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*"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."*  
Colossians 2:8

## **THE CHURCHES HAVE A DEFENDER**

We easily identify the four thieves that plunder the churches, Philosophy, Vain Deceit, Tradition of Men, and Rudiments of the World. This is the gang of four hoodlums that like nothing better than to rob the churches of all the riches of God's grace, and lead all our people into error.

But we have a great Defender, the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only One capable of defeating these cunning henchmen of the Devil! The seminarians and the scholars have proved their impotence for centuries. The Pope and his gang of pedophiles are hand in glove with the four thieves. The modernists and sceptics gloat over the gullible evangelicals who swallow the lies of the sceptics and divide the spoil among themselves. And of late, most of the "fundamentalists"

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are so busy counting heads that they have no interest in setting a guard against the plunderers of the churches.

We have no one to help us but the Captain of our salvation. Have no fear, for He is Mighty to Save!!!

### THE INSPIRED PORTRAIT OF CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS

He is the theme of the epistle to the Colossians! The Spirit moved Paul to pen this little book to remind the Colossian Christians that the Doctrine of Christ is the key truth of the Bible. John the Beloved sings out of the same hymnal when he exhorts us, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."* **II John 1:9-11**

A few weeks ago I was meditating on the final words of Colossians 2:8, "and not after Christ" when I downloaded a sermon by Bro. Bob Kirkland. To hear the entire sermon, go to:

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/playpopup.asp?SID=910121235386>.

It was the first sermon he preached on the book and was the introduction to the series. And it met my need in its survey of the doctrine of Christ as it is revealed in this epistle. The Lord Jesus Christ is the Answer to the Questions of the gnostics. He is the Bulwark against their attacks, He is the Shield that quenches the fiery darts of the wicked. He is the Wisdom that confounds the follies of heresy. He is the Antidote to the Serpent's venom.

In Colossians the name of Christ is mentioned in 33 of the 95 verses. It is not only that He is the main theme of the book, but He is the center and circumference of its doctrinal scope. Take a moment and look over the following references and their contents:

In the first chapter He is the sender of the apostles (v.1). He is the Redeemer in Whom we rest and the Means by which the grace of God comes to us (v.2). He is our cause for thanksgiving to God (v3). He is the Object of our faith (1:4 & 2:5). He is the One Whom we serve (1:7). He is the One Whom we aspire to emulate (1:10). He is the One for Whom we suffer (1:24). He is the One who Dwells within us (1:27). He is the One Whom we preach as the goal of the Christian's life (1:28).

In the second chapter He is the Revealed Mystery of God to us (2:2). He is the Saviour we have received (2:6). He is Superior to all the schemes of men (2:8). He is the One who cleanses us from sin (2:11). He is the Substance of which all else is the shadow (2:17). He is the One through Whom we died to the world and its rules (2:20).

In the third chapter He is the One through Whom we are risen and Who elevates our life's pursuits. (3:1). He is our Glorified King, crowned and enthroned in Heaven. (3:1). He is our hiding place (3:3). He is our Life and will soon reveal Himself and us. (3:4). He is the Great Equalizer, making

### DEACON TRUE SEZ -



I reckon strong Christians are grown at home. At least, they oughta be. Almost forty years ago we had a young family visit our church on furlough from the mission field. They were looking for more support. None of us had ever met 'em before so we didn't know if we wanted to help 'em or not.

That is, until I saw their kids.

During the song service their nine year old daughter took her little sister to the restroom and on the way back up the aisle, ran into a little girl crisis. The pastor had called on somebody to pray, and she faced a dilemma. Should she go or stay? Should she ignore the prayer and keep on her way to the shelter of her parents or stand still?

I was sitting far enough back to see her, and was surprised to see her duck into an empty seat and pull her sister in after her, and then they both bowed their heads and waited till the prayer was finished.

That impressed me so much that I told the preacher what I'd seen. The church took them on for support, and I started writing to them and helped them down through the years. I've kept track of them kids (and two more that came after) and every one of them is walking with the Lord after all that time.

Somebody at home was teaching them how important prayer is.

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all those in Him equal. (3:11). He is the Forgiver of sins and the criterion for us in forgiving others. (3:13). His is the word that indwells us and imparts to us the grace to sing to Him (3:16). His is the Name in which every thing we do is to be performed. (3:17). His relationship with us is the pattern for our marriages. (3:18). He is the One Person children are to seek to please in their obedience to their parents (3:20). He is of such value to the believer that we are to eagerly seek to please Him in everything we do. (3:23). He is the One to whom we look for our rewards. (3:24).

In the fourth chapter He is the One whose mystery we are to preach to the unsaved. (4:3). He is the One in whose fellowship we serve with our dear brethren. (4:7, 12, 17). And these are only the verses that contain His name.

## THE THEOLOGY THAT DEFEATS GNOSTICISM

In addition, there are these great doctrinal truths in Colossians that glorify our dear Saviour, but do not mention His name:

In chapter 1, God has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son, redeemed us through His blood, created all things by Him, He is before all things, and He holds all things together. He has preeminence in all things, and in Him dwells all fulness. He made peace between God and man through the blood of His cross, and will reconcile all things unto Himself. He will present us to God holy and unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight.

In chapter 2 we read that our Lord Jesus Christ is the depository of all wisdom and knowledge. He is the One that is the fertile ground for us to be rooted, to grow in, and to be established in. He is the One in whom we are complete. We are buried with in baptism, risen with Him, quickened with Him, and forgiven of all our sins. He has blotted out all the laws of God we have broken and nailed them to His cross. He spoiled principalities and powers, He triumphed over them openly in His resurrection. In His victory He has overthrown every subtle scheme that would plunder us of the riches of His grace.

In chapter 3 we find that His exaltation enables us to mortify the flesh, put off the old man and put on the new man. By Him the peace of God rules in our hearts and unity prevails in our churches.

In chapter 4 we discover that Our Lord's rule over His children determines the labour relations in our businesses. He is the One who opens the doors of witness. He is the One for Whom we gladly suffer imprisonment.

It ought to be ever so clear that the clever schemes and sophisticated myths of Greek (humanistic) wisdom are nothing more than cheap imitations of truth which the Devil peddles to gullible Christians. They are nothing in comparison to the Pearl of Great Price, the Treasure Hid in a Field, who is Christ.

This is why we who know Christ must speak out against those four thieves that plunder the churches! No matter how cunning and erudite the Philosophy, it cannot compare with Christ, who is our wisdom! He is all and in all!! No matter how arrogant and self confident is Vain Deceit, no matter how puffed up, it cannot hold a candle to our Lord Jesus Christ! He has more glory in washing His disciples' feet than all the vanity of the pompous lovers of themselves in the pulpits of the megachurches!

No matter how deeply entrenched is the Tradition of men, it is found to be rusted and cankered and eaten of worms when compared to the Word of God Incarnate! He is the Truth, before whom all traditions must kneel and cast their crowns!

And last of all, when we compare the grubby Rudiments of the World with the Veracity of Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ, we see them for what they are, moth-eaten lies from the Devil himself.

## THE UNKNOWN SAVIOUR

In closing, let me remind you of that worshipful introduction to John's gospel.

