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A Note From the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

It has been said that there is nothing so stable as change. Well, we have made another change to our programming schedule for *Transformed by Grace*. When we first started our television ministry, we aired nationally on ION.4, an over-the-air/antenna channel. From there we had an opportunity to move to ION Plus (ION.3), which we did. When we made that change, the response was immediate and we began getting requests from new viewers for more information and for subscriptions to the *Berean Searchlight*. However, we were kicked off this channel when it was bought out by a company that did not permit religious programming.

We then pivoted and began broadcasting on Entertainment Studio Networks (ESN), The Walk, and World Harvest Television (WHT). However, the response has been minimal compared to what we experienced on ION Plus. This made me concerned about the Lord's money being used in a venue where our program isn't as productive. I expressed this to our media representatives, and they suggested redirecting our funds to where we have been the most effective but expanding to a daily broadcast. Now, we receive regular feedback from those watching on Mondays on Christian Television Network via DISH and DirecTV and attendees at conferences often tell me that they watch on Monday nights. And weekly, we are contacted at BBS by those who watch on the Christian Television Network (CTN) station.

The BBS Board approved the change to pull the program off ESN, The Walk, and WHT and to begin a program every weekday on CTN. On Thursdays though, our timeslot on CTN is under contract to a different program, meaning that we will begin by broadcasting four days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Eventually, we hope to broadcast on Thursdays as well once the other program's contract has expired. On September 13, we began airing four days per week. Currently, there are 222 episodes recorded, and I record 50 episodes per year. Thus, it will be more than a year before re-runs would begin, and we will be continuously adding new episodes to the schedule. Please be in prayer that our change to an every-weekday broadcast will yield much fruit for the glory of God.

We remain on WJYS on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. CT in Chicagoland. For those who do not have DISH or DirecTV, there are numerous other ways to watch *Transformed by Grace*: the BBS Network on Roku and Apple TV, as well as on our website, Facebook, and You Tube channel. DVDs of episodes can also be purchased individually, in sets of 12, or by series.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President

A Shy Soldier Gets a Promotion

Remembering Dave Stewart



Many years ago, a friend told me, "You've got to come hear this new grace pastor I found." I'd been pastoring about twenty years at that time, but that Wednesday night Dave Stewart taught me things I'd never heard before. Eventually his church had to close for financial reasons, and he began to teach the midweek Bible study at my church. When we needed a teacher for our Adult Sunday School class years later, I told him I was thinking of shutting down our midweek service and moving him to Sundays. He said, "How about I do both?" and he *did* do both for many years *in addition* to working his full-time job.



In 2001, I joined BBS and began answering the Bible questions that come in on a daily basis. When I didn't know an answer, Dave was always able to help. When I became editor of the *Searchlight*, I began to feature Dave's articles. When our BBS board of directors saw the spiritual caliber of his writings, they allowed me to designate Dave as the only contributing writer I was allowed to use four times a year. That exposure led to him

being asked to speak at the annual conference of the *Berean Bible Fellowship*, where he became such a popular speaker that they asked him to bring *four* messages at 2019's conference.

All of this is nothing short of remarkable when you consider that Dave suffered from terrible stage fright. He was often only able to get an hour's sleep on Saturday night as he tensed to speak on Sunday morning. The year he spoke four times at the BBF conference, he came down with three herniated discs in his neck that he believed were stress related.

Dave put himself through that every week for most of his life just because he knew he was an effective teacher of God's Word. If you've been blessed by his articles, why not ask yourself if there isn't a way that *you* can serve the Lord, even if it is outside of *your* comfort zone. Now that my dearest friend and spiritual mentor has been unexpectedly promoted to glory at age 58, there is no finer way to honor him if his life and ministry were a blessing to you as well. More importantly, there is no finer way to honor the Lord he lived for.

—Pastor Kurth

Our Light, Momentary Afflictions

PASTOR KEVIN J. SADLER
BBS President



Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) wrote, “Christians can rejoice even in the deepest distress; although trouble may surround them, they still sing; and, like many birds, they sing best in their cages. The waves may roll over them, but their souls soon rise to the surface and see the light of God’s countenance; they have a buoyancy about them which keeps their head always above the water, and helps them to sing amid the tempest, ‘God is with me still.’”¹

A Glorious Treasure

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us” (2 Cor. 4:7).

In the context, the “treasure” of verse 7 refers to “the glorious gospel of Christ” of verse 4, and “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” of verse 6. In God’s eyes,

the gospel of the grace of God is a *glorious treasure*. It is of infinite value. And we are to view it the same way as God does. Through this treasure we have the forgiveness of all our sins, the gift of righteousness, and eternal life. By this treasure, we are rich in Christ (2 Cor. 8:9). And God wants us to spread the wealth!

This treasure has been committed to us, who are “earthen vessels,” that it be made known to this world. God has poured the treasure of His gospel of grace into us who have trusted Christ as Savior so that we might, through God’s strength, pour it out to others.

An “earthen vessel” is an earthenware jar, a common clay pot. These are weak, fragile, brittle containers. This picture depicts humanity and is meant to remind us of our weakness. Paul saw himself for what he truly was: a fragile man of clay



who had been entrusted with a glorious treasure to make known by the power of God.

It's good to have a proper perspective on ourselves and our service. Written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God reminds us here how we are weak, earthen vessels, who need Him, and that it is only by Him working through us that we are empowered to carry out the gospel ministry for His glory. It is God's life and power working through us that produces any and all positive results in the Lord's work. The victory is entirely the Lord's in every way, and He deserves the praise.

God has entrusted His message to earthen vessels, so that the "excellency," the surpassing greatness, "of the power may be of God, and not of us." God uses us, who are common, fragile vessels, to make His message known so there is no mistaking the source of the power of the gospel: God, and not us and our strength.

"Paul saw himself for what he truly was: a fragile man of clay who had been entrusted with a glorious treasure to make known by the power of God."

Oswald Chambers put it well: "God can achieve His purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or abandonment of reliance on them.

All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on Him made possible the unique display of His power and grace."²

The Faithful God

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:8-9).

Bible commentator William Barclay paraphrased these two verses this way: "We are sore pressed at every point, but not hemmed in....We are at our wit's end, but never at our hope's end....We are persecuted by men, but never abandoned by God....We are knocked down, but not knocked out."³

Paul's first-hand assessment shows the trials of his ministry, but it also shows God's presence, power, guidance, and mercy in Paul's life. The demands of ministry had brought Paul into difficult circumstances, but God was faithful and His power was exhibited through this earthen vessel.

