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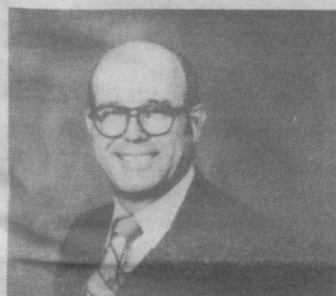
*"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" — Isaiah 8:20.*

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## THE GREAT COMMISSION

By Charles Lybrook

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the



Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:18-20). "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16).

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing converts and teaching them to observe to do all things taught and commanded by Christ, our Lord and Saviour." This, from both Matthew and Mark, gives us all of what we term as THE GREAT COMMISSION, every part of it is important, and we are ordered to it by none other than the Lord Himself. It is His marching orders to His churches which are designed by Him as militant armies, to combat the forces of evil (see Ephesians 6:10-18). We are to be His AMBASSADORS to the world. "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray in Christ's stead, be ye recon-

ciled to God" (II Corinthians 5:20). We are to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints..." (see Jude 3). We are to be "Pillars and ground of the truth..." (see I Timothy 3:15). And, we are to be constantly involved with the souls of men. I repeat, WE ARE TO BE CONSTANTLY INVOLVED WITH THE SOULS OF MEN. We are not to be building empires for ourselves, but advancing the kingdom of our God, (Matthew 6:33a), and we are to realize that we are "labourers together with God" (I Corinthians 3:9a). We are to faithfully and lovingly sow the seed, the precious seed of the glorious gospel of God. We are to water that sown seed with the sincere tears of hearts full of concern; concern for the lost and concern for the glory of our God, and we are to be waiting for Him, and expecting Him, prayerfully expecting Him to grant the increase...THE GREAT COMMISSION, the call of God to every church of His establishment to go tell the blessed story of salvation to one and all, and yet, in every church there are

saints who are reluctant to go, they understand the need and they support the cause, but seem unable or unwilling to go personally. Some find it virtually impossible to speak even to loved ones concerning this most vital matter. Dear Reader, is this your situation? Do you have loved ones, perhaps family members or best friends who you know need to be saved, and yet you do not tell them of the wonderful Saviour, the Lord from glory who has come into this world to save poor lost sinners? What is your reason dear reader? There are many answers given to this question. Some just say that they cannot talk. It's amazing how many use this excuse who never stop talking otherwise. They can talk on any subject but this, and yet there is no subject so vital. Some, who have been saved for many years, will readily explain by admitting that they are just not versed in the Scriptures enough to handily explain to someone how to be saved. This is a sad commentary on their part and is without excuse. As a matter of fact there is no excuse. My dear

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## JESUS' MOTHER

By Willard Willis

"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene" (John 19:25).

There were at least three separate groups standing by the cross on this momentous occasion in history. These three groups were made up of evil Jews, Roman soldiers and a very special group of whom one of them was the mother of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit has chosen to have a record made of the fact the Lord's mother and others were present at the cross. We, of course, know that this record was made for



words which had been spoken to her as recorded in Matthew 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."

I'm sure that the prophecy regarding a sword piercing through Mary's soul was being fulfilled at this time. The prophecy reads: "(Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35).

A second person who stood by as our Lord hung on the cross was Mary the wife of Cleophas. There is very little recorded regarding her, but there is an abundance of love set forth in that which is recorded.

A third person who stood there at the cross was Mary of Magdala. It was from this woman that our Lord had cast seven demons. She, as you may remember, was the first person to whom our Lord appeared after His resurrection.

There was also another person at the cross who is identified as "His mother's sister." The reference to "sister" is probably a reference to a sister-in-law, since her name is the same as that of Mary. It is not likely that two sisters would have the same name.

It is very significant to observe that each of these three women is named Mary, and it is also significant to note that the name Mary means "bitterness."

There was another Mary in the life of Jesus who was not present and one is given to wonder why she was not there. The Mary I have reference to is Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus. One would think that she would have crawled, if necessary, to be present at the cross. We know, of course, that it was not ordained that she be there.

There was also a fourth woman at the cross. It is recorded in Matthew 27:56, but John does not make mention of her.

The fifth person who had gathered at the cross with the others was "...the disciple standing by, whom he loved..." It appears that this was the only one of the eleven disciples who had made their way to the cross.

Our text states: "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor Eugene P. Helton

### CUT IT DOWN: LET IT ALONE

"He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let



it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down" (Luke 13:6-9).

I. Let us first take a brief look at our text. The master of the vineyard said: "cut it down" (v. 7). The master had sought fruit on the tree and found none, thus the rea-

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son for his command to "cut it down." The dresser of the vineyard said "let it alone" (v. 8). The dresser pleaded for a little more time to work with the tree believing that in time it still might produce fruit. In these relationships, the master's word takes precedence over the dresser's word. He is, after all, the master of the vineyard. So it is with our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. His Word is absolute. He has the authority and power to cut down an individual Christian for not bearing fruit. He has the authority and power to cut down an entire church for not

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## Editor's Update

By Pastor Eugene P. Helton, Editor

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Calvary Baptist Church marches on. We're holding a steady course of declaring all the counsel of God in a Christlike spirit. It is the experience of this pastor that our Lord blesses those who follow such a course.