**John 1:10, "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not."**

***The world knew Him not.***

*That is an amazing fact. At face value, this Scripture teaches that creation did not recognise its Creator.*

*Have you ever pondered how deep, how thorough, how complete, was the humility of Christ in His incarnation? The Holy Spirit describes the humiliation of our Lord Jesus with these words, "...being in the form of God (He) thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Phil. 2:6-8*

*We know from these texts that He came incognito into our world, unrecognised by His own creatures.*



## ***The world knew Him not.***

*It was not always so. Before His Incarnation all His creatures knew Him. The stars in their courses, the sun in its strength, the earth in its orbit, all these sprang forth at His Word and marched at His command. The Red sea stood up for ramparts and Jordan uncovered its pebbly bed when He required. Fire fell from a cloudless sky upon Elijah's altar, the great fish swallowed the errant prophet, and the fiery furnace lost its heat when He said so. His creation knew Him from the beginning, and rejoiced to do His will.*

*And it will recognise Him in the end. The elements shall melt with a fervent heat and pass away with a great noise at the unveiling of His full glory. All the dusty, ashy atoms of all the dead will hear their Maker's voice and reassemble at His command. Without exception they will stand before Him when He sits upon the Great White Throne.*

*But our text says the world knew Him not at His Incarnation. This is an amazing truth! Is it not astonishing that when He came into His world the habiliments of His humanity concealed the glory of the Son of God so completely that no created thing knew Him? Concealed at least until He began to speak the Words His Father gave Him to speak, until He began to work the Works the Father gave Him to work, until He began to fulfill the Will of His Father? And when He did, His creatures awoke to His true identity. The scales fell off their eyes.*

*Water became wine gladly at His will. Blind eyes blinked seeingly against the light of day under His care. Atrophied limbs heard His Word and moved with strength. Deaf ears and dumb tongues broke their restraints and resumed their proper functions. The atoms of a lad's lunch multiplied at His blessing and fed the multitudes. The fish in the sea heard His call and rushed to fill the nets. The stormy waves lay down at His command and licked the sides of the boat. The bodies of the dead felt new life at His touch and arose to serve Him.*

*If atoms and red blood cells and every other created thing had possessed the ability to speak, they would have lifted their voices again and again and shouted, "Our Master has come! Our Creator has come down to walk among us! Let us do His will!" Did not our Lord Himself tell us that the stones themselves would cry out if the religious mutes of Jerusalem hushed the praises of their children?*

*There was only one of His creatures that did not universally leap up in joyful recognition when they heard His Words, when they saw His Works. Men only, with granite hearts and flinty minds received Him not.*

*So God sent them a man, a prophet, a witness. He bore witness of the Light they could not see. John the Baptist exposed the blindness of their unbelief when he told them, "There standeth One among you whom ye know not;" (John 1:26).*

*They didn't know their Creator. Man, the one creature made in his Creator's likeness, did not recognise Him!*

*And God blessed His Word to their salvation so that the other John could testify, "We beheld His glory! We recognise our Creator! We have discovered who He is! He is the Word! He is the Eternal God! He is the Light of the world! He is the lifegiver! He is the only begotten Son of God! He is the Lamb of God which takes away the sin of the world! He is the Water of Life! He is the Good Shepherd and the Door of the sheepfold! He is the Vine and we are His branches. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! He is the perfect Sacrifice for our sins. He is our risen Lord!"*

*There is a day coming when all creation will recognise its Maker. Though the wicked will mourn at His appearance they will know who He is, and confess Him as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. For those of us who rejoice in our Redeemer, the return of Christ will be a time of great joy.*

*"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord: for He cometh..." Psa 96:11-13a*

*Ah, yes, all creation will recognise its Maker in that day and rejoice at His coming.*

*And we will join our voices with theirs. One of our hymns will be, "We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." We who know Him long for our new bodies with their new voices and hope for the day when we will joyfully praise Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*

*Hasten the day, Lord.*

*In fact, we need not wait. Today is a good day for choir rehearsal.*

*We need not wait for His coming.*

*Let His praises begin.*

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The Perfect Pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 5 AM till midnight seven days a week, and is also the church janitor in his spare time.

The Perfect Pastor is happy to receive a salary of \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a nice car, buys good books, lives in a six bedroom house in a nice suburb and gives \$30 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' experience in the ministry. He is 6 feet 8 inches tall, but never looks down on anyone. He is good at football, basketball and air hockey and shoots under 70 on the golf course. He never takes a vacation and is never tired or discouraged. He has grey hair with brown roots, has an IQ of 140, and only ever uses one syllable words in his sermons. He is happily married to the most beautiful woman in the world and they have twelve perfect children who never say a word and all sit on the front row at church, very seriously listening to every word, and laughing at all their father's jokes without smiling.

The Perfect Pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and spends all his time with the senior saints. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humour that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always available in his office when anyone calls the church office.

The Perfect Pastor always has time for committee meetings in the church while he is at the same time out evangelising the lost.

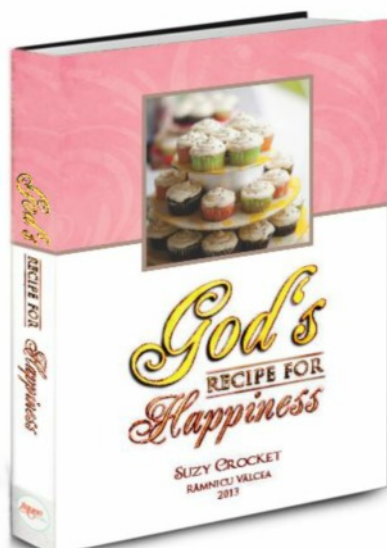


The Perfect Pastor is never found in our town. He is always in the next town over. None of us have ever met him, but we hear about him from the church gossip where we attend.

So if your pastor doesn't measure up, simply send this description to six other churches that are tired of their pastor also. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of your list. If every church will follow this procedure, in one week, you will receive 1643 new pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.

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For a long time I have thought of God as "The Great Multi-tasker" because of His ability to plan intricately and infinitely in our present and into our futures. Not one single situation or incident is overlooked by His foreknowledge; in fact, not one thing is alone in its significance. **Romans 8:28** is well-known to us all, it says, *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."*

I am always amazed, and maybe I shouldn't be, at the way so many things seem to be intertwined. You know what it's like. You meet a total stranger but within a few minutes find that you have mutual friends, or lived near each other as children, or went to the same school. The people that don't look for God's hand at work may call this serendipity or coincidence. Those who are in the know can see God's fingerprints all over it.

When we first moved to the house we are in, the rental agency felt that the previous tenants hadn't left it clean enough, and organized a cleaning crew to come through. But there was a glitch in communications and their cleaning crew (of one) didn't arrive until after we were already installed. I felt very odd leaving the cleaning lady to clean my house on her own. So I stayed and chatted with her, and naturally, couldn't resist but help with the cleaning too. In the course of our conversation, I discovered she'd had a good friend that went to the church we had just started going to. This friend had since moved away, so I hadn't met her, but she had left a sweet fragrance behind in the cleaning lady's life. She had made it possible for me to follow after her and share Christ. When situations like this occur, you just have to think of **Romans 8:28** - *"All things work together..."* Somehow The Great Multi-tasker is able to weave and twine together all the threads of our lives, connecting us in all kinds of ways. It's beautiful; we only need eyes to see it.

### HOW A LION HUNTS

But recently, I have come to the conclusion that if God is The Great Multi-tasker, joining and twining events and people together, then Satan is the Great Opportunist.

When we read in **1 Peter 5:7**, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour,"* we are not thinking about someone who knows the ins and outs of the future. He does not know who we are going to come in contact with or how God is weaving our lives into a work of art. Think about how a lion hunts - he (or she) is an opportunist. They are not what we would call a stalker in modern terminology, as in someone who fixates on another and devours the details of their lives until they can no longer control themselves, and attacks. A lion focuses on what is available. There are no elegant buffets on the savannah; it's take what you can catch. That is how the devil operates; but he is more subtle than a lion and he has great resources at his disposal.

I enjoy playing noughts and crosses. I have a system and if I can put it in motion early on in the game, I invariably win. Unfortunately, since this is not an intricate game of massive mind skill, most of my opponents (my kids and their friends) have figured out my system and so they try it too - and the cat wins the game! (So to speak). My system is basically to plug up the holes. I cover the corners and then everything else, theoretically, falls into place.

I have begun to see that this is also how the devil operates. He covers his bases, and sets his traps, and then waits to see which one will catch us. If it's a good day for him, and a bad day for us, he may catch us again and again. Remember the verse, *"Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall?" (1 Cor 10:12).* We are so busy avoiding the traps we recognize, that we tend to step right in the ones we don't see! The devil works it that



way. He may even set up signs, you know, arrows with flashing lights pointing at the trap, neon lights shouting 'This is a trap! This is a trap!' We get so pleased with ourselves for recognizing it (duh) that we forget that there isn't a rule in his handbook like this - **"Rule 23: Only one trap may be set at any given time."** Not on your life. There are going to be multiple traps set for us in any situation we are in. Any situation! Getting out of bed we are going to have to watch where we put our feet!

