

The GOSPEL TRUMPET™



VOL 19 ISSUE 1

“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet.” Isa. 58:1

JAN – FEB 2007



Who Shall Deliver Me?

“But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Rom. 7:23-24.

In chapter seven of Romans, the apostle Paul shares his testimony expressing his condition while still under the old Mosaic law and prior to his conversion through Jesus Christ. He was ever brought under the power of sin, despite his desire to do good and all of his religious practices.

Oh SIN – cursed tyrant! problem of all mankind! Can any escape its awful grip? Can none be free of sin while in this life? Can this bondage never be broken?

The apostle brings the readers to this very question when he cries out, “Who shall deliver me?” Oh, how his soul groaned to be free from sin! Then one glorious day, he met his Deliverer on the road to Damascus, and falling at His feet he cried, “What must I do to be saved?”

Oh, dear reader, true repentance and a humility that will bring you to the feet of Jesus Christ will open the door to a powerful salvation. After this experience, Saul, once a sinning religionist, arose to newness of life, never to be a “wretched man” in sin again! “Whom the Son

Anti-Denominational Holiness Paper

Editor: Sis. Susan Mutch
Contributing Editor: Bro. Daniel Layne
German Dept.: Sis. Helene Tissen
Russian Dept.: Bro. Waldemar Anselm

This definite, radical, anti-sectarian holiness paper is published in the name of the Lord for the edification of the church of God. Its mission is to point souls to full salvation through Christ and to expose the errors of spiritual Babylon (false religion). We desire this paper to be used as a sharp instrument in the hands of the Lord, breaking the spiritual silence in this time of restoration.

The Bible teaches:

Godly Sorrow and Repentance Acts 3:19; 17:30, 2 Cor. 7:10
The New Birth—a Radical Conversion John 3:3-7
Freedom from Sin/A Holy Life 1 Jn. 5:18, Lk. 1:73-75, Tit. 2:11-12
Entire Sanctification—a Second Cleansing 1 Thess. 5:23, Acts 15:8-9
Unity of God’s People/One Church John 17:21; Matt. 16:18
Divine Healing James 5:14-15, Isa. 53:5
Ordinances Mt. 28:19-20, Jn. 13:14-15, 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Rom. 16:16
Plain, Modest Dress Dt. 22:5, 1 Tim. 2:9-10, 1 Cor. 11:14-15
Sanctity of Marriage Mt. 19:5-6, Mk. 10:11-12, Lk. 16:18, Rom. 7:2-3
Non-Violence Luke 3:14; 6:27-29; 18:20
Restoration (Sounding 7th Trumpet) Rev. 10:7; 11:15
Eternal Punishment or Reward Matt. 25:46

This publishing work is supported through freewill offerings. Articles, poems, testimonies and questions are welcome and will be published at the discretion of the editor. Biblical quotes are from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. We reserve the right to edit or decline any material and are not responsible for the return of any items. Articles printed in this publication are used on the merit of the truth contained therein, and should not necessarily be understood as a commendation of the writer. The Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. and its subsidiaries are operated under the authority of the general ministerial body of the church of God.

Subsidiaries of The Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co.
The Shining Light for Children – editor@theshininglight.com

The Gospel Trumpet in German or Russian
Evangeliums Posaune – editor@evangeliumsposaune.com

Zion’s Voice for Audio – zionsvoice@juno.com



Phone: (937) 548-9876
email: editor@thegospeltrumpet.com
www.churchofgod.net

Editorial

The following are some quotes of professing Christians:
“Of course, it is inevitable that you will sin as a believer and grieve the very Spirit of God that seals your security.”

“While it is not possible for you to lose your salvation, sin will have a deadening effect in your spiritual life.”

“Sin always exists in the saints, till they are divested of this mortal body.”

We hear it everywhere—testimonies and teachings of DEFEAT from “Christians”—conquered by sin again and again, with no expectation of deliverance in this life...and yet they expect to go to heaven when they die, despite of their sin, believing that their *standing* is holy, though their *state* is sinful!

Now we understand that under the Old Testament covenant souls could not experience spiritual regeneration, as “the law made nothing perfect.” They continually had to bring sacrifices for their sin. But in this New Testament covenant of “glory that excelleth” how can it be that professing Christians (of all people!) are proclaiming that *the gospel* can make nothing perfect either?!

Oh, souls! Wake up and shake yourselves from this DECEPTION! It will lead you to hell! Christians DO NOT SIN! Woe to the tens of thousands of “preachers” that propagate the fatal poison of this heretical sinning religion to the multitudes! They are guilty of mass murder.

It was sin that separated the first man from God and be assured, sin will still separate you from God today. A religious profession means nothing if you yet sin. It is a reproach to the name of the One who died to take away the sin of the world.

Souls, don’t settle for this un-gospel! And by no means be found defending it! The true gospel of the Son of God offers something far superior than what is being passed off as Christianity today. Most professors of religion will say, “I am forgiven,” but cannot say, “I am delivered!” Tragically for them, such religion is vain.

Adam Clarke urged, “Reader, do not plead for Baal. Try, fully try, the efficacy of the blood of the covenant, and be not content with less salvation than God has provided for thee. Thou art not straitened in God, be not straitened in thy own bowels.”

Jesus marveled at the unbelief of the Jews (Mk. 6:6), and surely He is marveling at the unbelief of those who claim His name today, yet deny His power to deliver us from all sin.

The apostle Paul emphatically prohibited sin. Malcolm Lavender stated, “The church...must come to share the same conviction about sin as did St. Paul and first century Christians. Otherwise, it will never deliver the message to its generation that saves from the wrath to come. For this is the only message that is consistent with the voice of divine inspiration!” Amen!

The Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. is registered as a charitable organization in the USA. Please request a tax receipt for donations, if so desired.

This work is supported through free-will offerings.

Testimonies & Letters

It is Truly the Lord's Work

Praise the Lord! I am encouraged. Sometimes I almost have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not dreaming. How can it be that the Lord found me in all that religious mess I was in? He reached all the way down to the tiny town of Kidron, picked me up, and put me in that meeting of the saints, where I heard the truth of the gospel! Thank God!

I wasn't expecting it. I wasn't looking for it. But the Lord knew all along. Oh how I love Him! And it's not just me—He is doing the same thing for others all over the world. It is truly the Lord's work, and we as His children get to help.