Paul wrote that he was "troubled on every side" or surrounded by trouble and being pressed hard by it. The Greek word translated "distressed" means hemmed in or pressed for room, and Paul says he was not "distressed" or completely cornered. God didn't allow trouble to crush Paul or break him.

Paul wrote he was "perplexed," or in doubt, at a loss, not knowing which way to turn. However, Paul says he was "not in despair,"

or never despondent or utterly at a loss, because the Lord helped and guided him and showed him the way.

Paul wrote that he was “persecuted” or pursued, put to flight, and mistreated by enemies of the gospel. However, Paul states that he wasn’t “forsaken.” He was never deserted or abandoned, because God was always there. Like Charles Spurgeon said, Paul could know in all his trials, “God is with me still.”

Paul wrote that he was “cast down,” or he was physically struck to the ground in his persecution. However, Paul says he was not “destroyed,” or he didn’t stay down; he got back up by the power of God, and continued to serve the Lord.

Life and Death

“Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you” (2 Cor. 4:10-12).



“A man goes to the doctor and says, ‘Doctor, wherever I touch, it hurts.’ The doctor asks, ‘What

do you mean?’ The man says, ‘When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. When I touch my knee—OUCH! When I touch my forehead, it really, *really* hurts.’ The doctor says, ‘I know what’s wrong with you. You’ve broken your finger!’”⁴ Everywhere Paul touched on his body, it probably hurt. Later in this letter, Paul detailed the stripes, beatings, imprisonments, hardships, and stoning that he sustained (2 Cor. 11:23-27).

Paul puts it here in verse 10 of chapter 4 that he was “Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus.” Paul was “bearing” the marks of battle that he fought for Christ. He bore real, physical marks and scars on his body from his sufferings for Christ. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul told them, “...I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus” (Gal. 6:17).

It’s been said well that “We need men of the cross, with the message of the cross, bearing the marks of the cross.”⁵ This was Paul’s testimony. But Paul points out that the outward marks on his body were a proof of Christ’s life within him. Through Paul’s weakness, Christ’s resurrection life was “manifest” and put on display. Christ’s life was made apparent and clear to others through what Paul endured for his Savior in making the gospel known.

Paul further wrote, “For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus’ sake” (2 Cor. 4:11a). Paul was continuously exposed to death in the cause

of Christ, which in truth was the result of attacks against the Lord Jesus. Paul assumed these risks so that others would know of Christ's life and the "treasure" of the gospel within him.

And in verse 12 Paul points out the blessed fruit of his sufferings in making the gospel known: "So then death worketh in us, but life in you." As a result of dying to self and being exposed to physical death as he spread the gospel, Paul reminded the Corinthians that they have life, life eternal in Christ.

A Confident Faith

"We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you" (2 Cor. 4:13-14).

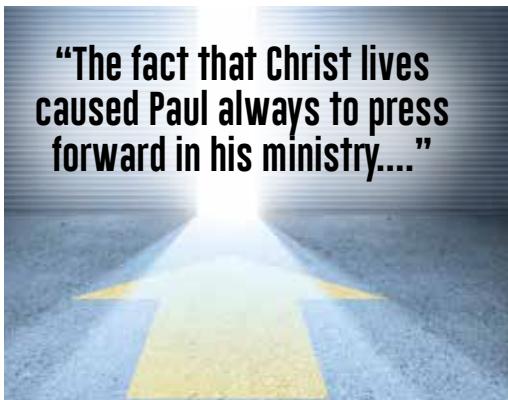
In this passage, Paul quoted Psalms 116:10: "I believed, therefore have I spoken...." The remainder of this verse in Psalms reads, "I was greatly afflicted." Paul and the Psalmist had something in common: they were both afflicted in their lives. But Paul felt as the Psalmist did, by stating that they had "the same spirit of faith...we also believe, and therefore speak." In spite of his affliction, Paul believed, and therefore he spoke "the glorious gospel of Christ."

As a result of what Paul believed with conviction, he spoke for Christ, even in the face of those who would persecute him,

strike him to the ground, or try to kill him. Because of what he *knew* to be true, Paul refused to allow his sufferings to keep him from telling others the truth.

The basis for his confidence and boldness was "*knowing* that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus." Paul knew he could submit himself to the danger of death because of Christ's resurrection, knowing he had hope of his own resurrection "by Jesus." This gave Paul boldness to take the gospel to the world in spite of persecution.

"The fact that Christ lives caused Paul always to press forward in his ministry...."



Paul told these Corinthians in his first letter to them that "if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). But Christ *is* risen from the dead, thus our faith is true, and our preaching is not vain or fruitless. The fact that Christ lives caused Paul always to press forward in his ministry in spite of difficulties and afflictions. He knew that none of his labors were ever in vain, and what he did for Christ had meaning and would echo into eternity.

Abundant Grace

“For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:15,16).

The “all things” Paul refers to are *all* the afflictions he endured in his ministry, and he states they were “for your sakes,” or for their benefit, that they might be saved and grow in the truth.

Paul had come to realize that the more he suffered in order to make the gospel known, the more the abundant grace of God was made available to others. The more people who were saved, the more thanksgiving would be given to God. And the more thanksgiving that was given to God, the more it redounded to His glory. Paul desired that “many” be reached for Christ so that many more might lift up their thanksgiving to God for His grace. He wanted thanksgiving to God to overflow as the result of many being saved and thanking God for it.

Paul earnestly then wrote, “For which cause we faint not” (v. 16). The “cause” Paul referred to was the cause of preaching Christ and reaching souls for Him for the glory of God. The word “faint” here means to lose heart, to be discouraged, to give up. In spite of the hardships, Paul was not discouraged and he refused to give up. His desire was strong for many to be saved by God’s abundant grace.

And Paul states that he was not giving up even if his outward man, his frail, earthen vessel, was wearing down steadily as the result of aging and his many sufferings. He was not discouraged by this because his inward man was at the same time spiritually renewed day by day. Thus, he remained encouraged, invigorated, and motivated to continue on in his ministry.

The perishing and wearing down of our outward man happens to all of us whether we like it or not. Our bodies are getting older and wearing down steadily, but we too can be spiritually renewed day by day in the inward man by growing in the Word, praying, and living by faith, allowing us to remain motivated to serve the Lord and get His truth out to others.