## THE NEED FOR VIGILANCE

I guess this is where "Be sober, be vigilant" comes into it. Most of us spend a lot of our time in a kind of semi-spiritual haze. We know that it's a battle, but mostly we coast. We avoid the obvious traps and feel content with that. Not really good enough. We need to start seeing things clearly. We need to realize how the devil operates and learn that just because that trap is obvious doesn't necessarily mean that it is the one he is hoping that we will step in. Ever heard of being ambushed? He loves surprise attacks. That is how a lion works.

## WHO'S GOT MY BACK?

We tend to look on the surface of things and expect that that's all there is to it. There is always more. We forget that there is a battle in the heavenlies. I am not saying that we should start seeing bogeys under the bed; but being vigilant means having our senses exercised to discern good and evil. That phrase is taken from **Hebrews 5**, if we start reading in **verse 13** it tells us, *"For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

This last phrase speaks of training, practice and habits instilled. Does anyone know an olympic athlete that got to where they are without a coach? We are given the Holy Spirit on salvation, one of His tasks is to guide us into all truth (John 16:13). We are also given a spiritual family of brothers and sisters in Christ. Just like a physical family, we are to look out for each other, to teach and to train each other. We were reading in 1 Thessalonians 5 this morning, and just in this passage there are plenty of references to how we should look after each other.

### 1 Thessalonians 5

- V.11** – Comfort yourselves together, and edify one another.
- V.12** – Know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;
- V.13** – To esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

**V.14** – Warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

**V.15** – See that none render evil for evil unto any man.

The list goes on – Rejoice, pray, give thanks, quench not the Spirit, despise not prophesyings, prove all things, abstain from all appearance of evil.

We really do need to look out for each other. Remember the verse in **Ecclesiastes 4:12**? *"And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."* It is God's plan that we would stand together. You will see things that I don't see, and vice versa. We are stronger together - but without the encouragement, support and reproof of our spiritual family we are more prone to making foolish choices, and falling into the snare of the devil.

One last example – **2 Samuel 21:15-17**, *"Moreover the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. And Ishbubenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him."* David was a mighty soldier, and yet he was waxing faint. What if his men assumed that he could take care of himself? Obviously, Abishai saw his need and came to his aid. None of us are impervious to the attacks of the devil, and we all need the input and 'succouring' that our family in Christ can give us. We need to be humble in receiving reproof, and gentle in giving it. We need to be vigilant in our own lives particularly, and listening to the Holy Spirit for His guidance regarding our input into others' lives.

## DRAW NEAR TO OUR DEFENDER -

Walk close to God, heed His Word. Be a hearer and a doer! The only safe place is right next to the Lord. Everywhere else is as full of traps and snares as a swiss cheese is full of holes, only more so. When we are not following our Lord closely we give our enemy opportunity against us. **2 Corinthians 2:11** says, *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."* Sometimes we are ignorant of his devices and tricks, we need to wise up fast. Ask God for eyes to see the traps laid against us, and remember – Trust God! *"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler..." Psalm 91:3,4.*

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## PSALM 119:89-104

<sup>89</sup> LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

<sup>90</sup> Thy faithfulness *is* unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

<sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all *are* thy servants.

<sup>92</sup> Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

<sup>94</sup> I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

<sup>95</sup> The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: *but* I will consider thy testimonies.

<sup>96</sup> I have seen an end of all perfection: *but* thy commandment *is* exceeding broad.

<sup>97</sup> MEM. O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

<sup>98</sup> Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

<sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

<sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

<sup>101</sup> I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

<sup>102</sup> I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

<sup>103</sup> How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup> Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

## BLINDED MINDS -

FULLER SEMINARY HAS DRUNK THE TOXIC KOOL-AID! - (excerpted) Don Boys, Ph.D.

(To read the entire article go to:

<http://donboys.cstnews.com/fuller-seminary-has-drunk-the-toxic-kool-aid> )

Fuller Theological Seminary has drunk the toxic Kool-Aid after first gargling it daily, then sipping it for decades. They have lost the right to be counted among orthodox Christians. They have often refused strict adherence to the Word of God, and of course, there must be room for honest disagreement and



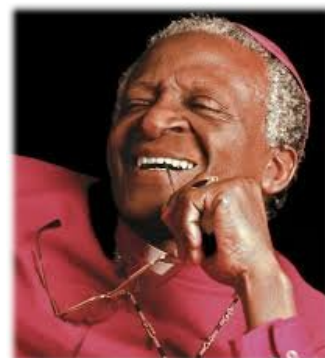
tolerance of people; however, we must never show tolerance for untruth. There we must be "guilty" of intolerance. The truth of the Word is not negotiable. Compromise is not permitted but Fuller has caved to the corrupt culture. Recently, the seminary agreed to permit a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) club on campus! Moreover, they even have a lesbian professor, daughter of a former vice president! More about that in my next column.

In 1 Tim. 1:10 Paul warns, "*For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.*" The word "arsenokoitais" means "them that defile themselves with mankind" or sodomites. Sodomy was the sin that was a "crime against nature" and the unmentionable sin. Sodomy was common in Greece and Rome, even China—and as it is today. Sodomites are now acceptable at Fuller—as long as they are celibate!

The homosexual group calling itself, "One Table" exists to "support the LGBTQ community at Fuller Seminary," while also offering "a safe place for dialogue between LGBTQ students and the wider Fuller community." The student/founder wants to "carve out ... acceptance for other gays in the broader evangelical community through his role as president of the nation's first LGBT student club sanctioned by a major evangelical seminary." He made his intentions clear and Fuller gave permission for the group to meet on campus!

FORMER ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU SAYS HE WOULD CHOOSE HELL OVER 'HOMOPHOBIC' HEAVEN - (excerpted) By Nicola Menzie

Speaking recently at the United Nation's launch of its "Free & Equal" campaign to promote fair treatment of LGBT persons, former archbishop and South African anti-apartheid activist Desmond Tutu declared that the issue was so close to his heart that





he said, "I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place." He added, "I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this."

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/former-archbishop-desmond-tutu-says-he-would-choose-hell-over-homophobic-heaven-101071/>

DEVIL SHOWS UP AT NEWSRING CHURCH FOR 'ANGELS & DEMONS'  
SERMON SERIES - By Nicola Menzie



The devil lives in Anderson, South Carolina. He's been hanging around Pastor Perry Noble's NewSpring Church campus causing quite a bit of mischief, despite claiming he's not such a "bad dude" after all.

The devil in this case, portrayed by horned, caped and velvet-clad NewSpring Worship Leader Tadd Tatum, is on hand to help promote the megachurch's new sermon series about spiritual warfare, called "Angels & Demons."

The series, expected to run for five weeks, is meant to arm Christians in their battle against what the Bible calls "principalities and powers," and will cover a theme Pastor Noble says is present in Scripture "pretty much from Genesis to Revelation."

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Every word of  
God is pure: he  
is a shield unto  
them that put  
their trust  
in him.  
Add thou not  
unto his words,  
lest he reprove  
thee, and thou  
be found  
a liar.  
(Proverbs 30:5-6)

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**STANDARD**

*"WHEN THE ENEMY SHALL COME IN LIKE A FLOOD, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD SHALL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM" (ISAIAH 59:19).*

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## NOTABLE QUOTES AND QUOTABLE NOTES -

### WHEN A GOOD FRIEND COMPROMISES

Peter and Paul were very good friends. Paul once stayed at Peter's home for fifteen days (Galatians 2:9). Truth demands that "pillars" like Peter, (Galatians 2:9) friend or not, are to be publicly confronted when they promote false doctrine that will lead others astray. We read in Galatians 2:13, Peter's actions caused others to "...dissemble (act hypocritically) likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation." Dissimulation is translated "hypocrisy" five times in our King James Bible. In verse fourteen, Paul rebuked Peter "before them all," and in so doing Paul did not cause disunity, Peter had already done that.

### PETER'S RESPONSE WHEN PUBLICLY REBUKED

When Paul, under the direction of the Holy Spirit publicly exposed Peter for leading people astray, Peter would obviously respond in one way or another to his rebuke. How did he respond? In Peter's final recorded words in Second Peter 3:15 he referred to Paul as "our beloved brother Paul" and made reference to "the wisdom given unto him." Prior to that, at the council meeting at Jerusalem recorded in Acts chapter fifteen Peter defended Paul in their discussion concerning the very thing Paul had publicly confronted him about. The Bible says, "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom" (Proverbs 13:10).