Sis. Crystal Keim
Ohio, USA

I Would Like to Join You

I just received your magazine, which is *The Gospel Trumpet*. I came to know much of your ministries. I would like to join with you, for the expansion of God's kingdom on this earth. Since I am involved in church planting and community service, I need your guidance and support. Thank you.

P. Samuel
India

A Wonderful Meeting

Dear saints and readers,

I want to thank my Redeemer for His amazing love to my soul! I am so very glad that He was ever willing to lift me up OUT of the deep, miry clay. I don't know where I would be today if it had not been for His mercy.

I would like to tell you about a WONDERFUL mid-week service we had here recently! It was truly an out-break! It was just beyond words to express. Saints that I would not have expected to see walk the aisles, took their liberty and walked the aisles, praising God! We started marching around the chapel but the chapel was far too small, so we went outside!! I was so amazed at what the Lord is able to do. I'm glad to see that God is still doing miracles in our time!

A while ago, Bro. Henry was saying how that very often we limit the Lord from working as He wants to. I want the Lord to help me not to limit His power. He can do mighty things if we let Him!

I am much encouraged in the Lord and, by His grace, I will someday cross over to my eternal home in heaven!

Encouraged in the Lord,
Sis. Lisa Bergen (Age 14)
Ontario, Canada

Heaven in the World

Hello dear brothers and sisters,

I believe God is healing, not science, doctor, nurse and medicine. Also television, radio and newspaper coming sometimes very bad, this is not good.

We also need modesty in our clothes, long skirts for girls and for men, long trousers; pants like your church is, this is wonderful.

We need to be separate from the world. Girls also not (never) cut their hair. Bible tells that. Also, not allow divorce.

Your church doctrine is wonderful.
Heaven in the world. Finland

Like to Be With You

Might it be possible to "broadcast" [on the online radio] your Sunday service? I would very much like to be with you, but do not see an opportunity anytime soon to make the trip. Next best would be to listen in. It would be good to hear all of it—singing, announcements, preaching, etc. I would even wear plain clothes while listening. :-) Just a thought.

Thank you once again for making this resource available.

John Gardenour
Florida, USA

Special Answer to Prayer

I am thankful to be saved and sanctified and serving a mighty God who can do anything if we simply ask.

A few weeks ago, I received a special answer to prayer. It was in the evening and I was in bed already. I had a very bad migraine headache. I told my wife it was one of those headaches that wouldn't let me sleep. I was thinking what a hard night it would be and the thought came to me to get up and pray. So I said to my wife, "I will get up. I will go and pray. God will take my headache away. I will come back to bed, and I will go to sleep."

Well, I did go and pray, and God

instantly and completely took it away! It was like if there was a light switch in my head and God turned it off. It was that simple. When I turned my wills into dids, the Lord blessed.

The Bible says that if we have the faith of a mustard seed He will help us and He did! I desire much more of this faith.

I am very thankful for the church and ministry that teaches us to trust in God alone. Please pray for my family and I to gain ground in the Lord.

Bro. Danny Froese
Ontario, Canada

Millennial Heresies

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have just recently received Volume 18 Issue 6 of the *Gospel Trumpet* dealing primarily with the Millennial heresies. I have been preparing a teaching on the subject of differing views of the Millennium for our elders in training. This issue is outstanding in its clarity and truth. Thank you for it.

I am wondering if I could order bulk copies for distribution to our congregation?...

One other comment on the subject. Almost all the "Left Behind" people, and there are many sincere Christians caught up in this heresy, draw their substance from the misinterpretation of Luke 17: 20-35.

The plain reading of this passage and the one in Matthew 24 clearly shows that those who are left behind when the Son of Man (the Lord Jesus) is revealed, are left behind to be destroyed just like those in the days of Noah and Lot. I think it would be a service to your readers if you were to call attention to this detail...

God bless your work.

Your fellow servant of the Word.
Website

Pray for Nepal

Dear saints of the Lord,

Greetings in His holy name! Today I received *The Gospel Trumpet*, Vol. 18, Issue 5, Sept.-Oct. 2006. Really, every corner of it is blessed by the Lord.

What I came to know is that some brethren from your ministries are going

Testimonies & Letters

to visit Nepal, Lord willing, in the near future...As far as you know Nepal is a place of idol worshipers, where we have to do great work for the Lord. So there is need of a good shepherd who can lead them perfectly in the Lord. There are good souls, but due to lack of perfect leading, they start to move after the worldly pleasures...

Please pray for the Nepal ministries which you are going to start in the near future so that God may send some brethren as soon as possible. Please pray for me too, so that God may use me in your ministries in Nepal...I would love to hear from you soon.

May the Lord use you perfectly for His glorious ministry throughout the world.

Bro. Binod
Nepal

Materials Bring Glory to God

Dear Sir or Madam,

I came across your excellent website on the internet and was blessed by the quality of the articles and writings.

I then saw that one can subscribe to *The Gospel Trumpet* by putting one's name on the permanent mailing list...I would love to receive the magazine as I think the overall content and quality of the materials brings glory and honour to God!...

Website, New Zealand

I Admire Your Standards

Dear friends,

Could I please thank you for adding me to your mailing list for the *Gospel Trumpet*? I appreciate receiving it and admire your standards. Yours faithfully,

J. W.
Australia

Completely Amazed

Dear Gospel Trumpet,

I recently discovered the church of God online and was completely amazed that such a large group of holiness minded people existed outside of the Anabaptist movement.

Your website is very encouraging and uplifting. We too are seeking to live a godly, holy life in this present world.

We would like to receive the *Gospel Trumpet* by mail.

I was once a member of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church and it is interesting to note how some of your brethren look like German Baptists. We now attend a Holiness/Pentecostal Church.

Thank you for sending the *Gospel Trumpet*. I know we will be richly fed by its pages.

J. Cook
Texas, USA

Sound Teaching

Dear Gospel Trumpet team,

Thank you for the recent *Gospel Trumpet* issue. I appreciate the sound teaching on eschatology! I'm amazed and excited to hear Bible interpretation with authority! The "church" is flooded with a cowardly and confused "ministry." It seems so refreshing for the truth of God to be explained "matter of factly!"

If you would have time, I would appreciate an explanation of Romans 11:25 "...until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

May Jesus Christ our Saviour be exalted among His church!