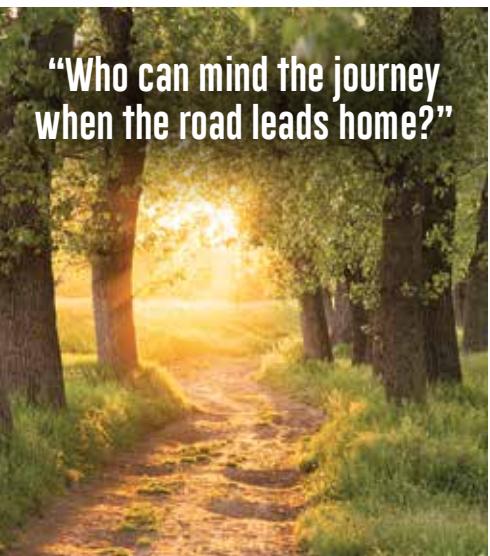


Unseen Eternal Things

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:17,18).

Paul looked at his afflictions through the eye of faith and with an eternal perspective. He looked beyond his adversities to glory, which sustained him in and through them. As the late President of Moody Bible Institute Dr. James M. Gray (1851-1935) put it in song, “Who can mind the journey when the road leads home?”⁶

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In light of eternity, Paul saw his afflictions as “light” and momentary. While we usually look at our troubles from an earthly perspective as working against us, Paul teaches that from an eternal perspective, they are actually working “for us.”

Think ahead one million years into eternity and look at our trials from heaven’s point of view. From that vantage point, if you were to look back at the seemingly endless trials of this life, they would seem as brief as a moment. Yet, these *momentary* afflictions work for us an *eternal* weight of glory.

Again, looking at our trials from heaven’s point of view, thinking ahead one million years into eternity, and then looking back at the afflictions in this life which seemed too heavy to bear, they will seem light as a feather. Yet these *light* afflictions, work for us a far more exceeding *weight* of glory.

We will be rewarded for our service to the Lord one day. There are eternal ramifications for how we allow the Lord to use our lives now. If we live for the Lord and make His truth known, we will be given eternal glory by Christ at the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10). And the weight of glory will be commensurate with the extent we serve and sacrifice for Him.

Paul stated in verse 18 of chapter 4 that he looked “not at the things which are seen.” The word “look” in the original Greek means to consider or contemplate. Paul was not fixing his attention or contemplating the things which are seen in his life and ministry, “for the things which are seen are temporal.” Rather, his ability to endure his afflictions and persevere was the result of keeping his attention fixed on things *not* seen, for these “things which are not seen are eternal.”

We gain a proper perspective on life as we keep our focus on the eternal and the eternal consequences of our lives and service for Christ. The things which are seen are all passing away and temporal. God would have us focus on the things that no human eye has seen because they are the things of eternal value.

“Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Pet. 1:8).

Most of all, as we look by faith at things “not seen,” we look at Christ our Savior, Whom we have not seen—yet. Looking to Him by faith, we “rejoice with joy unspeakable” because of all He has done for us. We look to Him for the strength, guidance, and comfort we need in life. And we look for Him to come at any moment to catch us away to heaven at the Rapture.

“For our conversation [citizenship] is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Phil. 3:20).

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Question Box

"I need your help to understand what the words 'my goodness extendeth not to Thee' mean in Psalm 16:2."

We know that this is a messianic psalm, for Psalm 16:10 speaks of Christ's resurrection (cf. Acts 2:27-31). The Lord's "goodness" was His *righteousness* (cf. Psa. 145:7). The word "extendeth" means to *give* or *impart*, as when God promises to extend peace to Jerusalem (Isa. 66:10-12). David is prophetically quoting something the Lord Jesus would say when He was here on the earth "unto the LORD" (His Father). He predicts that the Lord would pray and say that His righteousness wasn't something that He needed to give or impart to His Father, for He had His own righteousness.

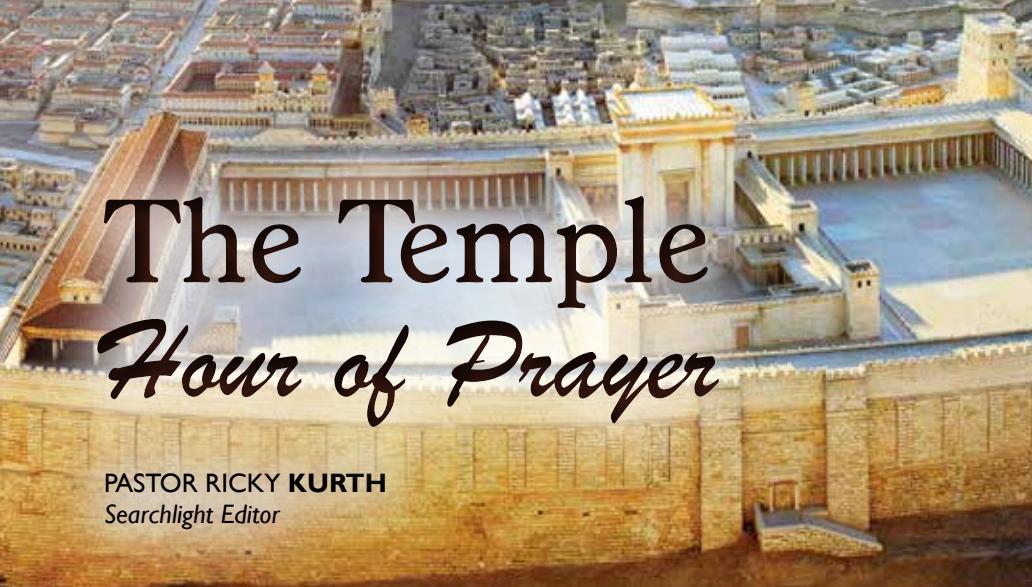
The next verse goes on to say that His righteousness extended "to the saints that are in the earth" instead. *They* needed the righteousness that only the Lord could give them. Verse 3 calls them "the excellent" because once the Lord imparted righteousness to them, it could be said of them that "the righteous is more excellent than his neighbor" (Prov. 12:26). The Lord says of the saints in Jerusalem, "in whom is My delight" (v. 3) because once the Lord makes *them* righteous, He can say of Jerusalem, "the LORD delighteth in thee" (Isa. 62:4).

—Pastor Ricky Kurth

*"When the child of God,
looks into the Word of God,
and sees the Son of God,
he is changed
by the Spirit of God,
into the image of God,
for the glory of God."*

—Warren Wiersbe





The Temple Hour of Prayer

PASTOR RICKY KURTH

Searchlight Editor

One day a Sunday School teacher asked her class, “Who can tell me where Solomon’s temple was located?” One boy raised his hand confidently and replied, “On his forehead.” I’m guessing that wasn’t the temple she had in mind!