### DEALING WITH PRESENT DAY ISSUES

We have some leaders today who are running under the banner of fundamentalism who are leading people astray. They may be good friends; however, they need to be rebuked before all. How should our friends in the ministry respond when scripturally rebuked? God has raised up a ministry for such a time as this, called, "Way of Life" under the direction of David Cloud who faithfully takes this unpleasant responsibility of exposing compromisers in our *movement*. He is a very frank outspoken man of God. (Like the Bible says we all should be.) He has printed many facts concerning the compromises of some fundamental leaders in our *movement*. Brother Cloud receives much verbal abuse, from people who call themselves fundamentalists.

### SOME KIND OF LUNATIC?

One recent response Brother Cloud received said he needed to, "stop this hating of people" and he was referred to as "some kind of lunatic." If Brother Cloud was exposing someone who wasn't in our "movement" he would be admired for telling the truth; however to expose someone in our "movement" is to be "some kind of lunatic." - Pastor Bob Kirkland

- Congress is looking to cut United States Postal Service losses by ending door-to-door mail delivery. Instead, the National Security Agency will, upon request, just read your mail to you over the phone. - selected
- "Christians don't tell lies they just go to church and sing them" — A.W. Tozer

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## POEMS THAT PREACH -

### Show Me!

I would rather see a sermon,  
than hear one any day,  
I would rather one would walk with me  
than merely show the way.  
The eye's a better pupil  
and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing  
but example's always clear.  
And the best of all the preachers  
are the men who live their creeds,  
For to see the good in action  
is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it  
if you'll let me see it done,  
I can watch your hands in action,  
but your tongue too fast may run.  
And the lectures you deliver  
may be wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lesson  
by observing what you do.  
For I may misunderstand you  
and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding  
how you act and how you live.

Edgar Albert Guest

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Sometimes preachers take for granted that everyone knows all of the words that we often use in both the pulpit and in the classroom. Perhaps we should take the time to define what even some of the most common words mean. One of the words we use frequently, as does the Scriptures, is the word, the name, and the title of CHRIST.

I do not say this to be humorous, but there are actually those who have been led to believe that this is Jesus' last name. The word "Christ" is a very important word that was used in the Old Testament. Most likely, you have heard the Hebrew word which is the word "Messiah."

Essentially, the word means "ANOINTED ONE." We find the word only occurring thirty-eight times in the Old Testament. It first appears in the book of Leviticus in the fourth chapter in reference to priests that were anointed. One of the clear references to Messiah (Christ) is found in the 2nd Psalm. We read in the second verse, "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against His Anointed..."

Digging a bit deeper, the word "messiah" comes from the root word MASHAH. MASHAH means "to smear." It is first found in Genesis 31:13, where the Lord told Jacob, "I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto Me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred." Back in the 28th chapter, Jacob had anointed the stone that he had used for a pillow with oil, having set it up as a pillar. The word is found numerous times in the Old Testament, and most of the time it is translated as "anoint," however, one time the word is translated as "painted" in Jeremiah 22:14.

Most are familiar with olive oil and how precious and widely used of a commodity it was. Olive oil had a number of practical uses. People used it in cooking and for medicinal purposes, such as a disinfectant or sometimes as an ointment. Shepherds would use it on the sheep to kill parasites.

But one of the most important uses of olive oil was when someone became a priest, a king, or sometimes even a prophet, that man would be anointed with olive oil. The word "messiah" then comes from this idea of to anoint with oil. It came to be used as speaking about one who held the office of authority, like a king or priest - with or without that person being smeared with the oil. One must keep in mind, when a man was anointed to an office in Israel, it was saying that this one is consecrated to God by the act of anointing. To consecrate means "to set apart." Such a one was considered to be "holy" because of this being set apart.

This brings us to the usage concerning our Savior, Jesus. He is the Lord's anointed One, as the Second Person of the Godhead. To what purpose was He set apart? He was set apart unto the Father for the work of redemption in behalf of mankind. He was and is holy in every respect. His office is that of being the Savior. By the Father's setting Him apart, He was qualified and equipped by the Father to fulfill His messianic office. It was He that would become flesh, and dwell among men. It was He that would die. It was He that would rise again from the dead. No other could do this consecrated work, save for the Christ alone. Because the Anointed One carried out the plan of redemption, all men can be born from above. Because He carried out the work of the Father completely, it is He that holds the place of all authority, for He is the Christ. When we contemplate or utter the title "Christ," may we remember what it means and the absolute eternal depths thereof.

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(Ed - CCM musicians openly boast of their admiration for the most famous and successful Rock & Roll performers. So what do their heroes say about their music? Here is a sample.)

### ROCK AND ROLL IS NOT JUST MUSIC; IT IS A LIFESTYLE, AN ATTITUDE



The book *Rock Facts*, which is published by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, admits that rock is not just a type of music, *IT IS A LIFESTYLE*. "... rock and roll has truly become a universal language ...rock and roll also refers to an attitude, a feeling, a style, a way of life..." (*Rock Facts*, 1996, p. 7).

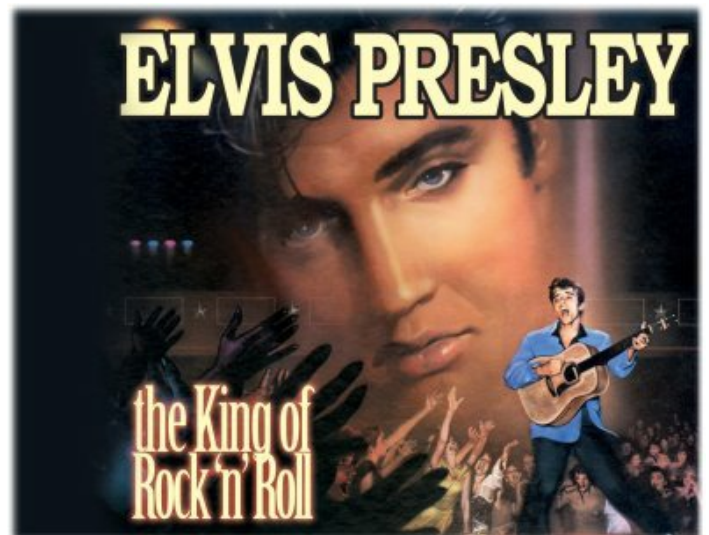
"What made rockabilly [Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, etc.] such a drastically new music was its spirit, a thing that bordered on mania. Elvis's 'Good Rockin' Tonight' was not merely a party song, but an invitation to a holocaust. ... Rockabilly was the face of Dionysus, full of febrile sexuality and senselessness; it flushed the skin of new housewives and made pink teenage boys reinvent themselves as flaming creatures" (Nick Tosches, *Country: The Twisted Roots of Rock 'n' Roll*, p. 58).

"...the New Left sprang ... from Elvis' gyrating pelvis.... Elvis Presley ripped off Ike Eisenhower by turning our uptight

young awakening bodies around. Hard animal rock energy beat/surged hot through us, the driving rhythm arousing repressed passions. Music to free the spirit.... Elvis told us to let go!" (Jerry Reuben, *Do It!*).

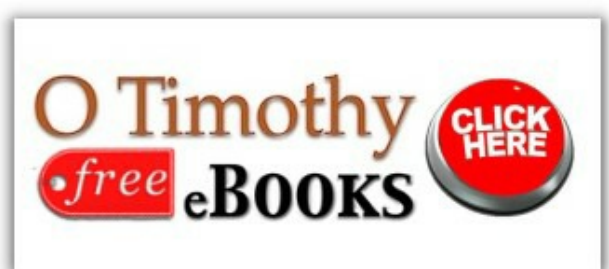
"Elvis Presley was one of the few people in our lifetime who changed things. You hear Mantovani in every elevator, but so what? Elvis changed our hairstyles, dress styles, our attitudes toward sex, all the musical taste" (David Brinkley, *NBC News*, cited by Larry Nager, *Memphis Beat*, p. 216).

"If you think rockabilly is just music, you're wrong. Rockabilly's always been an attitude" (Billy Poore, *RockABilly: A Forty-Year Journey*, p. 113).



