but not so here, for here there will no longer be any hope—only condemnation and doom.

**“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God” (20:12).**

There they stand, the highest, who once presumed that their riches or learning or worldly prestige placed them in a position of special privilege—and the lowest, who confused sin with misfortune and supposed that God would not hold such as them accountable. There they stand, the small and the great, now all on the same level, to answer to Him who is no respecter of persons.

### **The Books and the Book**

**“And the books were opened... and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works” (Ver. 12).**

This can mean but one thing: Complete records have been kept of man’s works. How? Of what sort? For one thing, modern science has discovered that nothing in nature is lost, whether sound or light or motion. Throw a stone into a pond and its ripples travel out to the edge and back endlessly, smaller as they go, but also faster, and leaving their impact upon all that with which they come into contact. Light and sound also keep traveling endlessly into space and are woven into the very texture of things. Whether we like it or not, the words we say are recorded and the proper instruments could pick them up. Edison learned this and Joshua was doubtless more scientifically correct than he knew when he said to the children of Israel:

**“Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us, for it hath heard all the words of the Lord which He spake**

**unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God” (Josh. 24:27).**

Let mechanical sound and photo recordings perish, but God will still have a journal of every man’s career in the imperishable record of nature, and also a record, of whatever kind, of the hidden thoughts and motives. The sinner’s biography will be exact and complete, with abundant and overwhelming proof of his guilt.

At the great white throne, the vast library will be opened to scrutiny, to memory, to conscience, and the wicked will be judged according to its perfect record.

### **The Basis of the Judgment**

**“The day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Rom. 2:16).**

How just are the judgments of God!

Referring here, evidently, to the judgment of the unbelieving at the great white throne, the Apostle Paul points out the reasonableness and righteousness of that judgment. Let us consider this passage carefully.

*“God shall judge the secrets of men.”* In human courts there are frequently miscarriages of justice because all the facts are not brought to light. At the great white throne this will not be so. On the throne will be the One before whom no secret can remain hidden.

**“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight, but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:13).**

*“God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ.”* This too has been done so that the judgment might be wholly just. Were the Judge God alone, and not also man, it *might* be objected that such judgment could hardly be fair, but, as it is, men will

be judged at the great white throne by One who loved them enough to become one of them that He might understand them, help them, yea, and die for their sins to save them.

*“...according to my gospel.”* But how, it may be asked, can it be just to judge men of bygone ages on the basis of a message which they have never heard? If it is true that Paul’s gospel was “kept secret since the world began” (Rom. 16:25) until made known to him by the glorified Lord, how can it be just to judge men of all ages according to *his* gospel?


The answer is that in the Pauline revelation we have the very *[secret] of the gospel*” (Eph. 6:19)—that is, the secret of all God’s good news down through the ages. It has *now* been revealed *how*—on what basis—Abel, Noah, David and other Old Testament saints were saved; that, because Christ was to die, they could be saved by approaching God by faith in the way that He *then* prescribed. Thus when mere professors of the Mosaic dispensation, for example, appear before the great white throne, they will not be judged for imperfections in the sacrifices they offered, or technicalities in the Mosaic law which they failed to observe. They will be judged because their sacrifices and religious works were not offered to God *in faith*. The works for which men are to be judged at that great day will merely be the fruit and evidence of their unbelief, whether “good” works or bad works.

Suppose God, at that day, should judge men on the basis of the law of Moses rather than on the basis of the gospel of the grace of God. No one but Christ has ever been able to keep the law of Moses. How then would it be just to hold men accountable for that which they cannot possibly attain to? The only sense in which the law will enter into the

judgment of the unsaved who lived from Moses to Christ is that man's response to the revealed will of God is ever the evidence of his faith or unbelief, obedience or rebellion (Rom. 2:11-15).

This is why the judgment of the great white throne will proceed on the basis of the good news proclaimed by Paul, that, because of the death of Christ for sin, salvation is, and always has been, essentially by grace, through faith—that never in any age has salvation been denied to one single person who has taken God at His Word and approached Him in *His* way.