I've often struggled to know the will of God regarding my place of service. Where to go; when to go; and when to leave have at times been difficult questions for me to answer. I'm confident that the Lord led me to the Calvary Baptist Church in the Fall of 1993. Only by being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right things can a pastor and a church be as blessed as we are here at Calvary. A pastor/educator friend of mine, Jim Jeffries, once told me that he thought of my ministry as a healing ministry. By that, he meant that I seem to do well with churches that have experienced difficulty; churches that need healing from discouragement and times of trouble. I believe this to be the reason the Lord led me to be the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. I'm very much aware that there are far better preachers and pastors than myself. There is one thing I have full comprehension of that helps me to know success and spiritual prosperity in churches like Calvary. I know you must drive and herd cattle; however, you must gently lead and love sheep. This approach has worked before and is working again. Healing is taking place and I expect someday the healing will be sufficiently complete that the Lord will send to Calvary just the right man to lead Calvary to be the great church in Ashland, Kentucky that it should be. God works in just this way. Paul said: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase" (I Corinthians 3:6-7). For the present time, I have the satisfaction of being God's man, in God's place, doing God's work. Whatever God wanted done at Calvary, He wanted me to be the pastor to lead this church and the Baptist Examiner where He wills them to go. I'm 100% confident that the church and the Baptist Examiner are on course.

May our Lord bless and keep you.

bearing fruit.

II. Some Reasons Why The Tree Should Be Cut Down.

A. It is God's way to cut off the unbeliever. We find that Paul speaks of this in type and parable in Romans 11:17-23. In verses 19-21 Paul says: "Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee." The Bible teaches clearly that a saved person can never lose his salvation under any and all circumstances; however there are folks who profess to be believers but in reality they are unbelievers. I declare loudly, to the likes of these, the words of the Apostle Paul: "take heed lest he also spare not thee."

B. It is God's way to cut off fellowship with an unfaithful Christian. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husband-

man. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:1-2). The unfaithful Christian; not bearing fruit, cannot lose their salvation, however, they will lose the wonderful, sweet fellowship that a faithful, fruit bearing Christian enjoys with the Lord. A child of God who becomes extremely unfaithful may go so far as to commit the "sin unto death." They become no earthly good to the Lord, so He just takes physical life from them.

C. The tree had sufficient time for trial. "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:" (Matthew 3:8). A child of God should produce fruit that shows repentance. Hebrews 11:1 says: "...Faith is...evidence..." James says in James 2:18: "...I will shew thee my faith by my works." A true child of God; one who has experienced true saving faith, will produce works, i.e. fruit, which becomes the evidence of true faith.

Paul said to the Philippians: "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17).

D. The tree showed no signs of improvement. "And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine" (Leviticus 20:26). The Bible teaches us that a saved person is to become progressively more sanctified. We're to become more Christlike. We're to put off the world and put on the Lord. Not to do so is to run the risk of being "cut down."

E. The tree had never done any good. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). Works NEVER produce grace, however, grace should ALWAYS produce works. The Bible is abundantly clear; salvation is never and can never be by works. The Bible is also abundantly clear that the child of God is ordained to walk in good works and that faith without works is not a saving faith, but a dead faith.

F. The tree was filling a place that might be better occupied by another. "...The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in" (Romans 11:19). When one servant is reluctant to do a job, the Lord can remove that one and replace him or her with another. If one pastor refuses to take a church forward, then the Lord can replace him with one who will. The Lord can use anyone he chooses to plant; anyone He chooses to water, but in the end it is always God who gives the increase. If God is not giving an increase, then possibly the increase will come with the arrival of a willing servant with a Christlike spirit. It's still God who gives the increase.

G. The tree was having a bad influence on others. "...Why cumbereth it the ground?" (Luke 13:7). The tree was a cumberer. Possibly it was diseased. The effect on others was not good. The effect one person may have on many others sometimes is not good. The tree must be cut down for the good of the other trees. Sometimes a person must be cut down or cut out for the good of the Lord's work; for the good of others; for the good of one of the Lord's churches. God's servants should be instruments of good influence; not bad.

III. Some Reasons Why The Tree Should Be Let Alone.

WHAT ARE THEY? WELL,

## WHAT ARE THEY?

Conclusion: If we are no earthly good to the Lord, then He may just cut us down.

May our Lord richly bless you!



## ROOTED TOGETHER

The huge redwood trees of California amaze mankind. They are the largest living things on earth and the tallest trees in the world. Some of them are 300 feet high and over 2,500 years old.

One would think that trees so large must have a tremendous root system that reaches down hundreds of feet into the earth. But not so! The redwoods have a very shallow root system. The redwoods root system all intertwine. They are locked to each other. When the storms come, the winds blow, and the lightning flash, the redwoods still stand. They are locked to each other. They are not alone for all the trees support and protect each other. Each tree is important to all the other trees in the grove.

In the church, souls fellowship with one another and with Christ. Without Christ, the church is nothing. Without fellowship, the church is useless. By one's love, we must show the world the difference Jesus makes!

"Being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ" (Eph. 3:17b, 18, 19a).

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## The Baptist Examiner Bible Study Lesson

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Genesis 6:8

NOAH. Continued.

**"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD" (6:8).**

When God said that He would destroy both man and beast from the face of the earth it would seem that he was to make an end of the entire human race. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Here was a man who was living in a world where **"all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth"** (v. 12). Here was a man who was compelled to live in strict opposition to public opinion and conduct. Is this not proof as to the keeping power of the grace of God?

**"Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God"** (v. 9).

This verse tells us three things about Noah. First, he was **"just."** How can a man born in sin be called just? **"God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Being now justified by his blood—"** (Romans 5:8,9). **"THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"** (Romans 5:1). We find Noah's name among the list of those who lived and worked by faith in Hebrews 11. The faith by which Noah was justified before God produces obedience to God's command, **"moved with fear, prepared an ark in the saving of his house"** (Hebrews 11:7).

The second thing said about Noah is that he **"was perfect in his generations."** The Hebrew word translated "perfect" is translated in other passages as "without blemish." The thought is that Noah and his family kept them-

selves separate from the evil around them. We might say, Noah was uncontaminated in his generation. In the third place, **"Noah walked with God."** Walking with God is the only way that will keep us from evil.