At Pentecost, Peter and John went to God’s temple in Jerusalem to pray, and their experience there that day provides us with some of the many proofs that what God was doing at Pentecost has nothing to do with what God is doing *today* in the dispensation of grace.

“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour” (Acts 3:1).

Now to begin with, you’d think that the temple would be the *last* place these two apostles would go to pray. After all, a short time earlier they’d seen the Lord *storm out* of the temple, saying,

“Behold, your house is left unto you desolate” (Matt. 23:38).

Compare His words here to the ones He used to describe the temple at the *outset* of His ministry, when He referred to it as “*My Father’s* house” (John 2:16). The temple was *God’s* house; but after the Jews rejected the Lord, He seemed to disown it, calling it *their* house.

But then on the cross, He prayed, “Father, *forgive them*” (Luke 23:34), and God gave the people of Israel another year to receive Him, just as the Lord predicted He would in the parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9). After that, God once again recognized the temple as His center of operations. That’s why in Acts 2:46 we find the apostles “*continuing daily...in the temple.*” And from that time forward, the temple *continued* to be the apostles’ center of operations *throughout* the Book of Acts—so much so that the word “temple” is used 26 times in Acts, more than in any other book of the Bible.

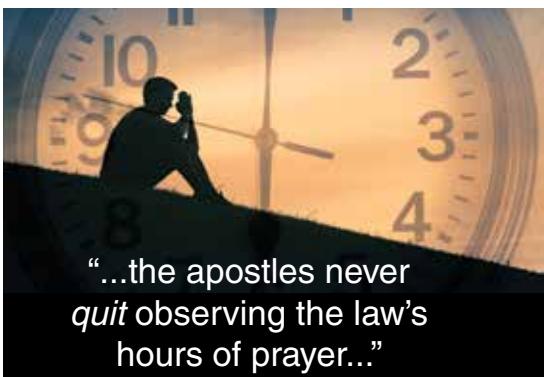
And that's significant, in light of what most pastors and Bible teachers *say* about Acts. They say that "the church, which is His Body" (Eph. 1:22,23) began in Acts 2, thinking that God had broken off relations with Israel when they crucified His Son. They hold that God *didn't* give the Jews a second chance in the early chapters of Acts, that He set them aside and established the church which is Christ's Body at Pentecost instead.

But if the Body of Christ began at Pentecost, you'd think God would have told the Twelve to stop hanging out in the temple that was the focal point of *Israel's* religion. That is, you wouldn't think that the church of this dispensation would continue to be centered in the temple of the people of Israel if God had indeed set them aside at the cross.

But He didn't *actually* set them aside until a year later when they stoned His prophet Stephen. That's when God *did* begin the church of Christ's Body when He saved Paul and made him the first member of His new church. With that in mind, it is significant that *Paul* didn't base *his* ministry in the temple in Jerusalem, opting to base his operations in Antioch instead (Acts 11:26; 13:1; 14:26).

Jewish Prayers and Sacrifices

If the church began at Pentecost, you'd *also* think that God would have told the twelve apostles to stop observing the "hour of prayer" (Acts 3:1) that the Jews had to observe under the law. But as you can see, *James and John were still observing it*, something that showed that they knew they were still under the law, and not under grace as Paul later taught (Rom. 6:15).



"...the apostles never quit observing the law's hours of prayer..."

The Jews actually had *three* hours of prayer (Psa. 55:17), and it is *also* significant that the apostles never *quit* observing the law's hours of prayer, as we see when "Peter went up upon the housetop to pray *about the sixth hour*" (Acts 10:9), the hour of noon prayer. This shows that even after the dispensation of grace began with Paul's salvation in Acts 9, Peter never abandoned the law for God's new program of grace. Instead, he kept practicing the precepts of the law. It was *Paul* whom God chose to make the break with the law, and start something new with the dispensation of grace!

We see further evidence that nothing new began at Pentecost when we consider that these three hours of prayer coincided with the three times a day God's people in Israel were required *to offer*

animal sacrifices (Lev. 9:17; 1 Kings 18:29). We know that the twelve apostles *continued* to offer such sacrifices, for 26 years after the age of grace began with Paul, James told him,

“Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law...four men...entered into the temple...until that an offering should be offered for every one of them” (Acts 21:20,23,26).

“...the twelve apostles continued to offer such sacrifices...”



Here we see *more* proof that nothing new started at Pentecost with the twelve apostles! And many other such evidences could be cited to remind us that we shouldn't look to what the Twelve did in the Book of Acts for an example of how to live our spiritual lives in the dispensation of grace.

Neither should we look to what they say to do in the *epistles* they wrote to the Jews (James 1:1; 1 Pet. 2:12; etc.), for their epistles don't reflect what God is doing today under grace either. In those epistles, James taught justification by faith plus works (James 2:14-26), the same message that God gave the people of Israel in the Old Testament under the law. And Peter taught that “baptism doth also now *save us*” (1 Pet. 3:21), the same “baptism for the remission of sins” message that God gave the people of Israel in the New Testament under the kingdom program (Mark 1:4; 16:16). It was the same message Peter preached at Pentecost (Acts 2:38)—but that is *not* the message God wants preached today in His program of grace.

We see even *more* evidence that nothing new began at Pentecost in what happens as we read on in our text in Acts 3:

“And a certain man lame from his mother's womb...asked an alms. And Peter...said, Silver and gold have I none; but....In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk...and he leaping up stood, and walked” (Acts 3:2-8).

Healing lame men was one of the miraculous signs the Lord performed to prove that *He was Israel's Messiah*. Isaiah had predicted,

“Your God will come....Then shall the lame man leap as an hart...” (Isa. 35:4-6).

So when John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask the Lord if He was really their Christ, He replied by telling them,

“...tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk...” (Luke 7:22).

But the Lord wasn't the only one who was supposed to give the people of Israel signs that He was their messiah. Speaking prophetically of the Lord's ministry in Israel, the prophet Isaiah quoted the Lord in advance as saying,

"Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given Me are for signs and for wonders in Israel..." (Isa. 8:18).

As you can see, the Lord's children were *also* supposed to give signs and wonders proving He was Israel's Christ. He had no *physical* children, but in John 13:33 He called *His apostles* "little children," and He again referred to them as children in John 21:5. That's why the Twelve worked miracles like the healing of this lame man at Pentecost! It was to prove that the message they proclaimed at Pentecost was true, that Jesus truly *was* Israel's Christ (Acts 2:36).

A New Gospel of Salvation

They preached that message because when the Lord was here ministering to the Jews (Matt. 15:24; Rom. 15:8), "Jesus is the Christ" was *the very gospel of salvation*, as we see when John wrote:

"...believe that Jesus is the Christ...that...ye might have life through His name" (John 20:31).