[http://www.wayoflife.org/database/characteristics\\_and\\_philosophy\\_of\\_rock.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/database/characteristics_and_philosophy_of_rock.php)

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(Every year in Australia there is a Bible conference held among Independent Baptist Churches called the NBF [National Baptist Fellowship]. If I remember rightly it had its roots in churches affiliated with the BBF forty years or more ago. Though I have only attended a few of the conferences, I understand that some of them were very good, and some were very bad. The first one I attended was in the former category and the last two in the latter. Kent Brandenburg often writes very provocative articles and publishes them on his blog. I have excerpted parts of an entry below, and the entire article can be read at: <http://kentbrandenburg.blogspot.com.au/2013/08/the-conference.html>. I have highlighted several statements that I found enlightening. - Ed)



"....We live in an era of celebrity, the fifteen minutes of fame. Fame itself is old and there is a lot of similarity as to how to get it. Much of it relates to talent and acceptance. Sometimes a man has or gets a big church. He has relatively lots of people gather on a Sunday. In other instances, he's very dynamic, entertaining, or intelligent -- people like listening to him, he's motivational, and people react very well to what he has to say.

**There is also a tendency for people to want to get together.** The Tower of Babel is an example of that. Cities too. There is a sense of protection and power to gathering. Many organizations start with the idea to drum up popularity for a cause in government, politics, and religion. Cults start. Religions start. There is often some new idea that goes along with it -- temperance, libertarianism, continuationism, evolution, suffrage, progressivism, etc. **In many cases, it's a cause that motivates people to come together.**

I haven't spent enough time to pinpoint when "the conference" first began, but the conference is a big idea in both evangelicalism and fundamentalism of various types. **In the sense of dictionary definition, a conference is simply an exchange of ideas.** I'm on a orchestra board that engages often in conference calls. We exchange ideas and make decisions on the conference. Today the conference is a meeting, an assembly, for some particular

purpose. I want to zero in shortly on a couple of conferences to consider the idea and point of conference.

**I don't see conference per se in the Bible.** Some may say that I've missed it, because there is the Jerusalem conference in Acts 15. I don't see that at all as a conference like we see in the modern sense. It was a conference, however. It was two churches conferring with the desire to settle a sin problem, so they could stay in fellowship with each other. I think it is important for churches to confer like that. Several years ago, a church in a nearby town got a new pastor, and when he arrived, I called him to confer. I invited him to lunch and we discussed how it was that we would handle situations. The big one I wanted to talk about was what we would do with disciplined members. We agreed on what we would do -- a phone call would be forthcoming. Ultimately, he received disciplined members from our church with no phone call. I don't know that his church ever disciplined any of his members for almost two decades. That conference was a success at communication and agreement, but a failure at implementation.

Our church holds a conference every year. **We invite men together for the purpose especially of conferring on a particular subject.** For three years it was separation and last year it was the reason for apostasy. Men, who I thought were capable, were assigned certain passages or topics or issues. We sat and listened to their

presentations. The goal of the conference was for a church, ours, and churches, their fellowshiping ones, to protect and propagate the truth. **This was fellowship between churches based on doctrine and practice.** The Word of Truth Conference has been a help toward obedience to God to the praise of His glory. It centers on exposition of Scripture.

**We have a conference and it is churches, their leaders, fellowshiping around the truth. Scripture teaches cooperation of churches according to the truth. The truth forms the basis of the conference, which will sanctify its participants.**

People who come to our conference will be interested in fellowship around biblical exposition. It isn't pragmatic. **We don't invite celebrities.** I don't care how big the men's churches are or how famous they are. I'm not interested in whether they are funny or dynamic. I do want them to be scriptural. I must trust they will handle scripture correctly, that their presentations will be biblical. If there are differences, we talk about them -- we confer about them. **We come together based upon the truth. We don't disregard truth in order to draw a crowd or make the conference bigger. In essence, I don't care how many come. Truth is the attraction. If people are not attracted by that, they won't want to make the trip. I'm fine with that.**

There are many conferences to talk about. Many. I'm going to deal with two: [Rezolution](#) in South Africa and [the Spiritual Leadership Conference](#) in Southern California. The first is an evangelical conference, what some might call a conservative evangelical conference, but it's also obviously a Calvinist conference. The second is a revivalist fundamentalist conference in the tradition of the Hyles Pastor's Conference that got started in Hammond, IN by Jack Hyles years ago. I wouldn't go to either of them. Most would probably say that they are much different, the two conferences, but as someone looking at both of them from the outside, I think they are very, very similar.

Rezolution, which advertises expository preaching, passionate worship, and gospel devotion, is sponsored by the [Antioch Bible Church](#) in Johannesburg, South Africa. Their line-up of speakers for this year were Charismatic Calvinist C. J. Mahaney, Presbyterian Ligon Duncan, Reformed Church Kevin DeYoung, and Southern Baptist Mark Dever. Charismatic Bob Kauflin led the music. And the conference master of ceremonies was African Reformed Conrad Mbewe. With the exception of Mbewe, these men were brought in at great cost from the United States. They have celebrity status among the young, restless and reformed movement. Three of them

make up the four men of Together for the Gospel, only excluding Al Mohler.

Rezolution will **ignore continuationism, amillennialism, covenant or dispensational theology, pedo or credo baptism, rock music or Charismatic style worship in order to get together.** That's not all. C. J. Mahaney and his churches in the Sovereign Grace movement for years covered up rampant child abuse that would look like certain fundamentalist abuse, except on steroids. All of that ignoring is the "gospel devotion" aspect of the conference. Anyone who is a Southern Baptist must remain indifferent to the gospel in his fellowship, because he fellowships with liberals and Pelagians as part of the cooperative program. Rezolution proclaims, in essence brags on, passionate worship, which is exactly what Jonathan Edwards preached against in his Treatise Concerning the Religious Affections. They preach expositionally, but I would think that it would be important to leave out all of the prophecies of the kingdom for the sake of the Amillennialists or about 25% of the Bible.

Calvinism does not tend toward bigger churches. No. But people can begin to enjoy Calvinism more if it is mixed with worldliness (called liberty and gospel devotion) and pop music (called passionate worship). You may say, "But they preach expositional." You can preach exposition and leave out important application or conform a passage to a particular worldly behavior. It's not what the passage is teaching. The eclectic theology will allow for a lot of people from various points of view to gather together comfortably. No one will have to separate over a lot of what the Bible teaches.

**Several people I know have attended the Spiritual Leadership Conference at Lancaster Baptist Church and West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster California. I'm always curious as to why these mainly revivalist fundamentalist Baptists find interest in this conference. I know why, and it's what they say. They want to find something that will "work" in their church. The word "work" is a consistent theme. I heard someone say, "it's not the preaching, but finding some things that will 'work' at our church." Things are obviously "working" in Lancaster and men want to find how to imitate it. This is no different than the Hyles Pastor's Conference, where men wanted to find out how First Baptist in Hammond got so big.**

I could help you out if you want to know how to get big. It's the same stuff that Finney taught and called "new measures." There are things that will work for you and you can skip the conference. I don't think it's that hard, no disrespect. Here it is. Find out what unsaved people



like and give it to them. They like pop music, so change up your music to be more popular. I know you might not be able to go all the way with this, but at least get it fast paced and implement aspects of popular style with your rhythms, pace, and harmonizations. Center it mainly on how people feel -- work on people's feelings.

Have many programs and big ones. This really is the felt need aspect of Hybels that mixes and mixed well with Hyles. There are certain things people want. You can get them into the church with give-aways, social aspects, big activities, refreshments, fun times, amusements, and activities customized to the flesh. They love that!!! Don't be just like the world, but you can modify something to be less than where the world is. It is worldly, but it is not as bad as where the world presently is and worse than what the world once was. Make your preaching emotional, spiced with stories, and not too doctrinal. You want to keep it very practical, convincing them that they will be helped out in their life. They will have a much better life now if they follow the very practical messages you give. They've got to see how it will improve their lives.

The speakers for the Spiritual Leadership Conference are also celebrities. They have big churches and they have perfected a particular conference speaking style. They are models of it. Something big will happen, can almost be guaranteed, because all of the attributes are there to see it happen. Common ground for the Spiritual Leadership Conference is a wrong view of repentance. It's a must to keep a certain church growth methodology going. There is some variation, but the people who

attend are fellowshipping based on something less than a true gospel. I know many of the churches in the Lancaster orbit, and they don't believe what the Bible teaches about repentance.