Please read Hebrews 11:7. There are seven things told of Noah's faith in this verse. First, the basis for Noah's faith is the Word of God, **"being warned of God."** All faith that is acceptable is that which rests upon His Word. **"Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God"** (Romans 10:17). Faith that is not based upon the Word of God is not true faith. Secondly, Noah's faith laid hold of things **"not seen as yet"**, that is, of things that had never been seen or heard of before. **"For we walk by faith, not by sight"** (II Corinthians 5:7). As Noah worked building the ark the world must have looked upon this old man as a fanatic, some one who was off in the upper story, he tells us there is coming a flood that will destroy all the earth. Who ever heard of such a thing? There has never been a flood in the history of the world, in fact it had never even rained upon the earth. There was no indications on the earth of a coming flood, all that Noah had to go on was the testimony of God. Noah's faith was not a "blind faith" but it was based upon the Word of God.

In the third place we find that Noah's faith was **"moved with fear."** Faith not only believes the promises of God but also believes the warnings of God. How can one not believe in eternal hell for the wicked and yet believe in eternal bliss for the saved? To doubt God's Word about one thing

and accept His Word about another is not faith in God but faith in our own judgment. Noah had God's Word of promise and the Word of warning of a coming judgment upon the world. His faith laid hold upon both the promise and the warning.

In the fourth place Noah's faith produced work, he **"prepared an ark."** **"Faith without works is dead"** (James 2:20). That is, it is lifeless faith. A man may say he has faith but if that does not produce works it is not **"the faith of God's elect"** (Titus 1:1).

Noah's faith was manifested by his work, he **"prepared an ark."** Can anyone who reads the story of Noah and the flood doubt the faith of Noah. **"NOW faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"** (Hebrews 11:1). **"By faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet,—prepared an ark—"** (Hebrews 11:7).

In the fifth place we see that Noah's faith was the means of the **"saving of his house."** While it is true that the faith of another can not save another, there are many examples of God's blessings being bestowed upon some, due to the faith of others. Because of Abraham's faith his seed was given the land of Palestine. Rahab's faith saved her whole household from destruction. When the man sick of the palsy was brought by others to Christ, **"seeing their faith,"** Christ told the sick man his sins were forgiven him (Matthew 8:2).

In the sixth place, Hebrews 11:7 tells us that Noah's faith was a witness for God, **"by which he condemned the world."** In II Peter 2:5 Noah is referred to as **"a**

**preacher of righteousness."**

Noah's preaching consisted of not so much in what he said, as in what he did. His faith, his conduct, and his work, all went together as a testimony to God. The trouble with many of us is that our conduct is out of harmony with what we say. Some one has said, **"What you are speaks so loudly that I can not hear what you say."** The importance of our conduct in our witnessing cannot be over emphasized. In fact there are times when what we are and what we do is our only means of witnessing. Each piece of gopher wood Noah placed in the building of the ark, each batch of pitch with which he lined the ark, was a witness to his faith in the promise of God as well as His warning of coming judgment upon the world. The Apostle James said, **"I will shew thee my faith by my works."** Did not Noah show his faith by his works? How do we show our faith? Remember, **"Faith without works is dead."**

In the seventh place, we learn as a reward of Noah's faith, he **"became heir of the righteousness which is by faith"** (Hebrews 11:7). Not only was he saved from the flood, he became heir of righteousness. Children of God are **"heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ."** The Apostle Peter has said that the **"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,—through the blood of Jesus Christ;—by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"** have a lively hope, **"To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you"** (I Peter 1:2-4).

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**mother..."** Doddridge, when commenting on this passage, said: **"Neither her own danger, nor the sadness of the spectacle, nor the insults of the crowd, could restrain her from performing the last office of duty and tenderness to her divine son on the cross."**

One, in studying the Holy Scriptures, will find very little said relative to our Lord's mother. She stood in the shadows while her son stood in the limelight. This, of course, was the way it should have been since she was only the channel through which our Lord came into the world. She, in fact, as was true of John, was not worthy to tie His shoes. She was human and totally depraved as is true of the rest of us, but her son was perfect. She knew sin, but He knew no sin. Guile was found in her mouth, but none was found in His. Her heart was deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, but the contrary was true of Him.

Mary, nevertheless, received a calling far above that of mortal women and that calling involved bringing the man Jesus into the world. We may say, in fact, that she was present when He arrived into the world and now she is present when He is preparing to leave it. The disciples had forsaken Him. The nation had despised Him, but His mother stood by Him. The love of God is the only love that is deeper than the love of a mother.

It appears that Mary suffered inwardly and quietly as she looked, no doubt, through tears upon her precious Son. She, no doubt, would like to have removed those nails from His hands and feet and to have bathed His wounds. There, however, was no other way for Him to save her and us from endless misery. He, in fact, was dying for His mother as well as for us poor mortals.

The thieves were taunting and the crowds were mocking Him. The Roman soldiers were in a party frame of mind and were manifesting the same by dividing His garments and casting lots for His coat. His mother, of course, was seeing and hearing all that was before her. It is likely, however, that she was remembering Matthew 1:21 which states: **"And"** (Continued on Pg. 5, Col. 4)

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### What should be the Christian attitude toward war and pacifism? Is the Bible clear as to the proper Christian attitude? (Matthew 5:39)

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When Jesus said, "resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matt. 5:39), He was referring to how Christians as individuals were to act toward those who did them harm. The rule, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" as given in the law of Moses (Ex. 21:24; Lev. 24:20; and Deut. 19:21) was given to Israel as a nation as a rule for the judges to go by. For the judges to impose this rule it is not unjust, but the Jews had taken this to mean the rule for individuals to use. This, Christ said was wrong. As Christians we are not to seek revenge against those who do us wrong. Christ said that if we are to be like our Father, who is in heaven we are told to "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matt. 5:44).