Among the unsaved, of course, there are still degrees of wickedness. Thus, while the phrase “every man” of Revelation 20:13 indicates that there will be no respect of persons at the great white throne, the

phrase “according to his works” indicates that the sentence will not be an arbitrary one; that the penalty will be graded to transgression and responsibility. This would agree with such passages as Matthew 11:20-24 and Luke 12:47,48. Indeed, the books will be opened so that each man may see for himself *what he did* and acknowledge the judgment to be just. 

---

## Endnotes

1. The definite article does not appear in the original.
2. We do not believe that the sentence of Matthew 25:41 constitutes the final judgment of the enemies of Israel.
3. Lit., “apart from sin,” i.e., apart from the sin question.
4. The rest of the verse in A.V. is an interpolation. It belongs at the end of Verse 4, where it also appears.
5. See the author's booklet, *Now is the Time*.

---

## THE BBI BYLINE

### What is the Berean Bible Institute?

By W. Edward Bedore, Th.D.

Executive Director, *Berean Bible Institute*

**BBI** is a non-accredited school of college level adult education that provides sound Biblical and doctrinal studies, along with training in ministry and leadership skills, to help individuals become prepared to do the work of the ministry in local churches and on the mission field, with the overall goals of making the Gospel of Jesus Christ known to the lost throughout the world, the edification of believers, and the promotion of personal Bible study. Without reservation, all teaching at **BBI** is carried out according to the Biblical principle of “rightly dividing the Word of Truth” (II Tim. 2:15) in light of the distinctive message of God's

matchless grace revealed to and through the Apostle Paul. **BBI** promotes the universal proclamation of “*Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery*” (Rom. 16:25) both to the world and to the church.

Following are answers to the most frequently asked questions about **Berean Bible Institute**.

**Q. Who should consider attending BBI?**

A. **BBI** can help anyone who has a heartfelt desire and feels God's calling to devote their life to the ministry to prepare themselves to effectively serve the Lord. **BBI** accepts both men and women as students.

**Q. If I am not planning to be a pastor or missionary, can I still attend BBI?**

A. Yes, **BBI's** main focus is on pastoral ministry, but sound Bible training is important to all areas of the Christian life and ministry. So, **BBI** is open to those wanting to become better grounded in the Word. Our Basic program would benefit any believer, and is particularly helpful to those who want to be better prepared to serve in their local church.

**Q. What are BBI's standards for enrollment?**

A. **BBI** will consider all applicants for admission. Students must have a clear testimony of having trusted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, a sincere desire to know God's Word *rightly divided*, a lifestyle that is separated from the world and honoring to the Lord, and be capable of doing college level work. Those without a high school diploma or its equivalent will be considered on an individual basis.

**Q. What are the age requirements for attending BBI?**

A. Students must be 18 years or older (special consideration will be given to 17 year old high school graduates who will turn 18 in their first semester). **BBI** has had students as young as 18 and as old as 77. Currently the ages of **BBI** students range from 18 to 50, the average being 31.

**Q. How many classes per semester may students take?**

A. Students may take as many as 17 or as few as 1 credit hours per semester depending on their circumstances and purpose for attending. Those taking 11 hours or more are considered full-time students. (Credit hours refer to the number of class periods held each week

during a 16-week semester. For example, a 2 credit hour class meets for two class periods each week for 16 weeks for a total of 32 hours of classroom instruction). Students wanting to complete the entire 3-year course usually take as many hours as possible each semester.

**Q. What does it cost to attend BBI?**

A. Tuition at **BBI** is \$75.00 per credit hour. A 2 credit hour class would cost \$150.00 (2 hrs. x \$75.00=\$150.00; 4 hrs. x \$75.00=\$300.00; etc.). Tuition per semester for a full-time student taking 15 credit hours would be \$1,125.00. However, **Berean Bible Institute** has established the *BBI Scholarship Fund* that is financed by the special gifts of grace believers who have a desire to help our students by making school as affordable as possible. Thanking the Lord for these dear brethren, we have been able to reduce our tuition by 50% for the last 2 years. This special help has proven to be a real blessing to our students. Besides tuition, there is a one-time registration fee of \$25.00 that is paid when application for enrollment is made. Students are also responsible for the cost of their textbooks. However, when sufficient funds are available in the *BBI Scholarship Fund*, it is used to help defer student cost in purchasing textbooks.