In Christian love,
C. Bradford
New York, USA

It Rang as Truth in My Heart

Dear saints,

I read the online article, "Will the Temple be Rebuilt in Jerusalem?" with great interest. It rang as truth in my heart. Thank you for making it available for reading.

M. Frausto
Indiana, USA

Italy is a Mission Field

I was searching on the net and I found your page. I was deeply touched by your message of the unity of God's church in the truth of His Word!...

I believe that over and above preaching the gospel to the unsaved, God wants me to travel and visit other existing churches and share the vision which God gave me about the unity of His church! So, would you want me to be your missionary to Italy?

Italy is a mission field...Out of 57 million people, only 0.4% of them claim to be born again Christians, but when we

look to the true "disciples" of Christ, the percentage is even lower! Unfortunately, a spirit of division and denominations has been able to sneak in and fragment the church in such a way that she has lost her power! Every denomination which men make is another fence built to keep God's people in or out and divide them!

So, I truly believe that God wants to call out new prophets who have the courage to speak out to the local churches, just what you said in your website: He is coming back for a holy and spotless bride, so we need to get ready in a hurry. God is looking for men who are willing to stand in the gap, and 21 years ago we said "yes" to Him, to come back to our homeland and be at His service!

Please respond as quickly as possible. The time is very short and many people are dying and being lost forever, because we couldn't reach them in time with the saving message of the gospel! Thank you and God bless you.

In Christ our Saviour and Lord.
Website, Italy

My Heart Leaped

Good friends,

My heart leaped up within me to receive a copy of a publication, *The Gospel Trumpet*. Why? Well, I worked at one church publishing house for 29 years. When I started it was called The Gospel Trumpet Co., and A. T. Rowe (?) was the manager...So, you can imagine that my interest perks up when I see such a familiar title, *The Gospel Trumpet*. It was the voice of the church during the golden years of the reformation...

This is to say that I am so happy to receive the paper. I would be happy to pay for a subscription, and if you might face a situation at some time that you feel my years at Anderson may give some helpful guidance, I would be only too happy to share what I can. God bless your ministry.

C. W.
California, USA

Greetings from Myanmar

Dear Daniel Layne,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ from Myanmar. Thank you very much for your email and

Testimonies & Letters

your interest in the ministry of Myanmar. It is wonderful good news to hear from you. I am so happy and surprised by your email. I believe that God stirred your heart to work with the ministry in Myanmar. Praise the Lord. Thanks again for sending some gospel literature for me. I hope to receive it soon safely.

We really want to be a part of your mission in our country. Please show us the ways and guide us how to be a part. We need your help to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ here. If possible please visit with us, fellowship with us and let us discuss face to face how to work together. Again, we need your sincere prayers and loving support for our ministry.

I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

H. Ling
Myanmar

There Shall Be Holiness

“But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.” Obadiah 17.

Praise the Lord for holiness. The scripture says “there shall be holiness.” This is a promise so it has to be somewhere. Without thinking, so many people say that it is not possible to live a holy life; we have to sin because we’re human.

I remember when I used to believe that. I would pray every night that the Lord would forgive all my sins, known and unknown. There is nothing like an unknown sin. Then I would think, well I don’t know of anything I did and would try to explain it, but it seemed too proud to say, “I don’t sin.” But thank the Lord when we came to the saints and got clear understanding on it, it just made sense.

“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.” Psalm 48:1.

We can praise the Lord and be glad that we can live a holy life, not sad that we can’t do this or that anymore. We dwell in a clean house. Who would literally want to live in a shaggy, dirty house? I wouldn’t. So how much more should we want to dwell in a clean spiritual house. “Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord,

for ever.” Psalm 93:5. The Lord will not dwell anywhere else either except it be holy.

“For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.” I Thess. 4:7. If you are wondering what your calling is, be holy. You need to be holy first before you can do anything else for the Lord.

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” Heb. 12:14. Here it is very plain if we are not holy we will not see the Lord. We need to be perfect as He is perfect, and walk in the light that we have. Definition of holy: Set apart for God’s service; sacred; spiritually perfect; pure in heart.

I just want to thank the Lord for bringing me and my family to this wonderful place, where there is love, peace, joy, unity, and holiness. And we are getting food for our souls. I will never forget the first time I saw all the saints together and sat in the first service of 2006 Ohio campmeeting. The singing brought tears to my eyes.

I want to keep pressing on toward the goal and fight the enemy. I want to have a closer relationship with the Lord. I want to do my part in the church of God, whatever the Lord has for me. I’m willing to go through whatever I need to, to make it to heaven. By the grace of God I will make it.

A soldier for Jesus,
Sis. Linda Mast (Age 16)
Ohio, USA

Stop Sending the Trumpet

Please stop sending us *The Gospel Trumpet* as we believe the Lord kept His Word when He said Matt. 16:28. And these words, “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. For these are the days of vengeance, that ALL things which are written may be fulfilled.” Luke 21:20, 22.

Jesus said “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” See Col. 1:23 and the year is 64 A.D. and a few years later 70 A.D. the End came.

We are living in the kingdom (spir-

itual) right here on this earth and basking in the fruit of our dear Lord’s labor and sacrifice of His love. May the Lord Jesus guide you in love and wisdom!

Thank you and God bless as you share your desire for people to enter into His presence!

S. Marshall
Idaho, USA

I Enjoyed Every Article

Dear Sis. Mutch,

Thank you for sending me the Nov.-Dec. copy of *The Gospel Trumpet*. I enjoyed every article. In addition to my pastoral work here in Virginia, I also go to campmeetings and churches presenting a series of multimedia assisted messages on prophecy. I agreed with this last issue so much that I would like to get more of them to use with a group I am going to next month. Could you please send me 30 copies and a bill for the cost and I will return a check to pay you for them?

Lowell Stultz
Virginia, USA

Quite Excited

I am greatly pleased to see something from a church that speaks truth to me. I am an independent pastor of a home church. A co-worker/friend of mine showed me *The Gospel Trumpet* and I was quite excited. I would like to receive this also...I have been so excited about *The Gospel Trumpet* that I have been telling everyone that I have been ministering to for the past six years. Praise Jesus!

Bill Feltham,
Ohio, USA

I See Different Now

When I was a boy growing up in central Florida, my mother attended a church of God there. I enjoyed being there tremendously. One of the things that stood out to me as a young boy, was the way the ladies dressed. They did not cut their hair and they wore long dresses and skirts. Mom told me that was what they preached and believed.