And that gospel message *didn't change at Pentecost*, where Peter told the Jews (Acts 2:14,22,36) "that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, *both Lord and Christ*" (Acts 2:36). That explains why at Pentecost Peter was still preaching Christ by saying,

"Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:31).

God raised Christ from the dead to be *Israel's* Savior (cf. Acts 13:23), to give *Jews* the forgiveness of sins. It wasn't until God sent Paul to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15; 22:21; 26:17) that we learn that He raised Christ from the dead to be "the Saviour of *all* men" (1 Tim. 4:10), even Gentiles, "that *they* may receive forgiveness of sins" (Acts 26:18). That's when the gospel of salvation changed from "Jesus is the Christ" to "*Christ died for our sins...and...rose again*" (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

As you can see, when we talk about the importance of "rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15), we're not just splitting hairs, or stressing a Bible study principle that only clarifies the finer points of Bible doctrine. Rightly dividing the word affects *the very gospel that must be believed to be saved*—and the gospel for this dispensation was *not* preached at Pentecost!

In closing, now that you *know* how rightly dividing affects the very gospel of salvation, why not *share* the gospel with someone today?

You'll both be eternally glad you did.





PARENT TO PARENT

Probably the most commonly asked question of a seven year old is, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Usually the one inquiring must resort to a form of interrogation: "a doctor, lawyer, policeman; I know, a fireman!" These are noble professions indeed, but why are children almost never encouraged to pursue the *ministry*? Is the Lord's work any less meaningful? Are the callings of pastor, evangelist, missionary, and Christian counselor unworthy of our children's consideration? Parents do well to remember that there is no higher calling in life than the Lord's service.

Sadly, our young people are so preconditioned to aspire to worldly professions that they don't even consider the ministry a viable option. Timothy's mother had no way of knowing whether God would call her son into full-time service. But to her credit, she trained Timothy from a small child in the Scriptures to *prepare* him for the things of the Lord. Shortly after his conversion to Christ, he was called into the ministry, where he delivered many from a Christless eternity (2 Tim. 1:6).

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph. 6:2-3).

There are two benefits when children honor their parents. Paul begins by stating, "that it may be well with thee." In short, if a child honors his parents, he will have a *good conscience* that he has done right by them and also glorified God. The second benefit is the *promise* of prolonged years made reference to by the phrase, "thou mayest live long on the earth." This does not mean that all young people who die at an early age necessarily dishonored their parents. It does mean they will *escape* many of the pitfalls of life that could shorten their lives.

Every parent should consider taking their ten, eleven, and twelve year olds to a rescue mission. I have preached a number of times at the *Pacific Garden Mission* in Chicago and have come away profoundly touched by the experience. You witness firsthand how the sins of immorality, alcoholism, gambling, and drug abuse destroy lives. Thankfully, many of these poor souls have come to know Christ, but they must live with the consequences of their *disobedience*.

During those formative years, we need to encourage our young to seek the face of the Lord as to what area of *Christian service* the Lord might use them.

—Pastor Paul M. Sadler

Thinking Ahead



“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).

If you are planning to draw up a will or update one that's outdated, please consider including *Berean Bible Society* in your estate planning. (Of course, we do not mean to imply that your loved ones should not be remembered first). Estate planning is important, because failing to do so means that your estate could be used in a way that does not fully reflect your wishes or beliefs, and could even fall into the hands of the state to use as they desire.

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4. Its television ministry, *Transformed by Grace*, is available to view in millions of households nationwide with the teaching of the Word, rightly divided.
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Our founder, Pastor C. R. Stam, wrote a booklet called *To Prove the Sincerity of Your Love*, which provides more information about giving and estate planning. If you would like a copy, please contact us, and we will send you one free of charge.

—Pastor Kevin Sadler

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Learning to Rejoice

PASTOR JOHN **FREDERICKSEN**
BBS Board Member

An article in the New York Times entitled “The Grumpiest Boss in America” talks about a Houston oil magnate who routinely sent out blistering memos. For instance, in one memo he wrote the following: “Idle conversation and gossip in this office among employees will result in immediate termination. DO YOUR JOBS AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!” Another read: “There will be no more birthday celebrations, birthday cakes, levity, or celebrations of any kind within the office. This is a business office. If you have to celebrate, do it after office hours on your own time.”¹ This boss became the epitome of a grumpy old man who was void of joy.

Christians are not immune from developing a grumpy disposition that appears to have little, or no, joy. But living life this way shortens our life span and greatly diminishes our testimony for Christ. God has a much higher standard for those who claim the name of our Savior.

Proverbs 17:22 reminds us “a merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Similarly, Proverbs 15:15 tells us “he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.” The Apostle Paul emphasizes the need for believers to continually live in joy by saying: “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom we...rejoice in [the] hope of the glory” (Rom. 5:1-2). “Rejoice, ye Gentiles” (Rom. 15:10), “For we...rejoice in Christ Jesus...” (Phil. 3:3).

Which do you want to choose to experience every day: a broken, sad spirit or a merry heart, feasting in joy on God’s grace and many blessings? The bottom line is that *we choose which spirit will dominate our thinking*: a rejoicing merry heart or an unhappy broken spirit.

Charles Swindoll once wrote: “We have a choice every day in the attitude we will embrace for the day. Life is 10% what happens to

us, and 90% how we react to it. Our attitude is everything.”²

Christians can, and should, rejoice regardless of circumstances. Even in bad circumstances, the apostles chose to drain every drop of joy out of every day and any situation. When Peter and other Jewish apostles were beaten and commanded to stop preaching Christ, “they departed from...the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His [Christ’s] name” (Acts 5:41). After recounting his intense suffering for Christ, Paul responded “as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing...” (2 Cor. 6:10).

Recently I watched America’s Funniest Home Videos and saw a dog jumping for joy as he



anticipated going outside for a walk with his master. It struck me that we believers should act similarly because God’s Word urges us to “rejoice evermore” (1 Thes. 5:16). To live in a continual state of rejoicing is simply God’s will for our lives, and a proper daily walk with our Heavenly Master will empower us to do so.