I was talking to someone who attended Rezolution and he was talking about how that Mark Dever was the big dog when all these guys got together. However, if Albert Mohler was with the group, he was the alpha male. He would go on a safari and be reading a book, looking up briefly to point out certain details about the animals that everyone was looking at. All of that talk was identical to what people would say at the Spiritual Leadership conference, just a different group of celebrities. **Some of the same former fundamentalists who didn't like the celebrity promotion of fundamentalism have just chosen a new set of celebrities.**

**The Conference can be a great means of promotion. People will identify your church with those celebrities that you have, and you can be the go-to church, the one everyone remembers, because it was there that Gibbs or Dever or Ouellete or Mahaney or Farrell or Piper came and preached.** It might not be, and probably won't be, that these men are popular because they are the best models of Christianity or obedience to the Bible. That is not the point. Some may argue that it is why. It isn't.

We have a conference, but you don't need one. It can be valuable to confer, but it should confer on obeying all of what God said. We are sanctified by the truth -- all of it.

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## TIC\* PHOTO OF THE MONTH -



Honorable Speakers for first Leadership Conference in IB church in North Korea.

(\*TIC - Tongue in Cheek - Ed)

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### MALE/FEMALE COMMUNICATION –

A wife asks her husband, *"Could you please go to the store and buy a carton of milk and if they have avocados, get two."*

A short time later the husband comes back with two cartons of milk. The wife asks him, *"Why did you buy two cartons of milk?"*

He replied, *"They had avocados."*

### ANOTHER BLONDE JOKE!

The plane is on its way to Houston when the blonde in economy class gets up and moves to the first class section and sits down. The flight attendant watches her do this and asks to see her boarding pass. She then tells the blonde that she paid for economy class and will have to sit in the back of the plane.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, and I deserve to fly first class so I'm staying right here."

The attendant goes into the cockpit and tells the pilot a blonde belongs in economy and refuses to leave first class.

The co-pilot goes back to the blonde and tries to explain that because she only paid for economy she will have to leave and return to her seat.

The blonde replies, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, and I deserve to fly first class so I'm staying right here."

The co-pilot tells the pilot that he probably should have the police waiting when they land to arrest this blonde who won't listen to reason.

The Pilot says, "You say she is a blonde? I'll handle this. I'm married to a blonde. I speak blonde."

He goes back to the blonde and whispers in her ear, and she says, "Oh, I'm sorry." Then she gets up and goes back to her seat in economy class.

The flight attendant and co-pilot are amazed and ask him what he said to make her move without any fuss. I told her, "First class isn't going to Houston."

### GRANDKIDS' HUMOUR

(These are from our Whitton grandkids - Ed)

- Zaccy says, "Mum, how did someone discover drinking cow's milk?? Did he see a calf drinking his mummy's breast milk and think 'I'm going to try that!' and go have a drink too?? Because that's WEIRD!!!"
- His big brother Simbo commented the other day that when somebody dies they have to have a post modem. His dad corrected him saying, "No, son, that's when the computer dies." (Just proves they don't get this stuff from their grandpa. Well, at least not all of it.)
- Their mum says to their dad, "I don't know why we bought them that cricket set. All they do with it is play Star Wars with it." And of course their dad says, "Yeh, the Umpire strikes back."
- Quote chalked by eldest Whitton granddaughter India on their driveway - "Insanity doesn't run in our family. It just strolls through, taking its time and getting to know each one of us personally."
- A letter written before lunch one day and delivered, "Dear Mum, I do hope my letter finds you well and not bored. I have taken the time to write this letter and tell you that I am a little hungry. PS Wat's for lunch? Sincerely signed, Sim"

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At the turn of the previous century, the present day Pentecostal Movement came into being, emphasizing "speaking in tongues" and "divine healing." Their failure to "rightly divide the Word of Truth" led to many false teachings regarding the ministry of the Holy Spirit and produced confusion in the minds of the saved and unsaved religionists alike. This Pentecostal Movement arose mainly from within various Protestant churches but they were soon forced out, either because of their unusual beliefs and practices or, in some cases, because they felt unhappy in churches which had become liberal theologically and worldly in position and practice. At least two things can be said for most of these early Pentecostals—they utterly repudiated the liberalism of the ecumenical movement and would not condone mixing the world with the church.

In the 1960's a new movement took shape, sharing the basic doctrines of Pentecostalism but advocating a "stay in" rather than a "come out" policy with regard to church affiliations. This movement is commonly known as the "Charismatic Movement." It involves not only various Protestant churches but Roman Catholic churches as well. In fact, if one is able to "speak in tongues" or if he has experienced a "healing," he is accepted by the Charismatics with little or no regard to his church affiliation or doctrinal deviation. When you hear Roman Catholics talk about how their "baptism in the Holy Spirit" has given them a greater love for the Mass, you know that this cannot be attributed to the Holy Spirit, but rather to a false spirit.

In the 1980's, yet another movement appeared on the religious scene which made the Pentecostal/charismatic false teachings even more appealing and dangerous. Why? Because this movement promoted the same, basic unscriptural doctrines held by Pentecostals and

Charismatics while, in its inception, disclaiming any relationship to either of these groups, thus making it especially attractive to evangelicals and fundamentalists who did not want to wear the label of either group because of their deviant teachings and practices.

The impetus for this new movement came largely from several widely circulated books and many lectures to evangelical groups around the world by Dr. John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard Christian Fellowship, and Dr. Peter Wagner of Fuller Theological Seminary Institute of Church Growth. Both men greatly influenced each other and, as they experimented with various teachings and practices related to "healing, miracles, signs and wonders," they soon went even beyond the Pentecostal and charismatic errors. They claimed that the exorcising of so called "territorial spirits" was essential to complete the task of world evangelization; and, that God had re-established the offices of prophet and apostle with those supposedly holding these offices receiving direct messages from God for the church, and exercising divine authority over the church. This newest movement is often referred to as "Power Evangelism," "Healing, Signs, Wonders and Miracles Evangelism," or the "Third Wave of the Holy Spirit." Ecumenical in scope and decidedly worldly in practice the three so called "waves of the Holy Spirit" (Pentecostals, Charismatics and Power Evangelism teachers) have now blended into a powerful coalition which is rapidly spreading. This poses a great threat to the purity of the Church and the Gospel.

Other pastors and Bible teachers have dealt at length with the dangers of the Charismatic Movement and how scripturally unsound the movement is. Our purpose in this article is to briefly point out some of the real dangers of this movement so that God's people will be informed and forewarned. We realize that there are many true



believers involved in this movement. But that fact in no way decreases the dangers inherent in it. It is important to look at principles, doctrines and positions and not to look solely at the individuals who compose this movement. The Word of God must be the only basis for conclusions drawn—we must not judge by personal relationships or prejudice.

#### THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT IS UNBIBLICAL BECAUSE...

***It accepts tongues, interpretation of tongues, visions, dreams, prophecies, etc., as being messages from God to His children.*** This is a grave danger. Once you accept "extra biblical messages" (those which are in addition to the Bible but not necessarily contrary to the Bible per se) it is not long before you will be accepting "anti-biblical messages" as being valid (those which directly contradict God's Word). The Charismatic Movement has done and is doing exactly that. In reality, all extra biblical messages are anti-biblical messages because God's Word specifically warns against adding to the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 4:2; Revelation 22:18, 19).

The Charismatic Movement defends these extra biblical, anti-biblical messages on the basis that, "New winds of the Holy Spirit are blowing." They say, "Who knows what the Holy Spirit may do?" Let no one forget, however, that the Word of God is a completed revelation and was given by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:19). We can be sure of one thing—the Holy Spirit will never contradict Himself. It was the Holy Spirit Who warned about adding to the Word of God. Therefore, those who add to God's Word cannot claim to be authorized or empowered by the Holy Spirit.