**Q. Is there a discount for married couples attending BBI?**

A. Yes, when a husband and wife enroll together, tuition is waived for the spouse taking the fewest credit hours.

**Q. Why should I consider attending BBI rather than another Bible school?**

A. As far as we know, **BBI** is a unique Grace ministry in that it offers a full three-year formal Bible

and ministry training program in Bible Institute format. The Bible is taught dispensationally in light of the distinct message revealed by the Lord to the Apostle Paul for the current Dispensation of Grace (Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:1-11; Col. 1:25-27). **BBI** has a workable and practical curriculum designed to give our students a solid understanding of “*the revelation of the mystery*” and its importance in proper Bible interpretation with a balanced approach to ministry and the ability to effectively preach and teach the Word of God. We not only teach the Bible, but we also teach our students how to study the Bible for themselves. All **BBI** instructors are committed to the Word of God “rightly divided” and have valuable ministry experience. Having a variety of instructors provides balance for **BBI**'s program. If you would like to use your life to make a difference for Christ, then **BBI** is the place for you. If you are not sure of God's calling on your life, you should consider attending **BBI** for at least 1 year where you can be spiritually enriched and learn how to effectively serve God in whatever direction He leads you.

**Q. How is the ministry of Berean Bible Institute supported?**

**A. Berean Bible Institute** is an independent faith ministry that has no denominational or organizational backing. Our tuition is kept as low as possible to make

**BBI** affordable so only a fraction of our financial needs are met in this way. For our primary means of monetary support, we are dependent on the gifts of God's people who stand with us for the truth of His Word rightly divided and desire to make Jesus Christ known “*according to the revelation of the mystery.*” So, if you agree with what we are doing and believe that understanding the grace message is important, we would like to ask you to consider becoming a partner of the ministry of **BBI** through regular prayer and financial support. Your help would be truly appreciated. There is no wiser investment than to give to the Lord's work.

### **THE NEED OF THE HOUR**

In every generation, the greatest need has been for young men and women who will stand up to take the place of those who have diligently labored to make Jesus Christ known to a dark world desperately in need of the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ, but who are now passing off the scene. And, within the Grace Movement, the need is crucial. But there seems to be few willing to make the sacrifices necessary to become able ministers of the Gospel. Let us pray that the Lord will use those few to ignite a passion for souls and a zeal for ministry within the Grace Movement, a passion and zeal demonstrated by actions.

### ***Fall Semester Begins August 26, 2002***

For more information or an application contact: Dr. W. Edward Bedore, PO Box 40, Germantown, WI 53022, or phone: (262) 255-4094, fax: (262) 255-4195, e-mail: <berean@execpc.com>.

*“Only one life; 'twill soon be past.  
Only what's done for Christ will last.”*

# ***The Triumph of His Grace*** **(Preparing Ourselves for the Rapture)**

By Paul M. Sadler



*A comprehensive study on  
our Blessed Hope!*

*Shows how we are delivered from the  
wrath to come!*

*Includes Charts and Time Lines!*

**HARDCOVER**

**215 PAGES**

(With Scripture Index)

***Special Price: \$9.00***

---

## ***Romans***

By C. R. Stam

***Subjects:***

*Justification*

*Identification*

*The Fall and Casting Away of Israel*

*Presenting Ourselves a Living Sacrifice*

*Practical Instructions*



**HARDCOVER**

**380 PAGES**

***Special Price: \$8.00***

**THESE OFFERS END JUNE 30, 2002**

**(Extended 21 days for all foreign orders)**

Orders up to \$20.00, please add \$2.00 for postage and handling.