We can learn to rejoice. I believe we can learn to rejoice because God tells us to learn many other spiritual lessons. Romans 15:4 teaches us that “whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we...might have hope.” Titus 3:14 instructs, “And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.” Believers at Ephesus were urged to not continue living in the sinful lifestyle they had prior to salvation. Why? It was because “[they had] not so learned Christ” (Eph. 4:20). The Corinthians were to embrace the important spiritual lesson to “learn...not to think of men above that which is written, that no one...be puffed up for one against another” (1 Cor. 4:6). No matter his circumstances, Paul said, “I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (Phil. 4:11). Since it is possible for us to learn all of these spiritual lessons, we can certainly also learn the valuable lesson of continually rejoicing.

Learning to rejoice begins with a foundation in 4 things. Paul tells us to “Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again, I say, rejoice” (Phil. 4:4). The very core of daily rejoicing must be in God Himself. We should delight our souls in His greatness, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, mercy, longsuffering, blessings, and promises. Isaiah described the Lord by saying, “I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple” (Isa. 6:1). He allowed

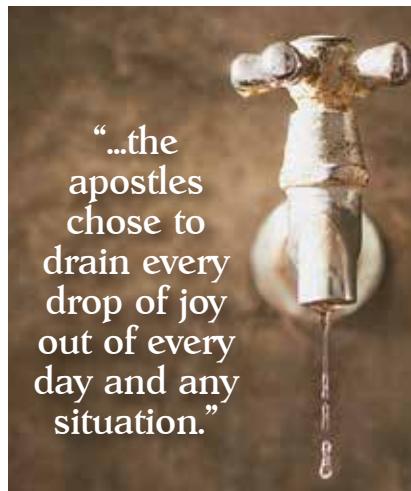
his soul to be in awe of the majesty of God, and we should too. David wrote, “Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him” (Psa. 33:8). With reverence, Paul described the Lord as “the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God...” (1 Tim. 1:17).

Jeremiah wrote, “Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee” (Jer. 32:17). Jeremiah referred to Jehovah as “the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is His name, Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men...” (Jer. 32:18-19). Paul confirmed God’s great power by saying He causes “all things work together for good to them that love God” (Rom. 8:28), and that the Lord “worketh all things after the counsel of His own will” (Eph. 1:11).

Nehemiah helped Israel to rejoice by informing them that “God [is] ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness...” (Neh. 9:17). Micah confirmed the same by saying, “Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity... because He delighteth in mercy” (Micah 7:18). We can greatly rejoice in the Lord because of His tremendous patience with us, even when we sin. We can jump for joy knowing that in Christ, God has “forgiven you all trespasses” (Col. 2:13). If we choose to learn about the magnificence of God and meditate on these truths,

WE CAN THEREIN LEARN TO REJOICE IN THE LORD.

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We must also learn to greatly rejoice in God’s written Word. Jeremiah revealed his heart when he wrote, “Thy words were found, and I did eat them, and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts” (Jer. 15:16). David’s testimony was also that God’s written Word brought him great joy. He wrote: “Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever; for they are the rejoicing of my heart” (Psa. 119:111). “I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies, as much as in all riches” (Psa. 119:14). God’s Word brought David such joy because it was his comfort in affliction (Psa. 119:50), God’s primary means of guiding him like a lamp unto his feet and a light unto his path (Psa. 119:105), and God’s Word was the source of his personal victory when he needed to cleanse his life of sin (Psa. 119:9).

When his joy began to evaporate, he reminded himself that his relationship with God gave him joy. He wrote: “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God” (Psa. 42:11). We believe time in God’s Word worked in David from the inside out. As he took in the Scriptures, they worked in his heart and mind. The end result was it so changed his thinking that it brought him victory and an inner joy that was reflected not only in his attitude, but also on his face.



Paul explained the value of God’s Word to the elders from Ephesus by telling them “the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20:32). God uses His Word in our lives not only to build us up spiritually but also to cleanse our wrong thinking “with the washing of the water of the Word” (Eph. 5:26). Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures equip us with all we need

to victoriously live for the Lord. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 puts it this way: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...[that it so equips us] that the man of God may be perfect [or complete], throughly furnished unto all good works.” TIME IN GOD’S WORD IS AN ESSENTIAL KEY TO EXPERIENCING JOY AND VICTORY IN OUR DAILY LIFE. Make it your source of rejoicing and spiritual strength.

The Apostle Paul reminded the believers at Rome to be continually “rejoicing in hope.” The word “hope” means a confident expectation in the promises of God. The primary “hope” believers have today is looking forward to the fulfillment of our future eternal redemption when we are taken to heaven.

It is important for us to fully comprehend and then embrace God’s promise to us of eternal life. When Paul prayed for his converts, he prayed that “the eyes of their understanding [be] enlightened; that [they would] know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of...His inheritance in the saints” (Eph. 1:18). In eternity, “we shall be changed” (1 Cor. 15:52) by being given a new spiritual resurrection body that will be “raised incorruptible.” This implies we will finally be free from all pain when “death is swallowed up in victory” (1 Cor. 15:54). When our Savior comes to rapture us into the heavens, we “shall be caught up...to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord, wherefore comfort

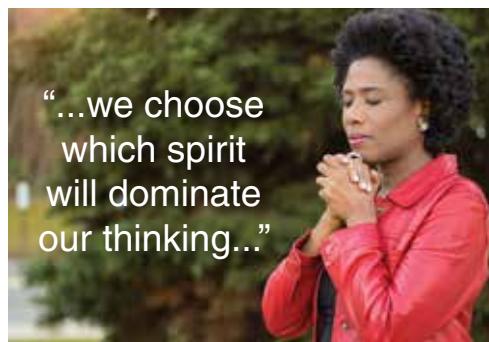
one another with these words” (1 Thes. 4:17-18). Yes, there is great comfort and joy in knowing we will one day be forever in our Savior’s presence and free from the distraction of physical pain.

Our promise of eternal life is “the hope which is [securely] laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:5). We are to live “in the hope [or confidence] of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2). We are to be continually “putting on...for an helmet, the hope of salvation” (1 Thes. 5:8) and allowing these assurances to produce great rejoicing in our Savior.

In describing Israel’s promise of eternal life, the writer of Hebrews declared, “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...” (Heb. 6:19). The Apostle Paul put it this way: “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Rom. 15:13). **LET GOD’S PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE TO YOU BECOME AN ANCHOR TO YOUR SOUL THAT FILLS YOU WITH GENUINE JOY AND VERBAL REJOICING.**

We must cultivate the holy habit of disciplining our minds to think on spiritual things that produce great joy within us. This is exactly what the Apostle Paul meant when he wrote, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true... honest...just...pure...lovely...of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phil. 4:8). If we

choose to dwell on the negative, doing so will rob us of joy, and we will become unhappy, negative individuals. However, if we choose to fill our minds with the many positive things that honor the Lord, doing so will result in our experiencing God’s joy.