Years down the road, I see different now. Is there any way, please, you can help me understand better? The Holy Ghost seemed like it was greater in the services then. Please reply. Website



Do Christians Sin?

Let the Scriptures Speak

Jesus Christ is a mighty Saviour and His gospel is both glorious and powerful. A truly repentant soul will find in salvation not only forgiveness, but also *deliverance* from all sin. Yes, a Christian does live free from committing sin!

Sadly, most of what is being passed off as the gospel today is no gospel at all. It keeps the people in their sins and they expect that they cannot be free from them till after they die. This is "another gospel" and "another Jesus" and it is foreign to scriptural salvation. Any person who teaches that one can sin and still be a Christian is not of God. These have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. From such turn away!

Dear ones, examine your experience in the light of the scriptures regarding this all-important issue. Your eternal destiny depends upon it.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin...In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil..." 1 John 3:8-10.

1) The purpose of Jesus' coming was to redeem us from all iniquity

Matt. 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Luke 1:68-75 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people...that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

Titus 2:14 "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

1 John 3:8 "He that committeth sin is of

the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

2) Those who have been saved from their sins need not continue to sin and repent

Luke 15:7 "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

John 5:14 "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

Rom. 6:1-2 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid."

3) A child of God is able to overcome temptation

1 Cor. 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

2 Pet. 2:9 "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

4) After being cleansed by the blood of Jesus, it is possible to stay clean

Rom. 6:6-7 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

Gal. 5:24 "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Col. 1:22 "In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight."

James. 1:27 "Pure religion and

undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

1 John 5:18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

Jude 24 "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

5) Grace does not cover over sin, but gives power to overcome sin

Rom. 6:1-2 "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

Rom. 6:15 "What then? Shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid."

Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

Jude 4 "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness"

6) Whoever sins is the servant of sin, not the servant of God

John 8:34, 36 "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Rom. 6:16-22 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but...Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness...for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness...the end of those things is death. But now being made free

from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.”

7) Those who sin are spiritually dead

Rom. 6:13 “But yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead.”

Rom. 7:5 “For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins...did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”

Rom. 8:6 “For to be carnally minded is death.”

Eph. 2:1 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

Col. 2:13 “And you, being dead in your sins...”

1 Tim. 5:6 “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.”

8) True Christians are dead to sin

Rom. 6:2 “How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”

Rom. 6:6-7 “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.”

Rom. 6:11 “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Gal. 5:24 “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

9) The wrath of God abides on those who sin

Rom. 1:18 “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”

Rom. 2:8-9 “But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil.”

Col. 3:5-6 “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.”

Eph. 2:2-3 “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this

world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Heb. 10:26-27 “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation.”

10) Those that profess to be saved but do not live holy will be surprised at the Judgment

Matt. 7:22-23 “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

11) Those who sin have no part of the kingdom of God

Rom. 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

1 Cor. 6:9 “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?”

Gal. 5:21 “Of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things [the works of the flesh] shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Eph. 5:5 “For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”

12) Those that turn back to sin lose their salvation

Ezk. 33:12-13 “The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression...neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth...if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.”

Gal. 2:17-18 “But if, while we seek to

be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.”

2 Pet. 2:20-22 “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning...The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.”

13) Those who sin cannot see nor know God

Matt. 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Heb. 12:14 “Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.”

1 John 1:6 “If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.”

1 John 2:4 “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

1 Jn 3:6 “Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.”

3 John 11 “He that doeth evil hath not seen God.”

14) Christians are not to fellowship those who profess salvation but continue to sin

1 Cor. 5:11 “But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.”

2 Thess. 3:6 “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”

Eph. 5:11 “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

1 Tim. 5:20 “Them that sin rebuke before all.”

2 Tim. 3:2-5 “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud...unholy...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of

godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”

2 John 9-10 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God...If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.”

15) Christians are to walk in the Spirit, not in the lust of the flesh

Rom. 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

Rom. 8:13 “For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.”

Gal. 5:16 “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:24 “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

1 Pet. 2:11 “Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.”

2 Pet. 1:4 “Having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

16) Christians keep themselves undefiled

2 Cor. 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

1 Thess. 5:22 “Abstain from all appearance of evil.”

2 Pet. 3:11 “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness.”

2 Pet. 3:14 “Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.”

1 John 3:3 “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

1 John 5:18 “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”

17) Whoever commits sin is of the devil

John 8:41-44 “Ye do the deeds of your father...Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.”

Eph. 2:2 “Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air.”

1 John 3:8 “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning.”

1 John 3:10 “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

18) Christians follow the example of Christ

1 Pet. 1:15-16 “But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

1 Pet. 2:21-22 “Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth.”

1 John 2:6 “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

19) A holy life does not produce sinful fruit

Matt. 7:17-18 “Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”

Luke 6:43 “For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.”

20) Christians have an undefiled conscience

Acts 23:1 “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”

Acts 24:16 “And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men.”

1 Tim. 1:5 “Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.”

21) It is not what we profess, but what

we live that counts

Matt. 7:20 “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Luke 6:46 “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?”

2 Tim. 3:5 “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.”

Titus 1:16 “They profess that they know God, but in works they deny him.”

22) Those who sin cannot enter heaven

John 8:21 “Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.”

Rev. 21:27 “And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie.”

23) A Christian is a new creature; old sinful ways are passed away

Ezk. 36:26-27 “A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”

2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

24) Salvation brings a heart perfection that was unattainable under the Old Testament


Heb. 7:19 “For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did.”

Heb. 10:14 “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”

25) Those who love God keep His commandments

John 14:15 “If ye love me, keep my commandments.”

John 14:21 “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me.”

1 John 2:3-4 “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” 

Ye Must Be Born Again

Bro. Daniel Eichelberger

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” Jn. 3:3, 6-7.

The secret is out. The plan has been revealed. The way has been opened. Jesus Christ, “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), has shown the path of life to mankind. If we would enter the kingdom of God now and enjoy it through eternity in heaven, we must be born again.

But there seems to be much confusion over this issue in our day, in spite of the plain words of the Lord. Some think to gain heaven in ways of their own devising, while others think they are born again, when they are not. Let us lift the veil of misunderstanding forever from the issue, that hypocrites may be without a cloak for their sin, and those seeking to please God may receive a Bible experience.

First, let us consider what Jesus did not say...