***It encourages its followers to stay in apostate Protestant churches as well as Roman Catholic churches and other churches which preach and teach a false gospel by asserting that if the supposed "gifts of the Spirit" are present in false religious systems then joining them in evangelism, worship, service, etc., must be an acceptable ministry.*** God's Word plainly tells believers that those who preach another gospel are "accursed" (Galatians 1:6,9) and that those who fellowship with false teachers are partakers of their evil deeds (2 John 10, 11). Satanic deception through false tongues, miracles, and the like help to bring together what God's Word declares must be kept separate. The Charismatic Movement is promoting the Ecumenical Movement and the Roman Catholic Church by overlooking serious doctrinal error, with eternal consequences, for the sake of "unity in the Spirit." This is very dangerous!

***It sells and promotes, like the New Evangelical Movement, most of the new Bible versions and translations, many of which add to or take from the***

***Word of God.*** This is also very dangerous because it destroys confidence in the written Word by causing the reader to question the divinely preserved text. The new Bible versions water down and actually change vital teachings of the Word of God as well.

***It places unscriptural and undue emphasis on physical healing.*** This stumbles many precious believers who are falsely taught that it is always God's will to heal. Both the Scriptures and experience teach that God may use physical afflictions for refining, correcting and chastening (Hebrews 12:3 11; Job 23:10). God's Word teaches that He can heal anyone, anytime, but that He does not heal everyone, every time. Paul learned this truth when God explained why his thrice repeated prayer for personal healing was not granted (2 Corinthians 12:1 10); and, also, when one of Paul's faithful helpers, Trophimus was unable to accompany him because of sickness (2 Timothy 4:20). When we pray for healing for ourselves or others, we must never forget that such healing is always God's prerogative based upon what He knows is best for each of His children, not upon "demanding" or "claiming" such healing as do the Charismatics.

***It, unlike its predecessor, Pentecostalism, fosters and encourages a spirit of worldliness in the church and in the individual believer.*** Instead of striving for true holiness and Godliness in speech, dress, hair, music, entertainment, etc., the Charismatic Movement prides itself in using worldly means to entertain their own and attract the lost. This is also very dangerous. Read 1 John 2:15 17.



***It encourages women to forsake their God given place in the Church.*** This results in disorderly homes and disorderly churches with women assuming places of leadership in direct violation of the Word of God. It is strange, inconsistent and sad to hear Charismatics using

the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians to justify speaking in tongues as a gift of the Spirit for our day when that very same chapter says plainly "Let your women keep silence in the churches..." (1 Corinthians 14:34). To countermand God's command to women is dangerous.

***It promotes and encourages what is called "coming under the power," a dangerous practice in which certain leaders "lay hands" on people*** causing them to "swoon, faint slump down, experience the power" etc., thereafter remaining unconscious or semi-conscious for several seconds or longer. The Charismatics attempt to use John 18:6 to justify this practice which is another example of how they twist the Scriptures to justify and defend their practices. There is no Scriptural precedent, example or command for this experience. Hypnotic suggestion and the desire for an extra-biblical experience opens one up to either pretended or demonically energized results which parallel those of the occult.



***It glories in "miracles" and often uses a "miracle" as the basis for validating a person's message or practices, even though the message or the practice is unscriptural.***

This is dangerous since the Scriptures plainly teach that the last days will be days of great deceitfulness (2 Timothy 3:13). God warns that the coming of the Anti-Christ will usher in a time of "all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9-11). We read in Revelation 13:3 that the deadly wound of the Beast was healed and that the "Second Beast" deceived men by the use of miracles, even having the power to give life to an image (Revelation 13:11-18). The validation of a man's message and methods today is not "miracles"—it is conformity to the Word of God. It is dangerous to accept any other basis of judgment. The false notion that miracles must accompany the preaching of the Gospel in order for the lost to be saved today is definitely unbiblical. The one true Gospel of salvation by faith alone in Christ Jesus is still, and will ever be, God's power "unto salvation" to everyone who believes the simple Gospel message (Romans 1:16). Undoubtedly multitudes today are trusting in a charismatic "experience" for their salvation due to these false teachings rather than upon the sure

promises of God's Word. John 1:12; 3:36; 5:24; Rom. 10:13-17.

***It confuses and misleads believers as to Scriptural teachings concerning prayer.*** Using Matthew 18:19 (...if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything...) as a basis for claiming healing, financial blessings or solution of any problem, they ignore what God says in 1 John 5:14,15 (...if we ask any thing according to his will...). The charismatic teaching that it is never God's will for any believer to be ill or in trouble of any kind is neither Scriptural nor is it actually true in their own ministries and personal experiences. Yet, over and over again, Charismatic leaders say to people in public meetings or to multitudes over the airwaves, "Let's agree together that every person listening or watching be healed—in Jesus' name." Are all such healed then or later? Of course not! By twisting and misapplying the Scriptures, they are deceiving millions.

***It promotes dangerous and unscriptural teachings concerning the present power of Satan and the believer's attitude toward this "prince of the power of the air"*** (Ephesians 2:2). Charismatic leaders whip their audiences into a veritable frenzy as they speak of binding Satan, casting him out of individuals and into the pit, etc. They talk of "stomping on Satan" and "chasing him out of this world." Such teaching completely ignores the believer's Scriptural instructions. We are to "resist Satan" (1 Peter 5:8,9); to put on "the whole armour of God" that we may be able to stand against his wiles and quench all his fiery darts (Ephesians 6:10-17), not forgetting the Scriptural example of Michael the archangel's attitude when dealing with the devil (Jude 9).

In conclusion... We firmly believe that a careful examination of the biblical text reveals that "speaking in tongues" ceased with the completion of the Canon of Scripture (1 Corinthians 13:8). We firmly believe that it is wrong to teach believers to tarry for or seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Bible clearly teaches that all believers have been baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13) and that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ are not His at all (Romans 8:9b).

We firmly believe that the erroneous teachings of the Charismatic Movement have obscured many true and blessed teachings regarding the ministry of the Holy Spirit Who convicts the world of sin (John 16:8-11), intercedes in prayer to the Father on behalf of the believer (Romans 8:26, 27); comforts, teaches and guides believers into the truth of the Word (John 14:15, 26; 16:7, 13); and Who has "sealed [us] unto the day of Redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). The Holy Spirit has a blessed and important

ministry in the life of every believer and we dare not neglect, belittle or pervert this wonderful ministry. The Holy Spirit uses the written Word which He gave through the apostles and prophets to guide us into all truth. The Holy Spirit will never lead us to do or say anything contrary to the Bible, God's Holy, inerrant, infallible, eternal Word (2 Timothy 3:16)

Someone may ask, "What if the Charismatic Movement is right and you are wrong about "speaking in tongues" being for our day? Is it possible that God does want His people to have this gift now?"

The answer is clear—if "speaking in tongues" is for our day, then surely it ought to be practiced and used according to the Scriptures and not what is being practiced in the modern "tongues" movement. Not all believers could expect to have this gift (1 Corinthians 12:4 11, 28 31) and "tongues speakers" should remain silent unless an interpreter was present (1 Corinthians 14:28). The one speaking had understanding of what he spoke in the unlearned, foreign language (it was never unintelligent gibberish) and unless he or an interpreter would make the message or prayer known to the rest of the church, his understanding would be "unfruitful" (unprofitable) with respect to the edification of the rest of

the church (1 Corinthians 14:4 6, 12 17 cf. 12:7). Also, men were to have the leadership in the church and the women were to submit to their Spirit enabled ministry; no woman was to speak in tongues in the churches (1 Timothy 2:11,12; 1 Corinthians 14:34). Charismatics scorn these truths.

If the Charismatic Movement were of the Holy Spirit of God, it would be exercising spiritual discernment and calling for separation from false prophets, apostate churches and unscriptural practices. It would also be exposing the false gospels and other heresies taught by the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches, not joining with them in evangelism, prayer and worship.

For all of these reasons and many others like them, we sound this word of warning: Beware of the unbiblical teachings and practices of the Charismatic Movement.