While the rule for the Christian is not to seek revenge for wrongs which are done to him, what should be his attitude in regard to his nation? The apostle Paul gave us instructions for proper attitude toward the government under which we live, "LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers, For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). In verse 2 he tells us that to resist that power is to resist the ordinance of God which will bring judgment upon one. In verse 3 we are told that if we do good we need have no fear of our rulers, "For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do

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that which is evil, be afraid: for he bearest not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake" (Rom. 13:4-5).

What should be the Christian's attitude toward war and pacifism? The Christian, as an individual should, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:18). The Christian, as a citizen of the country in which he lives is to be subject to his government, even if it is at war. There is only one exception when we are not to be subject to the laws of our government. That is when it's laws contradict the laws of God. In that case "We ought to obey God, rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

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"But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

This verse speaks principally of personal wrongs done to us. We are to "turn the other cheek" as Jesus said. We should be ever ready to forgive those who have sinned against us. When our Lord tells us, "Resist not evil" He does not mean that we should not take a stand against the evil of our generation (drugs, pornography, sodomy, etc.). Certainly Bible believing people ought to cry out against sin in any form. We are the salt and light of the world! We are to "Resist not evil" in the sense of the persecution done to us for the sake of Christ. Pacifism is opposition to war for any purpose. I certainly don't believe the Bible teaches this. It is true that war is an evil thing. It has come

as a result of the fall of man. Certainly we should seek for peace with our enemies. The Bible says, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:18-19). Notice immediately the condition: "If it be possible." If we apply this comprehensively to the world, it is not always possible to live in peace. The Bible does not condemn the use of force in law enforcement or self-defense of our country. There are and always have been tyrants that would take our liberty. There are thugs in society that would rob and murder us. We have every right to use force, even deadly force to defend ourselves against such. Now I said, SELF-DEFENSE! We have no right to take the law into our own hands. If a criminal enters my home at night to do me harm, I have the right to defend myself and my family. I do not have the right to hunt him down in his home. We are Christians, citizens of a heavenly kingdom. We are also citizens of the United States of America. There are duties involved in being an American. One of these duties is the defense of our liberty. Christians are not exempt from this duty. This can be seen in Scripture. God instructed the kings of Israel to fight against their enemies. Listen to what David said of his God: "He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great" (Psalm 18:34-35).

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I believe it is my duty as a Christian and as an American citizen to feel obligated to support our government to engage in war with another nation when it is necessary to maintain our freedom and in some cases, the freedom of an allied nation.

People who say they would never fight in battle or support our country's involvement in war, because of their Christian faith, simply misunderstand the Biblical principles with regard to warfare. What should the Christian attitude be? Well let's look at World War II. What would have happened to our allies in Europe and to our own nation if the U.S. had not intervened? Hitler was conquering the smaller countries in Europe and was determined to rule the world. World War II was one of the most justified wars of all time in my opinion. Thousands of lives were lost by brave men who fought to keep the freedom you and I enjoy today. I believe there were more heroes during this war than at any other time in the history of our country. This world will never be free from war until after Jesus returns. The government's decision to cut back our defenses and the closing down of many of our military bases may prove to be disastrous to our security. The best defense against war is to be ready for war.

The Bible gives numerous examples of God's people engaging in battle with His blessings. The New Testament declares nothing against war. Read Romans 13:1-7 regarding government responsibilities ordained of God, to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil (v. 4).

Thus the proper Christian attitude toward warfare, in my opinion, should be to support our country should war become nec-

essary.

The Scripture (Matt. 5:39) eluded to does not contradict this view. Jesus is setting forth the principal of Christian conduct in non-retaliating against those who abuse us in minor offenses. Do not lower yourself to evil men's standards. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

He knows--  
This weak frame, so  
subject to sin, its  
frailty is tenderly  
noted by Him. His  
tender heart pities  
and n'er overloads  
nor fails to give  
strength for life's  
weary road.  
Psalm 103:13, 14

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## BIBLICAL CONFESSION

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"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (I John 4:15).

In our texts, we find that our confession should center around two important subjects; the confession of our sins and the confession of truths about our Lord Jesus Christ. The confession of Christ and the confession of our sins are the two most important responsibilities given to mankind; for in the confession of Christ we find one of the greatest ways that sinful man can glorify God, while in the confession of our sins is found forgiveness for our sins. What could be more important for mankind than to receive forgiveness of sins and to glorify God with their lives?

Now that we have a basic understanding of the importance of confession for our lives let's begin studying what Biblical confession involves.

The Old Testament and New Testament words translated "confession" help us to understand the true nature of Biblical confession. In the Old Testament we find two words translated confession, "yadah" and "towdah". In the Hebrew language these words are related to one another and, therefore, have much the same meaning:

1. "Yadah" means to hold, hand out, to throw, or to cast away.

2. "Towdah" has the meaning to extend the hand, to hold up or to wave.

The lessons we can learn about confession from these words is two-fold:

First, we learn (from our study of "yadah") Biblical confession does not allow for hiding or covering nor does it allow for holding something in our bosom.

Secondly, (from "towdah"), we can see that a Biblical confession involves attracting attention to an object by revealing it clearly to others.

We can benefit also from the New Testament words for "confession." As with the Old Testament, the New Testament translates two related words as "confession": "homologia" and "exomologeo".

1. The word "homologia" means literally "to speak the same

thing."

2. "Exomologeo" has the meaning "to restate willfully (openly, freely)."

As in our study of the Old Testament words, we find these New Testament words reveal two truths about confession to us:

First, we learn (from homologia) that true confession is agreeing with, and restating to others, what we have already been told by our Lord.

While secondly, confession also involves a sincere expression of our desires, not a forced, manipulated expression of truth (from exomologeo).