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As we study God’s Word, we need to intentionally look not only for dispensational doctrinal distinctives but also look for positive and practical things that the Holy Spirit can use to produce greater rejoicing within us. For example, consider several things the Apostle Paul teaches us in the Book of Philippians. We know that God isn’t finished with us yet because He is continually working in us “to will and do of His good pleasure” (2:13), and He will continue doing so “until the day of Jesus Christ” (1:6). We should remember that God can use all circumstances, even great trials, to further the gospel (1:12-14); and if we choose to respond correctly, the Lord Jesus Christ can be “magnified” (1:20). We have the assurance that heaven will be “far better” (1:23) than anything we experience on earth, and that it is possible for us to live

in a way that earns eternal reward (3:13,14).

We should rejoice in God's many faithful saints who faithfully serve Him, and our needs (2:19-25). We can rejoice knowing that God invites us to come to Him in prayer about everything (4:6), and that His peace can permeate our souls when we do so (4:7).

It is a timeless principle that "as he [any man or woman] thinketh in his heart, so is he..." (Prov. 23:7). WE CAN REJOICE IF WE CHOOSE TO DEVELOP THE HOLY HABIT OF ANCHORING OUR THINKING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD THAT PRODUCE PRAISE TO GOD AND JOY WITHIN US.

We can learn to rejoice. Any skill requires more than knowledge. It requires hours of training and practice. When professional quarterback Andrew

Luck was asked what he thinks about when he drops back to pass, he said, "You don't want to think about it." Luck went on to say, "Passing mechanics need to be so deeply ingrained that they are on autopilot during a game."³ He was making the point that skills need to be so thoroughly learned and consistently practiced that one can do them almost automatically.

Our Savior would have us learn how to continually rejoice by learning, and then practicing, these four biblical principles. Which one will you specifically and prayerfully seek to put into practice today? 

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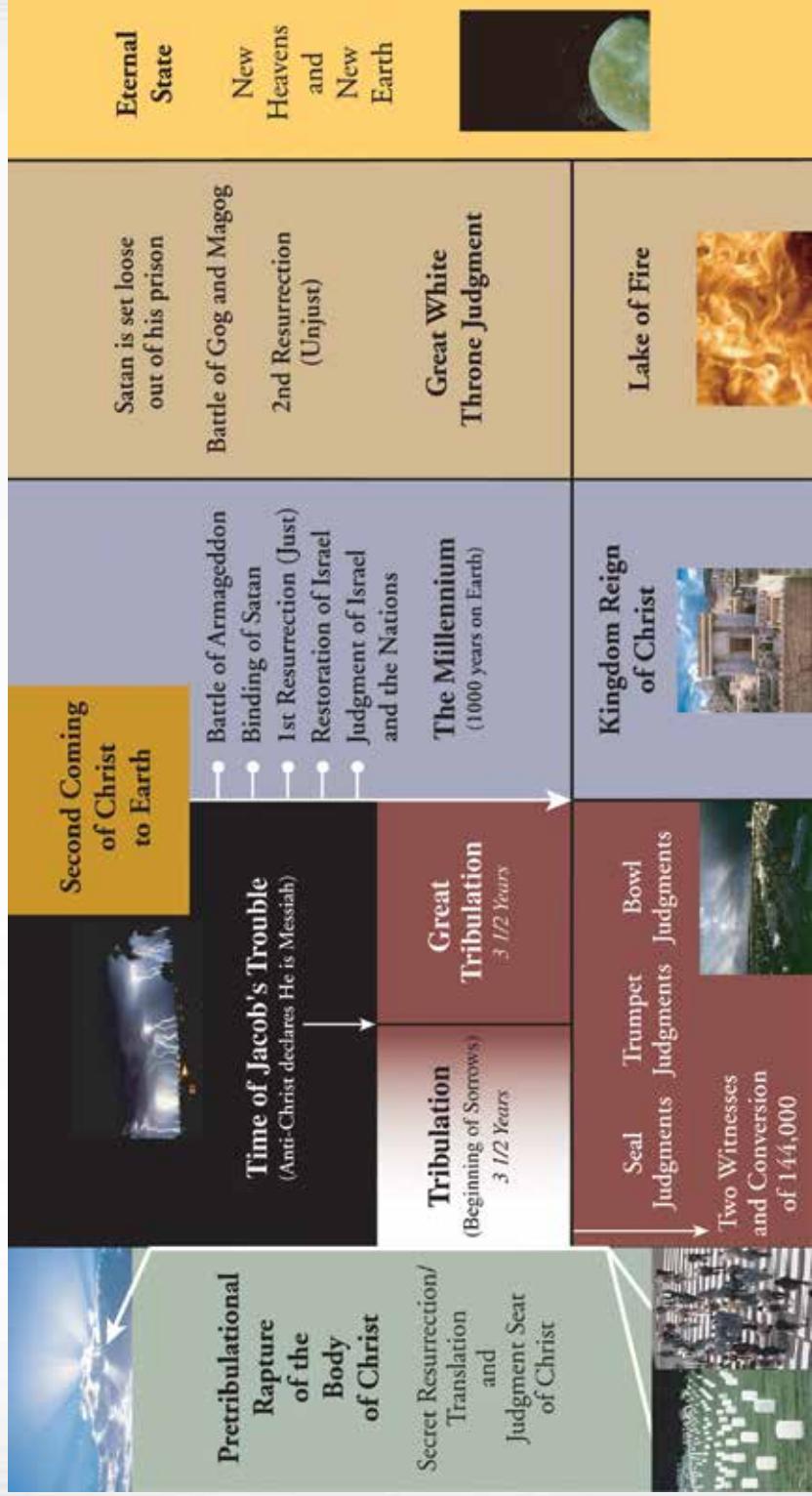
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From Louisiana:

"I am 81 years old and have studied for 40 years but I am finally starting to learn, thanks to *Transformed by Grace* with Pastor Kevin and with Les Feldick. You all are greatly loved and appreciated."

From West Virginia:

"Love, love, love your program! It's the highlight of my Mondays. I would love to receive your magazine!"

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"The Lord blesses my heart and helps my mind comprehend His Word with your teaching on *Transformed by Grace*. I cherish the Word."

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"What a joy it is to hear you rightly divide the Scriptures. Thank you so much for your teaching and ministry."

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"The *Transformed by Grace* series is my lifeline."

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"Thank you! This gives me a much-needed handle on the subject. Also, I am currently studying through Pastor Kevin Sadler's *Transformed by Grace* series about how to pray under grace."