He did *not* say, “Ye must be moral.” No. Morality is not enough. We cannot commend our own self-righteousness to God. He alone is the author of salvation. He alone can save. To such a class of moral people Jesus said, “Ye are they which justify yourselves before men: but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.” Luke 16:15. The words of the Hebrew prophet are applicable to the moralist today: “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind,

have taken us away.” Isa. 64:6.

He did *not* say, “Ye must be religious.” Obviously not. Religion is not enough. Head knowledge means nothing. Hear the words of James (2:19): “Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.” What more do you have, O religionist, than these devils? Nay, they have quite an advantage over you, for your belief in God supposedly rests upon faith, but theirs upon *sight*. They believe in and fear God. So we see that mere religion profits you nothing.

Now, let us consider what Jesus *did* say. “Ye must be born again.” You *must* be. You *have to* be, or you cannot enter the kingdom of God here and above. There is no other way.

Jesus is not speaking about a literal birth, but a spiritual. Every man stands in need of a spiritual birth, or regeneration, because all are dead in trespasses and sins. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Rom. 3:23. “Wherefore as by one man sin into entered the world, and [spiritual] death by sin; and so [spiritual] death passed upon

Every man stands in need of a spiritual birth, or regeneration, because all are dead in trespasses and sins.

all men, for that all have sinned.” Rom. 5:12. To be born again is to be changed from this dead spiritual state, to be “quickened” or made alive (Eph. 2:1), to “awake to righteousness, and sin not” (1 Cor. 15:34).

This new birth cannot be accomplished by the human will alone. It takes the will, working, and power of God to recreate the soul in righteousness. It takes more than a head knowledge or mere belief in Jesus Christ. It requires an active faith and reception of Him. “But as

many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” John 1:12, 13. It takes repentance, *a forsaking of all sin*, and obedience to the command of Jesus, “Go, and sin no more” (John 8:11).

False teachers are busy telling unwary souls today that Christians cannot help but sin more or less everyday. That is a base falsehood and contrary to the Word of God. The truly regenerated soul does not sin, but lives above it by the grace of God.

When a soul is born again, the seed of righteousness is planted within the heart, and it makes it impossible for them to sin and retain the regenerated experience. “Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” 1 John 3:9. Therefore, whosoever sins needs to be born again.

One may say, “Not so. It is only

human to sin. We cannot help but fall once in awhile.” Poor, blinded soul! The purpose of the new birth is to make you a new creature, one on which sin and temptation have no power. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Cor. 5:17.

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” 1 Pet. 1:23. You

cannot claim a born again experience that does not measure to the Word of God, since it is through meeting the conditions of His Word that the experience is obtained.

Being born again involves more than just ceasing from the outward manifestations of sin, such as cursing, lying, drinking, fornication, adultery, etc. It isn't merely a reformation. It is a transformation wrought in the soul by the power of the Holy Ghost. Any person


can reform themselves, but it takes a divine work of grace to regenerate the soul. This salvation does such a thorough work in the heart.

E. E. Byrum explained the new birth this way: "It is as radical a change as is the natural birth of an infant."

How is it with your soul today? Have you experienced the radical change of the new birth? If there is a doubt, you can settle it today.

Are you still sinning? If so, you are a

child, not of God, but of the devil. "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning... In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil..." I John 3:8, 10. You are in need of the new birth.

Regardless of your religious profession, Jesus says to you, "Ye must be born again." We beg you in God's name to get a Bible experience, cease from sin, and enjoy the wonderful light and peace of regeneration. 

The God who does not receive or accept persons on the basis of their face or anything external, therefore, rejects the *unbelief* of all men. Thus, men stand or fall before Him according to their faith or unbelief in His Word!

The purpose of the atonement is that sin may be removed in this life. But in unbelief of this truth, Reformation and Calvinistic systems reject the atonement. They do not believe that by blood and Divinity the perfect Sacrifice wrought a perfect salvation by which sinners may be saved from all sin in this life. Thus, in unbelief, the Levitical animal and the Christ are made the subjects of a common outcome in which the removal of all sin is a hopeless reality this side of the grave; hence, the *parity* of the Levitical animal and the Lamb of God in these systems.

It is precisely here that their unbelief is clearly evident; for them there is *no faith* that the sacrificial death of the Son of God is the answer to the needs incurred from the Fall. Thus, Calvary availed no more than did the Levitical altar; for man in this life is still left in his sins.

An atonement theory must be efficacious to satisfy the needs that necessitated

Unbelief in the Work of Atonement

Malcolm Lavender

an atonement in the first place, else it is not an atonement. In these systems the necessity of the atonement stands unanswered. They have no word of the blood efficacious and powerful to remove all sin now. This validating distinctive they would take away; for the blood is denied its crucial essence—the removal of all sin in this life!

From this abysmal void there is no word from God, telling the sons and daughters of Adam's fallen race of One mighty to save from all sin now! Their theory consists not in an atonement made on the cross for the destruction of sin, but in an *alteration* of sin in which it no

longer brings death to the soul and separation from God.


Thus, the most popular and most deceptive atonement theory in Protestantism stands in scriptural *unbelief* with respect to the sacrificial

death of the Son of God. And for a dying race that must soon face Him, the best offer afforded by their system is that of "saved sinners" *unchanged* this side of the grave! Thus, their theory must take its place with the rest of the false systems of the ages.

Man's Capacity to Be Holy

Man was once holy by Creation. Accordingly, it cannot be denied that man can be holy again in the here and now. It was God, who, by *Creation*, made man holy; again, it is God, who, by the *new creation*, makes man holy on the ground of the atonement. So, the problem of sin must give


way to the creative power of God, in which we become a *new creation in Christ*.

Either man stands in hopeless moral and spiritual ruin, or God's Remedy—His Son—is efficacious. If the *Saviour* is able to *save*, all sin is eradicable and must be removed in this life, if ever; there is no other revelatory hope; no other time; no other remedy! 

The god of Calvinism has taken over! Or shall I say the god of Gnosticism? Or perhaps the god of Paganism? Little difference...None of them deliver the sinner from his sin in this life. The devil has been busy for long centuries with this ancient lie!

Almost all of what is calling itself Christian today has been entrenched with this Calvinistic poison and, consequently, the deceived multitudes are left in their sins.