Orders over \$20.00, please add 10% for postage and handling.

*\*Foreign orders must be remitted in U. S. currency!*

# SUMMER BIBLE CONFERENCES

## ***Grace Believers' Bible Conference***

**Location:** *Bitely Community Church*  
10781 N. Bingham Avenue  
Bitely, Michigan

**Dates:** July 26-28, 2002

**Guest Speakers:**

Floyd Baker, Pastor  
Lee Homoki, Evangelist/*Bible Doctrines to Live By*  
Kenneth Lyon, Pastor of *Bitely Community Church*  
Paul M. Sadler, President of *Berean Bible Society*

Rooms are available at the beautiful *Legends Ranch*;  
for those who are interested, please contact:

Pastor Kenneth Lyon (231) 745-9595

***All are warmly welcome!***  
***And don't forget to bring a friend!***

## ***Holland Bible Conference***

**Location:** *Berean Bible Church*  
14461 James Street  
Holland, Michigan

**Dates:** August 25-28, 2002

**Theme:** *Our Blessed Hope*

**Guest Speaker:**

Paul M. Sadler  
President of *Berean Bible Society*

**Contact Person:**

Pastor Rob Renberg (616) 399-4410

***If you enjoy studying the Word, rightly divided,  
then these meetings are for you!***



---

---

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

---

---

**PASTOR NEEDED:** The *Beacon of Grace Bible Church* in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada is looking for a pastor. BGBC is a relatively new assembly of Grace Believers who is enthusiastic about the Word, rightly divided, and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery. The church welcomes responses from all those who would be interested in being part of this opportunity and challenge. This position is available immediately. Please contact Brother Jim Bartkiw at (905) 562-7170 or email <naturesbest@sprint.ca>.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The *Twelfth Annual Mid-Atlantic Grace Bible Conference* will be held on September 6-8, 2002 at White Sulphur Springs, Manns Choice, Pennsylvania. The theme this year is *Prophecy—Promises, Hope, and Future*. Guest Speaker: Dr. Ed Bedore, *Berean Bible Institute*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For brochures, reservations and additional information, please contact: Mrs. Suzanne Potter, 448 Thatcher Road, Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401-8019 or Phone: (304) 263-2411.

**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS:** As much as we desire to do so, it is nearly impossible to respond to every letter and e-mail thanking us for faithfully making known the riches of God's grace. While we are merely instruments in the Lord's hand, we do want you to know that your thoughtfulness is a great encouragement to all of us here at the *Berean Bible Society*.

**BBTAPE LENDING LIBRARY:** Sam and Ruth Castrova are doing an outstanding job with our *Audio Tape Lending Library* and they want you to know that they're there to serve you. All library tapes are available for loan at *no charge*. We also want to inform you that a number of new messages have been added to the collection. To request a catalog or tapes from the *Lending Library*, please write: Sam and Ruth Castrova, 7900 Barbour Store Road, Willow Springs, NC 27592. They can also be reached via e-mail at: <s.castrova@att.net>.

**NORTHERN GRACE YOUTH CAMP** will be holding its *Young Adult Retreat* on August 17-21, 2002. The guest speaker this year is Pastor Ricky Kurth. NGYC is located on beautiful Berry Lake just North of Shawano, Wisconsin. If you are interested in additional information, please e-mail David Green <camp@ngyc.org> or phone (920) 855-2759.

---

\*The picture of the lighthouse that appears on the front cover was taken by Brother Bill Lucas' niece, Kate, from Gowanda, New York. The *Rock Island Lighthouse* is located along the St. Lawrence River near *Thousand Islands* off of Fisher's Landing, New York.