Based upon our above word study, to summarize, we find Biblical confession involves four basic truths:

1. Confession IS NOT a hiding or a covering up.

2. Confession IS revealing to others by attracting their attention.

3. Confession IS agreeing with and declaring what the Lord has already said.

4. Confession MUST BE a sincere expression of our desires. It cannot be forced or manipulated from someone.

Now let's apply these four truths to the subjects at hand: the confession of our sins and the confession of truths about Christ.

### Confession Of Sin

#### Lesson # 1:

The hiding and covering up of our sins must cease when we desire true confession to take place in our life. "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah" (Psalm 32:3-5).

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

#### Lesson # 2:

We must be willing to admit and reveal to others (the Lord and mankind) the sin we have committed against them. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified

when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest" (Psalm 51:4). "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

#### Lesson # 3:

If we are to confess Biblically, we must agree with the Lord's view of our sins and we must submit to his teachings in a public fashion. "Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD" (Jeremiah 3:13).

"Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice" (Daniel 9:11-14).

#### Lesson # 4:

When we confess our sins we must have sincere desires for forgiveness and restitution in our hearts. An outward, hypocritical display of sorrow for sin is an abomination in God's sight.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil" (Ecc. 5:1).

### Confession of Christ

#### Lesson # 1:

In our confession of Christ to others, we must be willing to publicly declare our Saviour and the salvation He has given to us.

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## MOTHER

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

Our text continues by stating: "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son" (John 19:26).

The Lord Jesus was in the process of giving His life a ransom for many. He was in the process of drinking the most bitter cup which had ever been drunk. Yet He took time out to honor and recognize His mother. We see, then, that He was not only the perfect Son of God, but also the perfect Son of Man. He was preparing to leave the earth, but before leaving, He would arrange for a home for His mother. He had prayed for His enemies and spoken words of salvation and assurance to the repentant thief; now he addresses His mother: "...he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son."

One, at first glance, wonders why Jesus would call His mother "woman." It appears that such a term, as far as His mother was concerned, was disrespectful. It, however, is only an appearance in view of the fact that He was performing the work of the Son of God and not merely as the son of Mary. Death, in fact, would bring an end to all of His natural ties. It is as stated in the following passage: "...henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more" (II Cor. 5:16).

We see, then, that our Lord, by referring to His mother as "woman," was teaching her, that in the future, she would be linked to Him by a closer bond than that of mother. She, in fact, would be linked to Him in a spiritual relationship. She, therefore, was not to look upon Him as her son, but as her Saviour and Lord. She was to look upon Him as her hope for all eternity to come.

"Then saith he to the disciple..." (John 19:27). We read in other places that this disciple was one that Jesus loved. The question naturally arises as to why this disciple did not give his name. Why does he refer to himself as the one whom Jesus loved? The answer is that he does not consider his name to be important. The only important thing in his

life was that Jesus loved him. Would you consider it more important that you loved the president of the United States, or that he loved you? His love for you, of course, would be more meaningful. God's love for us, in like manner, is far more meaningful than our love for Him. All belongs to Him. We, however, are poor and needy and could not help Him if He needed help.

"...Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother..." (John 19:26, 27).

This statement by our Lord raises another question regarding why He termed His mother the mother of John, too. The answer rests in the fact that John was to treat her as if she were his own mother, John, in fact, had already taken the first step in this direction in that he was by her side to assist her during this most critical hour in her life.

"...And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home" (John 19:27). Our Lord, by this action, set a lasting example for children and adults to honor their parents. The Lord Jesus also, by sending His mother away with John spared her from observing those last bitter hours He spent on the cross. She, in fact, was spared from hearing His final cry of agony.

"...from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

The Roman Catholics teach that Jesus was Mary's only child. One of the reasons they draw this conclusion is based on the passage before us. They contend that Mary would not have gone to live with John if there were other children she could have taken up her abode with. We know, of course, from Matthew 13:55,56, that the Catholics are in error. These passages state: "Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us..."

There is a question however regarding why our Lord did not commit His mother to those of His own immediate family. I believe this question is resolved by Psalm 69:8 which states: "I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children."

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## COMMISSION

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reader, if an excuse will not stand in the court of heaven then it is no excuse at all, and what is an excuse? An excuse is actually no more than an attempt to "beg off," an excuse is never a reason, just an excuse, and behind an excuse is lack of desire! In Luke 14:23 our Lord said unto His servant, **"Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."** The word COMPEL here means to constrain with pleadings or admonitions, or with instructions, and is so interpreted in Matthew 14:22, Mark 6:45, and elsewhere. Well, dear reader, maybe we could all use some compelling ourselves. What should compel us to be faithful to our Lord's commands to evangelize the world? Indeed, what should compel us to reach out faithfully to our loved ones and to our neighbors? Well, what about ETERNITY? Yes, I think eternity should be a compelling force. I think that will be a grand argument to begin with. Think of eternity dear reader, and you see yourself immediately standing at the judgment seat of Christ, one saved to serve, a laborer called into the harvest fields of the LORD OF THE HARVEST, (Matthew 9:37-38). But a laborer who proffered only excuses, not reasons, but excuses. That is a sobering thought, hearing the Lord say to others, **"Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord"** (Matthew 25:23). Dear reader, nothing could be more pleasing and satisfying, either here or there, then to have our Lord's commendations. Oh, I want to please Him who loves me so. Dear reader, examine the testimony of the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 4:6-8 and then so live and serve that you will be able to say the same, and you will never regret it. But then, cast your eyes away from the judgment seat of Christ for now and look at that other great scene. It is the GREAT WHITE THRONE, AND HIM WHO SITS ON IT, FROM WHOM THE EARTH AND HEAVEN FLEE AWAY IS GOD (Revela-