But while they contend for a sinning religion (we cannot call it salvation!), the redeemed, having met the living Son of God and partaken of His resurrection power, shout aloud in the heavenly places for very joy to know their sins are all taken away.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..." John 1:12. 



Who Shall Deliver Me?

Continued from Page 1

sets free is free indeed!" With triumphant joy, the apostle Paul continues the testimony he started in

Romans 7 in chapter 8: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Who shall deliver me? Glory! Exalt the name of Jesus! Oh, what a Saviour! "He shall save his people from their sins." Matt. 1:21b.

"...He was manifested to take away our sins...Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not...Little children, let no man deceive you...He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:5-8.

There is no doubt that Jesus accomplished the purpose for which He came.

To say that one cannot live free from sin is to deny the power of Jesus Christ. Yet by far, the prevailing testimony of professing Christians today is that sin has dominion over them and that none can expect to live free from sin while in this world.

What an atrocious dishonour to the mighty Son of God! What a corruption of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ! What a miserable message to tell sin-laden man-

kind! Is this the tidings of great joy for all men the angels burst into praise about? NO!


The apostle Paul used the word *deliver*. "Who shall deliver me?" He did not say, who shall forgive me, though of course he also needed forgiveness. He realized a cure was needed to reach the malady of sin and tear it out by the roots. Yes, Sin needed to be conquered. He found the Conqueror in Jesus Christ and was nevermore the same.

Read Paul's writings. Wretched and bound before salvation, he later could testify and teach that in Christ we are more than conquerors. He lived holily and justly and unblameably, had a conscience void of offense toward God and men, was made free from sin and declared, "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? *God forbid*. How shall we, that *are dead to sin*, live any longer therein?" Rom. 6:1-2.

Is it not amazing that when the Bible asks, "Shall we continue in sin?" that the professing religious world insists that yes, they must, though the Bible answers, "God forbid!?"

And when the Bible states the Christian is dead to sin, most professors are still alive to it? We can only conclude that "mainstream Christianity" is not Christianity at all, but the product of "another

gospel" and "another Jesus."

"Let God be true, but every man a liar." "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin."  —S. Mutch



Forever Lost

Forever lost! How can this be?
Heaven's gates are barred to me!
To church I every Sunday went,
To Sunday school my children sent.
I came, I listened and I heard
As you preached to me the Word.

You told me I should try my best
And to Jesus leave the rest.
You told me I should just be good
T'would be alright, God understood.
You never told me I must be
From every sin and spot set free.

You lied to me and you deceived,
And I, the fool, your words believed.
I trusted you to guide my soul,
And now you've kept me from my goal!
SIN has barred me out, you see!
Forever lost! How can this be?

—Sis. Sara Friesen

The Washing of Regeneration

Standing before us as types are the brazen altar and the laver which stood before the entrance to the Old Testament temple. The blood on the altar typifying justification or remission of sin. The washing of the laver typifying regeneration, or new birth. How appropriately they represent the work done in salvation. Both are accomplished instantaneously when one is saved.

To quote one writer: "Justification...means pardon and includes the ideas of peace with God and remission of penalty. *But the sinner needs more than this*. Pardon of past sins can avail nothing for him unless he is given power to refrain from sinning in the future, or to keep justified. This can take place only by a work of grace in the pardoned sinner which will give him power over the power of sin that has ruled him.

"Though regeneration is coincident in time with justification, yet it is in its nature distinct from it. Justification has to do with one's relation to God and His law, regeneration is concerned with the

inner character of the one justified. Guilt is the ground for the need of justification, but depravity of the nature is the ground for the need of regeneration.”

Oh, how perfect is God’s redemptive plan for man! God actually imparts *spiritual life*, His own righteousness, into the heart, making them holy and empowering them to never sin again. We can be regenerated (Titus 3:5)—made a new creature in Christ Jesus!

We hear so much today in religious circles about forgiveness, but due to the

rampant heresy abroad that a Christian cannot live without sinning, very few manage to find true saving faith in Jesus Christ that regenerates the soul, making one holy. Hence there are literally multitudes claiming to be children of God who know nothing of the power of salvation, having only a form, as they struggle with the same unregenerate hearts.

May God rescue these victims of false religion and bring them into the light of the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus. 📖 — S. Mutch

following eternal wisdom and in not daring to make void any words written in the book of life. To flatter you in this respect would be to lose our own souls.

If, far from finding in your heart and in your conversation these marks of a new and spiritual birth, your conscience rises against you, and you are forced to confess that you feel within you rather the natural than the spiritual man, being more occupied with earth than with heaven; with yourself and the world, than with the love of Jesus, and the glory to which He calls you, we should only lay a stumblingblock in your way, if we did not cry to you in the words of our divine Master, “Ye must be born again, or you cannot see the kingdom of God.”

We are not ignorant that the voice of worldlings lifts itself up on all sides and drowns that of the Saviour. In vain we declare, that those who falsely “call him Lord, shall not enter into his kingdom.” In vain we cry to sinners to “strive to enter in at the strait gate” of regeneration, because “many will seek to enter” by that of reformation, “and shall not be able.” Wolves in sheep’s clothing betray them. Multitudes are content to live without regeneration. As if Christ had not expressly said, “Many are called, but few are chosen,” that His flock is a little flock, and that few walk in the narrow path that leads to life.

Reformed or Regenerated?

John Fletcher

Many sinners acknowledge the necessity of *regeneration* without being profited thereby, because they confound it with *reformation* of life. Reader, beware of this error. It is a little thing to say, “By the grace of God I am not what I was,” if we cannot add, “by the same grace, I am what I never have been.” It is a little thing to be able to say, “I am no swearer, drunkard, unclean person; I do not walk after the flesh,” unless we feel at the same time that we walk in newness of life, in the straight path of faith and divine love.

You are no longer sensual and voluptuous, but are your affections spiritual and divine? You no longer mock at the Word of God, but do you meditate upon it day and night? Is it as sweet to your soul as honey? Do you drink of the waters that spring up into everlasting life?

You feel that the life of a Christian ought to be a constant preparation for death, and as it is contrary to good sense to take those diversions in which we would not that death should find us, you therefore leave plays, useless visits, balls, finery, romances, cards, etc., to those whom the god of this world blinds, but do you “redeem the time,” that you may “walk in all those good works which the Lord has prepared” for you? Does the “love of Christ constrain you,” so that

your duty becomes your delight, wherein you find more pleasure than the children of this world experience in all their vain delights?