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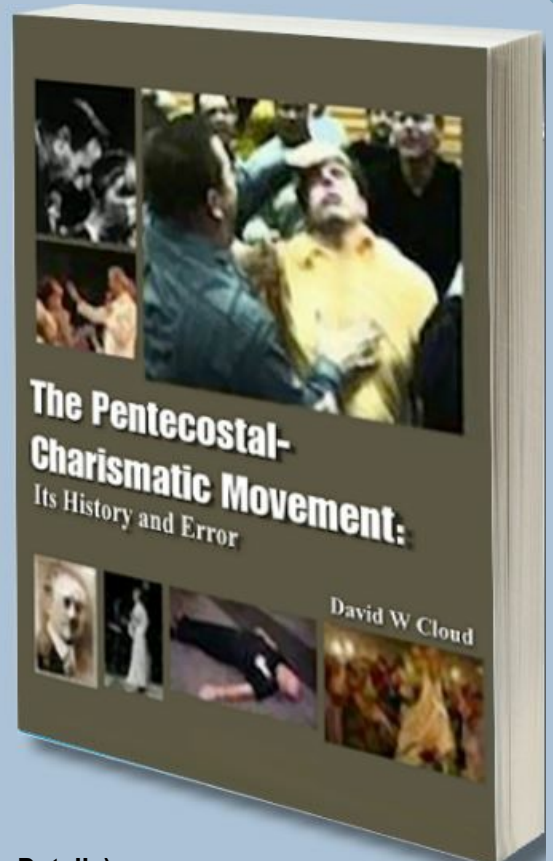
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If there is a psalm that is familiar to the common man it would have to be Psalm 23. And if there is a verse in the Psalm that is known widely it would be verse 1, "**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.**" We know it, and love it.

Those who read their Bibles also know that God commands us not to add to nor to take away from Holy Scripture. So why the heading at the top of the Eddy-Torial, "The missing phrase from Psalm 23:1"? God doesn't leave anything out of (nor include any unnecessary words in) the Bible. I phrased the heading above as it is to provoke the reader to think about the unspoken truth that is implied in the first phrase of the verse, "The LORD is my Shepherd." An unspoken truth? No, I am not promoting some sort of advanced revelation, or rationalistic gnostic heresy. Included in "The LORD is my shepherd" is this fact: **A Shepherd meets the all needs of his sheep.** It is, in this verse at least, an unspoken truth. I suggest that THAT truth is explained and expounded in the rest of the Psalm,

***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:  
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.***

Could it be that David's heart leapt up in joyful praise to declare the conclusion of the Psalm after he penned the first phrase, even before he could prove his thesis, so that he stated his conclusion, "I SHALL NOT WANT!" right from the first.

I recently celebrated my fiftieth birthday in the LORD. It was sometime in April of 1963 that the Shepherd found this poor lost sheep, and plucked my feet out of the miry clay and took me home to the sheepfold of the Redeemed.

When I rejoice in the greatness of my Shepherd I can not help pausing to look back over that blessed half century, and say, "The LORD has been my shepherd, I have not wanted..." And as I look forward to whatever days



remain, I can say, "The LORD is still my Shepherd, I shall NEVER want!!!" That is the prospect of the LORD's sheep.

The phone rang on a Friday afternoon. It was from one of our missionaries, Bro. Bob Hawke. He and his family had been in Mexico for less than a year when someone slipped a little bolt into the intake manifold of his pickup truck and destroyed a piston. He needed a replacement engine, and he needed someone to bring it 500 miles down into Mexico and help him install it. Thus began an important chapter in the Life of Faith for me and my family. We saw firsthand the Shepherd's care for His sheep.

All of His sheep.

One of Bro. Hawke's prayer partners, when he heard of the need, offered to pay for the replacement engine. Another, who managed an engine rebuilding business, said he would work overtime to get one ready by Wednesday morning. A Christian florist offered his delivery van to carry the engine. Another missionary offered to go and help with the driving and engine swap.

We arrived in Durango at midday on Thursday, and by nightfall, had the engine in place and running. Early Friday

morning we were on our way home. It had all gone so well that we rejoiced over the kindness of the Shepherd. We'd had to buy Mexican insurance for our vehicle, and it was due to expire at sundown Friday so we needed to push on.

*Say, I wonder if you know that the Shepherd sometimes lets His sheep hear the wolves howl? Do you think he also lets us see them prowling around the Lord's flock as He keeps watch over them at night?*

We were about half way back to the border, close to 3 PM, and I was driving, the missionary brother was asleep on a mattress in the back of the van, when the Shepherd permitted the Wolf to attack! (Would He do such a thing? Doesn't He love His sheep? Yes, and yes. But He does let the wolf threaten His sheep so He can teach them that He will care for them in every crisis.)

If you pull up an interactive map of Mexico on the computer, you will find a little town called Parras, about half way between Torreon and Saltillo. It is off the main highway, about 10-15 miles south. You will see a T-junction where the road to Parras joins the main highway. That's where the Wolf was lying in ambush.

One one side of the road was a cafe and on the other side, a petrol station. As I drove through the intersection a little boy darted across the road in front of the van, and it looked like we would not be able to avoid hitting him and running over him. The Wolf was there, but the Shepherd was nearer. I wrenched the wheel to the right, and heard the boy hit the side of the van. There was no indication we had run over him, but the van was now up on two wheels and on the point of rolling over, when we skidded off the road, through the dust..... and straight into a slippery and shallow mud puddle. It probably saved our lives, since the van settled back onto all four wheels. We both leapt out of the van and raced back to the lad lying in the middle of the road bleeding. My heart sunk in me. I knew that it was possible I would be locked up in a Mexican jail, never to return to my dear wife and new baby. Here we were in the middle of the desert, the nearest town (or so we thought) at least an hour's drive in either direction. The Wolf was very near.

But the Shepherd was nearer.

You see, the Shepherd knew about the little boy. He saw his foolish action... before the world was. He saw the Wolf and knew the size of his fangs.

And so He sent a doctor down that highway, and prompted him to stop for a cup of coffee just at that moment, and he sent a policeman from Parras an hour

before so he could see for himself what the little lad did and what we did to avoid him, and then to take the little boy to Parras. Why to Parras? Because the only hospital for 180 miles was in Parras. And the Shepherd knew the little boy would need an X-ray, so he moved men's hearts to provide an X-ray machine and set it up and get it running the week before we needed it. The Shepherd knew that my Spanish was so elementary that He arranged for a local teenager to spend the year previous as an exchange student in America so he could serve as an interpreter for us at the police station.

I was placed under arrest until the little boy could be X-rayed, so the other missionary walked down the street to find a phone to call our insurance company and make sure we were covered at the time of the accident. And the Shepherd sent an "angel" to help. No, not a Heavenly angel. Just an earthly angel, a most unusual "angel." He stopped my friend in the street and asked who he was and where he was from and what he was doing there.

When he told him our plight, he said to him, "I am \_\_\_\_\_ and I own all these vineyards you see on the hills around Parras. I have many friends in America and love Gringos. If I can help in any way, please ring me and I will assist you." My friend rang the insurance company and received assurance that we were covered, and then returned to the police station.

The hours dragged on and on as we waited for the doctor's report. Finally, the chief of police said that he would have to lock me up in the jail overnight. My friend asked if he might use his telephone to ring the winemaker, and was allowed to do so. He then asked him if he would be willing to stand good for us so that we could stay in a motel? We never knew what he said to the Jefe. All we heard was, "Si, si, si. Ok, you can go!"

Our funds were drying up quickly so that we had only enough for a room, and some breakfast, but did not know how we would get back to town the next morning. The Shepherd knew all about it beforehand and had an American tourist sitting at the table next to ours, and of course, he offered to take us back into town.

The hours dragged on all day Saturday, until finally the Jefe told us the little boy only had a concussion and was out of danger. And then we heard the Wolf growl one last time. The Jefe told me that he was imposing a fine of 1000 pesos (about \$85) because the van had "faulty brakes". My heart sunk. We had no money left to pay a fine. It looked like I would go to jail after all. That is, until my friend went out to the van and dug through the glove box and found a check book. Some of you will remember when checks came with only the bank's name on it, no



account holder's name, and no account number. So we asked the Jefe, "Can we write you a check for the fine in Yankee dollars? We do not (either one of us) have an account in this bank, but we will go back and open one and put money in it to cover the check?"

To this day, I think that the LORD, who is my Shepherd, took the Jefe's head in His hands and nodded it up and down, and then filled his lungs with air and moved his vocal chords and tongue to form two sweet little Spanish

words, "Si, señor!" And He even pulled his cheeks and lips back into a big smile.

In a few hours we were home in our own beds and rejoicing that

***"The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want!!!!!!!!!"***

P.S. The Shepherd also made sure that I opened an account and deposited the money as promised.

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