tion 20:11-15). Behold there dear reader the haunting faces of loved ones, family members, perhaps your own children or grandchildren whom you did not feel comfortable to try to win to Christ. Behold there then their faces of despair, they are now looking at you, and saying why? Why did you not warn me? Why oh why, and they are not asking for an excuse, but for a reason, and you will have none...And that brings me to a second compelling reason to be faithful to the great commission, and that is what we must be ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED ABOUT THE PRESENT DESPERATE CONDITION AND NEED OF EVERY LOST SOUL AND THE FUTURE DESTINY OF ALL WHO FAIL TO TRUST CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR. Oh, my dear reader, if heaven is a reality, (and it is), then so is hell. Go through your Bible, search out those passages which speak so plainly on the subject, and you will discover that Christ Himself had more to say about hell than heaven, and that none of His closest followers could describe the awful agonies of hell as He Himself did. So yes, by all means, get a glimpse of Eternity, behold the judgment seat of Christ where you yourself must give an answer, and then behold the awful and sad dilemma of the forever lost, standing before the GREAT WHITE THRONE, and perhaps this will compel you on your way to win them now. But there is a THIRD thing to consider, a very compelling motivation, and that is TO MEDITATE UPON THE TREMENDOUS SACRIFICE OF CALVARY WHERE THE LORD GAVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS. Dear reader, **"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:"** (Isaiah 9:6). There is a sure remedy for sin, but only one remedy, and that remedy is Christ, the anointed one of God. John said **"Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world"** (John 1:29). The angel said unto Joseph, **"And thou shalt call his name Jesus: For he shall save his people from their sins"** (Matthew 1:21b). My people, the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD (Romans 6:23). Read Isaiah 53:1-12; I Peter 1:18-21; I Peter 2:24-25; and John 3:14-18. Indeed read all of the WORD OF GOD, and you will find this one to be the glori-

ous central subject. He willingly came, He took my place, He took my sins upon Himself, He died for me and as me, He satisfied every demand of God's holy law,, He arose from the dead, victorious over death, hell, Satan, and all that stands as a barrier to God's heaven. He cleanses from sin, all sin, all who come unto Him for cleansing, all who come unto Him as their only hope. All who come as empty handed beggars, laying down their arms of rebellion, and bowing to the Lordship of Jesus, the Christ of God and the Lord of Glory, and trusting Him as their only satisfying portion, their all in all, their only hope of pardon and heaven. Oh, dear reader, meditate upon Him. Meditate upon all that He bore on Calvary. Oh, the awful agonies of Calvary. Meditate I say upon this and it will compel you to go with a broken heart to the lost of this world with the glorious news of salvation.

Now, there is another reason to give that shall surely compel one to be faithful in this high and holy calling, and that is a more profound love for Him who first loved us. **BE MUCH IN COMMUNION WITH THE SHEPHERD OF YOUR OWN SOUL. BECOME SO CLOSE TO HIM, AND LOVE HIM SO SWEETLY, THAT YOU SHALL SHARE HIS CONCERN FOR THE SOULS OF MEN.**

It is to be feared dear reader, that many who hardly ever think of the welfare of the souls of men are in this condition because they have left their first love. The loving Saviour is not the center of attraction anymore. Things, and not Christ, or self, and not the lowly Jesus, sit proudly on the throne of the heart, and rather than having our hearts set on things above, they are full of the pleasures of the world. Come nearer dear reader to that precious bleeding side. Come back to that first love. Stand by faith at the foot of the old rugged cross. Hasten then with His disciples and with the women who loved Him so, and discover with them the empty tomb, and then behold Him, behold the wounds, see a fresh that love with which He loves you so dearly. Hear Him say, **IGO TO MY FATHER AND TO YOUR FATHER,** and then hear His sweet command **"GO."** **GO AND PREACH THIS GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE,** (Continued on page 8)

## A MESSAGE FROM THE AMERICAN FLAG

Author Unknown

Hello, remember me...I am your flag. Some folks call me old glory while others call me the stars and stripes but whatever they call me, I am your flag. I am the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me lately and I was wondering if I might talk it over with you, it's about you and me.

I remember some time ago when people lined up on both sides of the street to watch a parade. When your father saw me coming along waving in the breeze, he took his hat off and placed it on his left shoulder, his hand directly over his heart, remember? And you, I remember you standing there straight as a soldier, you didn't have a hat on but you were taught in school to place your hand over your heart. And remember your little sister, not to be out done, she was standing there saluting with you. I was proud, very proud when I came down that street...oh yes, there were some servicemen standing there giving the military salute. Ladies as well as men civilians as well as military paid me respect and reverence. Now if I sound a bit conceited, well I have a right to. I represent the finest country in the world...The United States of America. More than one aggressive nation has tried to haul me down only to feel the fury of this freedom loving country. And many of you had to go overseas to defend me. And a lot more blood has been shed since those patriotic parades of long ago and I've added a few more stars since you were a boy, but I'm still the same old flag.

Dad is gone now and the hometown has a new look. The last time I came down your street I noticed that many of the old landmarks had given way to new homes and buildings. Yes sir the old town sure has changed and I guess I have to because I don't feel as proud as I did back then.

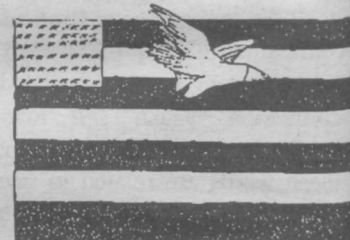
I see youngsters running and shouting through the streets, college boys and girls disrupting our campuses, people selling hot dogs and beer while the national anthem is played. Everything from apathy to riots, they don't seem to know or care who I am.

Not long ago I saw a man take his hat off when I came by, he looked around, didn't see anyone

else with their hat off so quickly put his back on. Then I think of all the places I've been—Normandy, Guadacanal, Iwo Jima, Korea, Vietnam. I wonder what's happened. I'm still the same old flag.