Are you no longer “conformed to this evil world,” but do you live as a “stranger and a pilgrim upon earth?” Does your soul ascend to God, even as the flame towards heaven? And do you find within you the humility, the patience, the disinterestedness, the renunciation of the world, the holy joy, the tender zeal, the constant sweetness, the desire to be with Christ, the unfeigned love, which characterizes true believers?

You do not live any longer in presumptuous sins, but are you “crucified with Christ,” living no longer to yourself, but to God? Is Christ your life?

Reader, behold in these questions the difference between reformation and regeneration. Some degrees of preventing grace, and of reason and reflection, suffice for the first, but nothing less can effect the second than a real participation of the death and resurrection of Jesus. If indeed you would “flee from the wrath to come,” beware that you rest not in the former state. Accuse us not of severity, in thus

JESUS CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH

The design and object of the incarnation and sacrifice of Christ was to condemn sin, to have it executed and destroyed, NOT to tolerate it as some think, or to render it subservient to the purposes of His grace, but to annihilate its power, guilt, and being in the soul of a believer.

—Adam Clarke

You fulfill the exterior duties of religion. We may believe even that, with Nicodemus, you do all this in the integrity of your heart and as unto God. But the Lord declares that although you have “the form of godliness,” you have hith-

“Strive to enter in at the strait gate” of regeneration, because “many will seek to enter” by that of reformation.

erto denied “its power.” He declares that your righteousness will never introduce you into the kingdom of God.

And although you may not be far from the kingdom, you are not yet possessed of it; you are not yet regenerated. You are not yet a child of God. You still want the Spirit of adoption in order to be a Christian, for in Christ Jesus “neither circumcision, nor uncircumcision availeth any thing, but a new creation;” an entire change of our soul, as well as of our life. In a word, “a new heart, a right spirit; the kingdom of God within us.”

Reader, renounce the presumptuous folly of worldlings! Say not you “are rich and need nothing.” Depend not on your own works, your sincerity, your religious duties, your own righteousness. Acknowledge, on the contrary, that as you are not born again, you are yet in your sins—poor and miserable and blind and naked. Feel the necessity to “buy gold tried in the fire that you may be rich; and white clothing, that the shame of your nakedness may not appear; and to anoint your eyes with eye salve that you may see.”

Cry out, like the penitent publican, with a broken and contrite heart, “Lord, be merciful to me a sinner!” “Lord, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” “Lord, what shall I do to be born again?” Faith in the blood of Christ cannot only heal the wounds of a dying soul, but raise to life one that is spiritually dead.

Suffer this “foolishness of preaching” to pull off your mask. Renounce your own wisdom. Tear off the vain robe of your own righteousness and, smiting your breast, come to Christ and groan for regeneration, without which you “cannot see the kingdom of heaven.” 📖 Edited



In Bondage to Sin

“O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?” Rom. 7:24.

This picture represents the horrid custom of ancient tyrants, who, in order to strike terror into the hearts of their enemies, invented a mode of punishment more terrible than death itself. They chained the living prisoner to the body of a dead person.

Virgil, referring to this monstrous practice, says: “The tyrants inflicted a punishment hitherto unheard of—they bound the living to the dead, limb to limb, and face to face, until suffocated with the abominable stench, in loathsome embraces they gave up the ghost.” This mode of torture was considered more appalling than that of burning alive, breaking upon the rack, or even crucifixion itself.

It is, no doubt, to this custom that the apostle Paul alludes in his epistle to the Romans. No other image could so well illustrate his meaning. His readers were familiar with it. It is very important that we try to make out his meaning.

“I am brought,” he says, “into captivity to the law of sin, and wounded, conquered and chained to

this body of death.” The soul is under the law or power of sin and chained to a body of death—a mass of corruption. An evil heart, unholy passions, depraved affections predominate.

The light of the Holy Spirit shines into the soul and the man discovers that the law of God is holy, just and good and fain would keep it, that God himself is indeed altogether lovely and he would acquaint himself with Him. He now sees the path that leads to endless life and he desires to walk in it. But when he would do good, evil is present with him. When he would approach the seat of divine perfec-

tions, something keeps him back. When he would walk in the path of life, he finds himself enchained. Now he follows the links of this chain and discovers the body of corruption to which it is secured.

He tries to free himself by some good things he did years ago. This only makes the case worse. He calls on his friends for help, but vain is the help of man. He calls upon Moses, he tries to reform his outward deportment, but by “the deeds of the law” he cannot extricate himself. At length, in the bitterness of his soul, he exclaims, “O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death?”

And now the angel of mercy directs him to the Breaker of chains, the Abolisher of death, the Conqueror of sin, the glorious Giver of life and immortality—Jesus Emmanuel, God with us. The Saviour is propitious, deliverance from the bondage of sin is obtained, and the soul, like a bird escaped from the snare of the fowler, sings triumphantly. 📖

From The Bible Looking Glass

MEETING REPORTS

Kenya, Africa: Our annual Kenya campmeeting and missionary trip, Nov. 30 through Dec. 11, 2006, was a good success this year with a higher attendance than ever before. We had nearly five hundred registered on the grounds for the meeting. This represents only a fraction of those we are reaching in our congregations there who could not come because of their poverty level and transportation costs.

There were eighty-three of our ministers present and also visiting ministers from various places. We had ministers' meetings for instruction every morning. The services were anointed and owned of God.

After the campmeeting, we were privileged to make a journey to Maasailand to meet relations of some of our people. We appreciated very much the hospitality accorded to us by the Masai and trust that God will help us in working with these people.

Some of our ministers are also working with the Turkana people who are of another primitive African culture. Our work on the African continent is growing considerably. We thank God for all He is doing and want to be able to take good advantage of our opportunities to evangelize in Africa.

Bros. Bonface Musembi Munzaa and Simon Mutunga Mutinda were ordained to the church of God ministry in the recent meeting.

Yours for the everlasting gospel,
Bro. Daniel Layne

Upland, California: The Lord exceedingly blessed the saints from California along with our visitors and friends by sending us, on January 4th -7th, 2007, our evangelist, Sis. Sarah Tiller (14 years old), much anointed with the Holy Ghost to give us messages that were truly from the throne of heaven for our edification and instruction in righteousness.

As with Old Testament Jael, she knew where to fix the nails of the tent. We had many visitors and neighbors. We trust the results of this meeting will go on eternally.