From North Carolina:

"I enjoy your program. I just happened to run across it on CTN a couple of months ago."

From Texas:

"I happened upon the *Berean Bible Society's Transformed by Grace* which comes on after Les...hearing Pastor Kevin Sadler mention dispensations, I was thrilled! That's when I embraced Pastor Kevin as our pastor."

From our Inbox:

"I've watched different sermons on TV and tried various churches, and was just about to stop watching them because interpretations were so different from one to the next; then I flipped channels one more time and came upon your channel, and I got so happy to hear the word 'rightly divided'....I just want to understand the verses clearly."

From YouTube:

“Amen! Come quickly, Lord Jesus! Thank you again for this sound and easy to understand teaching from the Word of God which gives us such hope!”

From New Jersey:

“I watch *Transformed by Grace*, and I just want to say thank you. Pastor Kevin gives it to you plain.”

From Tennessee:

“In your message from *Transformed by Grace*, you read the poem, ‘Three Men.’ Oh, how I enjoyed that. I love your program. I hang on to every word.”

From Facebook:

“Very good information. Keep up the good work.”

From YouTube:

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From Facebook:

“I enjoy watching Pastor Kevin every Tuesday morning (recorded from Monday night).”

From Wisconsin:

“Keep up the fabulous ministry. You are impacting many more lives than you know!”

From Pennsylvania:

“Please use this money to help with *Transformed by Grace* program. I really appreciate this ministry and learn more and more. I depend on this program and Les Feldick’s for ‘rightly dividing the Word.’”

From Facebook:

“I am saving, slowly and surely, everything from your YouTube channel on a 2T external hard drive. Should we lose internet I can still pull up the [*Transformed by Grace*] videos and watch with closed-captioning and be happy.”

From Guam:

“Brother Kevin, you are a pastor after God’s own heart.”

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From Ohio:

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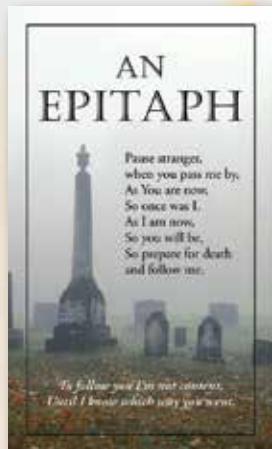
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a workman that needeth not to
be ashamed, rightly dividing
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—2 Timothy 2:15



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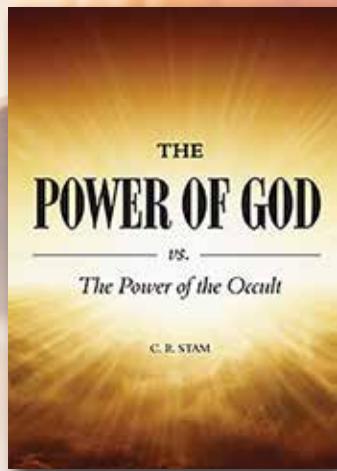
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Letter Excerpt Excitement! There were so many letters and emails this month from people who were excited about our *Transformed By Grace* television broadcast that we decided to feature nothing but excerpts from them on our excerpts page! We hope that you'll be as excited to read about their excitement as we were, and that you'll join us in prayer that God will continue to use TBG to reach people with God's glorious message of grace.

Mid-Atlantic Grace Conference: The leaves won't be the only things changing on the Atlantic coast when Pastors Joel McGarvey, Brent Biller, and BBS president Kevin Sadler meet for this annual rally, hosted by *Grace Bible Fellowship* of Ridgely, West Virginia. Hearts are sure to change in response to the teaching of God's grace as well. Why not make yours one of them by letting Pastor Biller know you plan to attend this October 8-10 event to be held at the *Holiday Inn Express* in Cumberland, Maryland. He can be reached at (304) 726-4063, or at brentbiller@atlanticbb.net.

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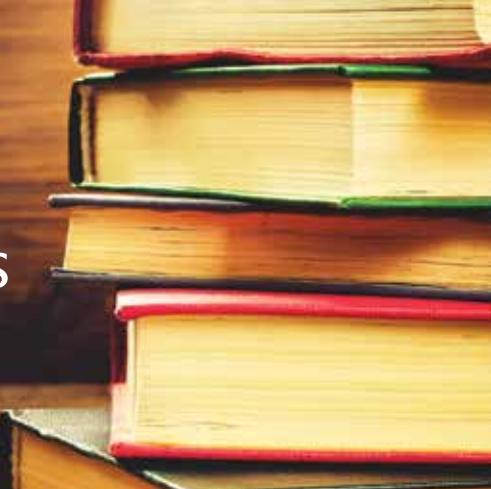
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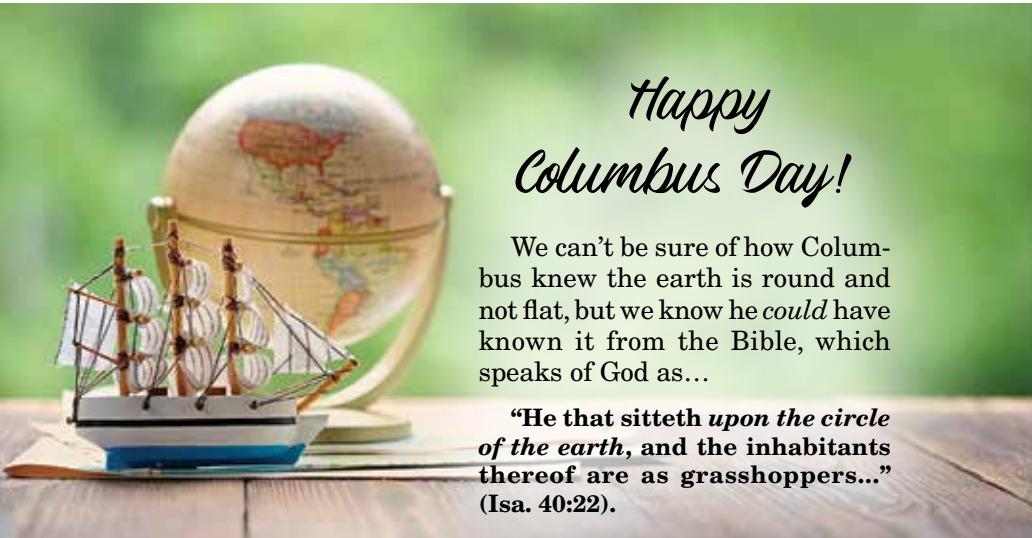
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"He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers..."
(Isa. 40:22).

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