How can I be expected to fly high and proud from buildings and homes when within them there is no thought of love or respect for me. Whatever happened to patriotism, your patriotism? Have you forgotten what I stand for? Have you forgotten all the battlefields where men fought and died to keep this nation free?

Take a look at the memorial honor roll some time. Look at the names of those that never came back. Some of them were friends and relatives of yours. Some maybe even went to school with you. That's what you're saluting, not me. Well it won't be long till I'll be coming down your street again. When you see me, stand straight and give me a salute and you'll see me wave back in my own salute to you!



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AMERICA, LAND  
THAT I LOVE,  
STAND BESIDE HER  
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AMERICA MY HOME  
SWEET HOME!**



## LONGING FOR HOME

By Brother Jack Whitt

"How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God" (Psalm 84:1-2).

A poor beast that is going homeward goeth cheerfully. Having been raised on small farms in southern Ohio, as a young lad I became accustomed to what most folks would now consider as primitive methods of cultivating and harvesting the land. Rising early, sitting out with water jugs and packed lunches, we would harness up the horse, hitch him to a homemade sled and haul a turning plow to the North field to break ground for planting. I was not always a willing volunteer but Dad had a way of convincing me it was in my best interest in joining him and my older brother in the work that lay ahead. The day would be long, the sun hot and the work was hard. After the days work was done, though a little tired and sore, yet our hearts became gladdened as we loaded the sled and our thoughts now turning to home and a hot supper waiting that Mom had cooked on our wood burning

stove. Even the horse became more spirited in pulling the sled knowing he was headed toward the barn where he too would be fed and refreshed.

Reflecting back to this era of my life, I realize how times have changed. We were poor in comparison to many families. We worked hard for our food and clothes, and yet I feel somehow fortunate to have had this experience in my early life. If I possess any good qualities of character, they must have been developed during these formative years. I believe I learned some things that are not taught that much today in our homes and schools, that is; to respect and honor one's parents, to respect one's neighbors, and that hard work never killed anyone.

Now I wish to connect all this to the title: "Longing for Home" and also to the scriptures given. The main thought I wish to convey is that Christians ought to have longings. Referring back to my early experience of working hard all day long and the joy at evening in returning home for supper and rest, may serve as an example of our longing to go to be with our Lord in the heavenly

home He has prepared for us. Yes, should we not be longing for the glad day when all troubles, heartaches and suffering will have ended? I am reminded of my dear Mother when the words of this old hymn ring out: "Come home, come home, it's supper time." And another which says: "Come and dine, the master calls us, come and dine."

Then I think too of how Christians ought to long for their church. Our church should be the next best place to heaven. Verse one of our text again says: "How amiable (how lovely) are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord." How wonderful it is for Christians to return to their church gathering after being away. How good it is to long for Christian fellowship and to feed upon the Word of God. How good it is to find rest from the world and be refreshed in God's house. Dear Christian friend, do you find it a joy and longing to meet with your pastor and brothers and sisters? My friend, do you cheerfully enter into the courts of the Lord? May God give each of us longing hearts as we now journey toward home.

## A Woman's Touch

By Wendy Barkman



### Barren Wombs (Part Two) For This Child I Prayed I Samuel 1:1-2:21

Now Hannah was one of the two wives of a man named Elkanah. Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, had given birth to sons and daughters. Hannah "had no children". One husband, two wives, one enjoying the privileges and blessings of motherhood, the other suffering the anguish, the heartache of a barren womb, brought great sadness and pain into Elkanah's family. There are some authorities who believe that Elkanah took Peninnah as a second wife because Hannah was barren. Though Elkanah expressed a great love for his wife Hannah, the constant reminder of her inability to give her husband children was just too much to bear. Hannah's heart was broken. Tearfully, for she "wept sore", Hannah took her broken heart to the Lord. As Hannah prayed from her heart, the pain and agony of it all was so intense, that Eli the priest thought she was drunk. When the real circumstances of Hannah's situation were clearly realized, Eli sent Hannah away with a blessing. Hannah left, feeling the "peace which passeth all understanding". Oh the peace, oh what comfort, when we give it all to Him.

Hannah was blessed with a beautiful baby boy, naming him Samuel, because she had "asked him of the Lord". Time passed, and the child was weaned. Hannah kept her vow to the Lord. Just as she had promised the Lord, she took Samuel to the house of the Lord, the tabernacle. Samuel would serve and worship the Lord under the loving care and guidance of Eli the priest. Just like any other child, Samuel quickly outgrew his clothes, and so Hannah, each year, would make a little coat, taking it to her son, when the family would travel to the tabernacle to offer their sacrifices to the Lord. The Lord blessed Hannah and Elkanah with three more sons and two daughters.

Now, let us take a look at what Hannah said, the words that she spoke to Eli, when presenting her son Samuel to Eli the priest, plac-

ing Samuel into Eli's care, so that Samuel might be instructed in the ways of the Lord. "...For this child I prayed..." (I Samuel 1:26-28). What do these words mean? How should we pray for our children? When should we pray for them? What should we pray for? A young girl walks down the aisle with certain hopes and dreams, dreams which include that young man waiting at the altar, having and raising his children, and "till death do us part". She prays for the Lord to give them a child. That is all that she wants. She cries, she grows impatient, she becomes bitter. Days turn into weeks, weeks into months, months into years. But all the while, something is happening. She finds herself not feeling quite so anxious, and she can even rejoice when others are blessed with children, though she herself still desperately yearns to be blessed in that same way. The dream is still there; the hurt still hurts, but it is His now, to do with what He will. Her prayers and concerns are no longer centered on herself, her desires, but she prays for the unborn child, praying for grace and wisdom, if He should bless her in this way, knowing and accepting that this might not be His will for her life. The awesomeness of the responsibilities of motherhood begin to weigh heavy on her heart. She realizes the importance of raising a child according to His Word, praying for the child's salvation, and can see His grace in her life, as she learns to live without this blessing. Such is the case, in the life of a mature Christian, who has truly learned to give it all to Him. When a child is born to such a woman, her prayers do not cease. As long as she lives, she will lift that child up in prayer. Prayer, on behalf of our children, should begin before they are even born, and nothing but death should cause us to stop praying.