---

# VACATION SPECIAL

## Books on Tape

*By Pastor Sadler and Pastor Stam*

**Narrated by David Allen**



*Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians*

—Paul M. Sadler

**8 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$25.00**



*Exploring the Unsearchable Riches of Christ*

—Paul M. Sadler

**4 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$15.00**



*The Triumph of His Grace*

—Paul M. Sadler

**4 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$15.00**



*Things That Differ*

—C. R. Stam

**5 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$15.00**



*The Two-Fold Purpose of God & Moses and Paul*

—C. R. Stam

**3 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$10.00**



*Moses and Paul*

—C. R. Stam

**3 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$10.00**



**\*New\***  
*No Other Doctrine*

—C. R. Stam

**3 Tapes w/Album**

**Sale Price: \$10.00**

These albums can be purchased individually or as a complete set for additional savings.

***Set of 6 Albums—Special Price: \$75.00***

**THESE OFFERS END JUNE 30, 2002**

*(Extended 21 days for all foreign orders)*

Orders up to \$20.00, please add \$2.00 for postage and handling.

Orders over \$20.00, please add 10% for postage and handling.

*\*Foreign orders must be remitted in U. S. currency!*

[www.bereanbiblesociety.org/literature](http://www.bereanbiblesociety.org/literature)

## PRICE LIST

### BIBLE STUDY BOOKS BY CORNELIUS R. STAM—FOUNDER

#### (Clothbound—Gold Stamped)

<i>Book Title</i>	<b>Price</b>
Acts, (Commentary) Volumes I & II .....	18.00
Acts, (Commentary) Volumes III & IV (w/Bible Index) .....	18.00
Author's Choice, The .....	9.00
Baptism and the Bible .....	8.00
I Corinthians (Commentary) .....	10.00
II Corinthians (Commentary) .....	10.00
Divine Election and Human Responsibility .....	8.00
Galatians (Commentary) .....	12.00
Hebrews, Who Wrote It and Why? .....	8.00
Holding Fast the Faithful Word (w/Bible Index) .....	12.00
Lord's Supper and the Bible, The .....	7.00
Man, His Nature and Destiny .....	10.00
Moses and Paul (w/Bible Index) .....	7.00
Pastoral Epistles (Commentary) .....	10.00
Paul, His Apostleship and Message (w/Bible Index) .....	9.00
Romans (Commentary) .....	10.00
Satan In Derision .....	9.00
Sermon on the Mount, The .....	8.00
Suggestions for Young Pastors .....	8.00
I & II Thessalonians (Commentary) .....	9.00
Things That Differ (w/Bible Index) .....	10.00
True Spirituality (w/Bible Index) .....	9.00
Two-Fold Purpose of God, The (w/Bible Index) .....	7.00
Two Minutes With the Bible .....	10.00

#### (Paperbacks)

No Other Doctrine .....	7.00
Our Great Commission (w/Bible Index) .....	7.00
Present Peril, The .....	7.00
Satan In Derision .....	7.00
Things That Differ (w/Bible Index) .....	8.00

### WRITINGS BY PAUL M. SADLER—PRESIDENT

#### (Clothbound—Gold Stamped)

Exploring the Unsearchable Riches of Christ (w/Bible Index) .....	10.00
Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians (w/Bible Index) .....	14.00
Triumph of His Grace, The (w/Bible Index) .....	11.00
Are You Secure? (Booklet) .....	1.00
Historical Beginning of the Church, The (Booklet) .....	3.00
Institution of Marriage, The (Booklet) .....	4.00
Supernatural Sign Gifts of the Acts Period, The (Booklet) .....	4.00
Trials and Temptations (Booklet) .....	2.00
Water Rite, The (Booklet) .....	1.00

### SPECIAL OFFERS

All 26 Clothbound Books by C. R. Stam, Plus "The Present Peril" and "No Other Doctrine" .....	175.00
Set of Current Booklets by C. R. Stam .....	35.00
Set by C. R. Stam (Books and Booklets) .....	210.00
Set on Acts by C. R. Stam (w/Bible Index) .....	30.00

**“One of the devil’s snares is to occupy us  
with the past and future so as to take  
away our peace for the present.”**

**THE BEREAN SEARCHLIGHT  
N112 W17761 MEQUON ROAD  
PO Box 756  
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022-0756**

**PERIODICALS  
PAID AT GERMANTOWN, WI**