Yours for the one body,
Bro. Daniel Layne

Leamington, Ontario: We thank the Lord for the recent weekend meeting in Leamington, Jan. 12-13. Visitors came out to every service and were amazed at what they found. The Lord anointed Bro. Aaron Braun with messages that were just what was needed.

There is a stir in this community since we have been coming for outreach meetings and street meetings in the past year or so. The Lord sees the honest souls in this area and is making sure they too have an opportunity to hear the pure gospel and see the wonderful restoration work the Lord is doing in His church in this time we are living in.

Bro. Henry Hildebrandt



One of our ministers taking famine relief by bicycle to the Turkana people, a primitive African tribe.



Women of a congregation the gospel company visited in Maasailand



Bros. Simon Mutinda and Bonface Munzaa

A Half-Thing

A Christian is not a kind of “half-thing”—Half sinner, half saint. Half darkness, half light. Half evil, half good. Half unrighteous, half righteous. Half wretched, half triumphant—“a half-thing.” That is an absurdity.

A Christian is not partially cleansed or partially delivered, but is *complete* in Him (Col. 2:10), made whole (Mark 6:56), full of light, having no part dark (Luke 11:36). After being saved by God’s grace, one is a Christian—a saint, not a “sinner saved by grace.”

Tracts & Booklets Available

Booklets

\$1.50	A Spiritual Shaking (From Birth of a Reformation)
\$1.30	Dress – An Issue of the Heart
\$1.30	He Lifted Me Out – English, Spanish & German
\$2.25	How to Live a Holy Life
\$1.50	Life Sketches of Mother Sarah Smith
\$1.00	Must We Sin?
\$1.30	Prophetic Symbols
\$2.00	Rays of Hope
\$1.30	Remove Not the Ancient Landmarks
\$1.30	That Men Would Be Men
\$1.30	The Church of God, What it is and What it is Not
\$1.75	The Ordinances of the New Testament
\$1.00	Women in the Ministry

Tracts — price shown is per 100

\$3.00	A Secret Rapture?
\$1.00	Are You Ready?
\$3.00	All This I Did For Thee
\$2.00	Breaking the Silence
\$4.00	Common Excuses for Sinning Refuted
\$3.50	Concerning Women in Ministry
\$2.00	Consider Your Ways
\$3.00	Death: It Happens Every Day
\$3.50	Homosexuality—An Abomination to God
\$3.00	How to Be Saved
\$3.50	If You are Not a Christian, Why Not?
\$4.00	In Defense of Paul and His Gospel or Do Christians Sin?
\$2.00	Mary’s Command for Catholics
\$3.00	Please Do Not Go to Hell
\$4.00	Questions on Baptism Answered
\$3.50	Salvation — English, Spanish & German
\$3.50	Scriptural Proofs Against the Modern Tongues Theory
\$3.50	Sounding Forth of the Seventh Trumpet
\$4.00	The Antichrist Defined & Exposed by God’s Word
\$1.00	The Church of God (What it Stands For)—English & Spanish
\$4.00	The Great Tongues Delusion
\$3.00	The Look of Today
\$2.00	The Spirit of Influence
\$3.50	The Woman’s Covering
\$2.00	Triad of Error
\$1.00	Who We Are
\$2.00	Why I Am Not a Protestant
\$3.00	You Must be Born Again

*Postage is additional.

CONTACTS

Alaska, USA: Bro. & Sis. Sims (907) 376-7133

California, USA: Bro. Daniel Layne (909) 985-5759

Wisconsin, USA:

Chicago: Bro. Patrick O’Shea Sr. (262) 652-7517

Sheboygan: Bro. Jeff Moser (920) 627-2683

Bonduel: Bro. Allen Bontrager (715) 758-6748

Indiana, USA: Bro. Steve Hargrave (260) 490-4027

Montana, USA: Bro. Robert Bourn (406) 261-3305

Bro. Gideon Yutzy (406) 889-3581

Ohio, USA:

Greenville: Bro. Ray Tinsman (765) 468-7373

Kidron: Bro. Lester Bontrager (330) 857-2580

Oklahoma, USA: Bro. Gary Boevers (405) 396-9359

Texas, USA: Bro. Johnny Friesen (903) 378-3295

Manitoba, Canada: Bro. & Sis. Wieler (204) 320-9091

Ontario, Canada: Bro. Henry Hildebrandt (519) 765-2331

Germany:

Meinersen Kr. Gifhorn:

Bro. Alexander Kahm (05372) 67 66

Bünde Kr. Herford:

Bro. Waldemar Scheling (05223) 4 23 88

Königsbach-Stein Kr. Pforzheim:

Bro. Viktor Dietrich (07232) 66 12

Neuenstadt-Stein Kr. Heilbronn:

Bro. Karl Anselm (07136) 2 04 01

Mexico:

Baja California: Sis. Agatha Schmidt (646) 173-6464

Chihuahua: Bro. Ben Dyck (625) 584-1250

Durango: Bro. Isaac Thiessen (677) 879-4572

Zacatecas: Bro. Jacob Zacharias (433) 983-2891

Philippines: Bro. Severino Villanueva Jr. San Jose City

Kenya, Africa: Bros. Bonface Munzaa, Simon Mutinda

62 Congregations: Chuka, Eldoret, Embu, Kitui, Machakos, Mbeere, Meru South, Murang’a, Nakuru, Nyeri, Tharaka, Western

Upcoming Meetings

Durango, Mexico

February 20 – 25

Philippines

March 2 – 13

California

March 19 – 25

Germany

April 6 – 12

Alaska

April 23 – 29

Ohio International Campmeeting

June 2 – 10

The Day Eternal

The earth disintegrates in flames;
Ten million sinners wail His name,
In pleadings strong and pleadings vain,
On the day eternal.

Each earthly joy and sinful bliss
Shall melt to void, blank nothingness,
And not so much as ash exist
Of earth or sky or sea.

When earthly joys, like potent drink
Have ceased to cloud the way men think,
And horrid hell reveals its brink,
'Twill be too late, poor reader.

—*Bro. Jason Hargrave*

www.churchofgod.net

*The Gospel Trumpet can be viewed in its entirety on our website. *Listen to Gospel Trumpet radio online.

Non Profit Org.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Farmland, IN
Permit No. 26

Return Service Requested

Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co.
P.O. Box 1139
Greenville, Ohio
USA 45331