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I met God in the morning and His presence came like sunrise like a glory in my breast. All day long the Presence lingered. All day long He stayed with me and we sailed in perfect calmness o'er a very troubled sea. So I think I know the secret learned from many a troubled way, you must seek Him in the morning if you want Him through the day!

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## CONFESSION

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"I have not his thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation" (Psalm 40:10).

"We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done" (Psalm 78:4).

Lesson # 2:

Our true confession of the Lord involves speaking to others (the Lord and mankind) of the Lord's person and work.

"And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments" (Daniel 9:4).

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

Lesson # 3:

Biblical confession of Christ involves teaching truths about Christ and his work that are presented in God's Word. We cannot be truly confessing if we are speaking untruth.

"And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening" (Acts 28:23).

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God" (I John 4:2).

Lesson # 4:

True confession of Christ involves a sincere expression of our love of Christ and our appreciation for what he has done for us.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and

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with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10).

Let us all strive to apply Biblical confession to our every day walk in this world!

## COMMISSION

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AND LO, I AM WITH YOU, EVEN UNTO THE END OF THE AGE."

Now, my dear sainted reader, behold who you are. You are a child of the King. You have been saved at great cost, even the life of the King Himself, and you are BOUGHT WITH THAT GREAT PRICE. YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN, THEREFORE GLORIFY GOD IN YOUR BODY, AND IN YOUR SPIRIT, WHICH ARE GOD'S (I Corinthians 6:19-20). Let us go forth my brothers and sisters. We are of the royal family. Let us wait no longer. Let us be about the Father's business. And let us use every means available to preach the soul saving message of the Gospel to one and all, and let us all make sure that our own families are in the fold of our dear Saviour. If Paul had to say WOE IS ME IF I PREACH NOT THE GOSPEL (I Corinthians 9:16), then what must we say? We must ask the same question he asked the very day he was saved "LORD, WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME DO?" (Acts 9:6b), and then, like him, by the GRACE OF GOD, GO OUT AND DO IT, say with Isaiah, "HERE AM I LORD, SEND ME" (Isaiah 6:8). Will you say that dear reader? "ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING, WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID, I, HERE AM I; SEND ME. AND HE SAID, GO."

WORSHIP  
THE KING

We're Having a Bible Conference  
September 2, 3, 4 & 5. The theme  
will be "Holding forth the Word"

Larry Kellhorn, Pastor  
The Lord's Baptist Church,  
Tacoma, WA

## MOTHER

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It is most likely that Mary had also become a stranger and an alien to her own children. She knew and loved her son as her own Saviour and Lord. Her children, on the other hand, considered Him to be a heretic. She, therefore, could never have been happy with them since she would not have been allowed to praise the one she loved. We can be sure that her conversation for the rest of her days was built around Him. She, therefore, would have been miserable with her own children. The next record, in fact, which we have of Mary speaks of her in a prayer meeting. It is as stated in Acts 1:14: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

May our Lord bless you!

## THE WOODEN LEG

"Wicked men may supply the needs of an office, as Judas for a while did duty as an apostle. A wooden leg may be a stay to the body, though it be not a true member."

Quaint, but true. It is to be feared that our churches have many wooden legs, in the form of lifeless ministers, graceless deacons, and unregenerate elders. The body may move with these, but her walk must be limping, painful, slow, and ungainly. As for the wooden limb itself, its end is to be burned. It will be a fearful thing to turn out to be a dead member of a living body—a false arm, or a glass eye. Such shams can never be part of the body of Christ. O for living, loving, lasting union with the living Head!

By: C.H. Spurgeon

## 1994 CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

### BIBLE CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 16-17, 1994

September 16, 1994

- 6:30 p.m. Congregational and special singing  
7:00 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Jim Hobbs, Kings Addition Baptist Church, South Shore, KY  
7:30 p.m. Congregational and special singing  
8:00 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Clarence Grigsby, Salem Baptist Church, Grayson, KY

September 17, 1994

- 9:00 a.m. Congregational singing  
9:15 a.m. Speaker: Pastor John Lenegar, Walnut Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Delaware, OH  
9:45 a.m. Special singing: The Bluegrass Boys  
10:15 a.m. Speaker: Pastor Ronnie Wolfe, First Baptist Church, Harrison, OH  
10:45 a.m. Special singing: The Bluegrass Boys  
11:15 a.m. Speaker: Pastor Bobby Lakes, Faith Baptist Church, Versailles, KY  
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. Lunch in the fellowship hall  
1:15 p.m. Congregational singing  
1:30 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Jon Rule, Zion Baptist Church, Taylor, MI  
2:00 p.m. Special singing: The Bluegrass Boys  
2:30 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Carl Morton, First Baptist Church, Alexander, KY  
3:00 p.m. Special singing: The Bluegrass Boys  
3:30 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Bob Jones, Northside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY  
4:00 p.m. Congregational singing  
4:15 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Willard Willis, Northland Missionary Baptist Church, Delaware, OH  
4:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Dinner in the fellowship hall  
6:30 p.m. Congregational and special singing  
7:00 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Charles Lybrook, Waverly Road Baptist Church, Huntington, WV  
7:30 p.m. Congregational and special singing  
8:00 p.m. Speaker: Pastor Jim Orrick, Storms Creek Baptist Church, Ironton, OH

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

