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## Feature Article - The Great Benefits of Fasting and Prayer

by *Ichabod Spencer*

The sixteenth day of March, in the year 1831, was observed, by the church, in which I was pastor, as a day of fasting and prayer. This appointment was made with special reference to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; to seek, by united prayer, the revival of God's work in the midst of the congregation. The meetings for prayer were held in the church building, and a large portion of the members were present.

The next week, as I was returning home from a religious meeting late in the evening, and had turned into an unfrequented crossroad, in order to shorten the distance I had to walk; I was startled at the sudden sound of footsteps behind me, which seemed to be those of a man rapidly approaching me in the dark.

I did not know but some evil-minded person might intend to do me harm in that obscure place, and under cover of the impenetrable darkness of one of the darkest nights that I ever saw. I did not choose to run, for, in that case, I should never know why I was so hotly pursued. I felt glad, that I had some corporeal strength;



and though I cannot say that my courage very specially forsook me, yet I had no particular liking for a hostile attack and a tussle in the dark.

As the footsteps so rapidly approaching me appeared to be directly in my rear, like a lover of peace I crossed to the other side of the road; and not preferring an attack in the rear, I stopped and faced about.

My pursuer espied me, and, without slackening his pace, ran directly towards me across the street, till, coming within ten feet of me, much out of breath, he called my name. "That is my name, sir," said I. He came close up to me, panting for breath, and stopped in silence. After a few heavy and rapid breathings, he spoke. He told me who he was, and why he had run after me. He was a young man of my congregation, to whom I had never before spoken. I did not know him personally. He had just come from the schoolhouse where I had been preaching; and, not willing to be seen by his companions speaking to me, he had waited till they were out of the way, and then run after me, through the obscure street into which he had seen me turn.

He wanted to see me, for he felt that he was "a sinner unreconciled to God, and in danger of hell." "What shall I do?" said he; "I can't live so another week. Is there any way that such a one as I am can be saved?"

I had a long conversation with him standing there in the dark, (for he did not choose to go home with me,) and I found, that his first impressions of any particular seriousness had commenced in the church, on the Fast-day, the week before. He was an apprentice in a mechanic's shop, where there were more than a dozen other irreligious young men. The master of the shop (not a professor of religion), told the whole of them, that if they wished to attend church on the Fast-day, they need not work.

They accepted his proposal. And as he himself afterwards told me, that was the reason why he went to church that day himself. He said, he "did not expect the boys would take his offer, but would prefer to stay at home and work;" and if they had done so, he would have done so too; "but when they were all going to church," says he, "I was ashamed to stay at home."

That young man, his employer, and almost the entire number of those young men in the shop, became communicants in the church before the close of that year. Thirteen persons were received into the church, whose seriousness commenced that day, in the church, while the people of God were praying for that very thing.

*'The Lord is with you while ye be with Him.' 'Before they call I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.'*

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## One Man's Confession of Faith Regarding the Holy Scriptures -

In light of modern controversies over the matters of the inspiration and preservation of Scripture, and to prevent misunderstanding of my own position on these questions, I have thought it appropriate to write a confession of my faith on these essential Biblical truths.

I confess that God, through a supernatural operation of His Spirit, used holy men to miraculously produce the autographs of the 66 canonical books of the Bible, controlling them in such a manner that the very words, and all of the words, that they recorded were the very words of God Himself (2 Peter 1:16-21). This miraculous production of the autographs of the Bible was absolutely unique. It never has been, and never will be, replicated by any individual or group of individuals whatever who copy, collate, compile, or translate Biblical manuscripts. Consequently, all views that affirm that any copyist, compiler, or translator of the Bible was

controlled in the same miraculous manner as the original writers of Scripture must be rejected. I therefore reject the views of Peter Ruckman, Gail Riplinger, and all others who affirm that the King James Version contains advanced revelation or is superior to the original language texts of the Bible.<sup>[i]</sup>

I confess that the verbally, plenary inspired Scriptures are the product of this miraculous process (2 Timothy 3:16). While entirely rejecting the idea that inspiration or enscripturation as a process ever has been or ever will be replicated, I confess that accurate copies of the Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic autographa are God's Word, having in them the breath of God (Matthew 4:4) in the same manner that the original manuscripts were the Word of God, inasmuch as the words of such copies are identical to the words of the autographs. Furthermore, any copy, to the extent that it has the same words and sentences as the autographs, is to that extent the inspired Word of God.

I further confess, in accordance with classical Baptist and orthodox Protestant Bibliology,<sup>[ii]</sup> that, in the same sense that Scripture, when translated, is still Scripture, and thus is still holy, living, powerful, sharper than any twoedged sword, and able to save (Romans 1:2; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:21), it also still has both the quality of having the breath of God in it and the resultant quality of being profitable (2 Timothy 3:16, *pasa graphe Theopneustos kai ophelimos*).<sup>[iii]</sup>

Concerning the preservation of Scripture,<sup>[iv]</sup> I confess:

**1.)** God revealed the Scriptures so men could know His will both in the Old and New Testaments and in the future (Deuteronomy 31:9-13, 24-29; 1 John 1:1-4, 2:1-17; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:12-15). The Bible is clear that no Scripture was intended for only the original recipient (Romans 15:4, 16:25-26; 1 Corinthians 10:11). God intended for His Word to be recognized and received by the churches as a whole (Colossians 4:16; Revelation 1:3-4). The inspired text of Scripture is to be guarded (1 Timothy 6:20-21) as a "form (pattern) of sound words" for the church (2 Timothy 1:13-14) and used to instruct all future churches (2 Timothy 2:2).

**2.)** The Bible promises that God will preserve every one of His words forever down to the very jot and tittle,<sup>[v]</sup> the smallest letter (Psalm 12:6-7, 33:11, 119:152, 160; Isaiah 30:8, 40:8; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Matthew 5:18, 24:35).

- 3.)** The Bible assures us that God's words are perfect and pure (Psalm 12:6-7; Proverbs 30:5-6).
- 4.)** The Bible promises that God would make His words generally available to every generation of believers (Deuteronomy 29:29; 30:11-14; Isaiah 34:16, 59:21; Matthew 4:4; 5:18-19; 2 Peter 3:2; Jude 17).
- 5.)** The Bible promises there will be certainty as to the words of God (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Revelation 22:18-19; 2 Peter 1:19; Luke 1:4; Proverbs 1:23, 22:20-21; Daniel 12:9-10; 1 John 2:20).
- 6.)** The Bible promises that God would lead His saints into all truth, and that the Word, all of His words, are truth (John 16:13, 17:8, 17). Believers are not to set themselves above the Word but receive it with the faith of a little child, rejecting secular and worldly "wisdom" (Matthew 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 3:18-20).
- 7.)** God states that the Bible will be settled to the extent that someone could not add or take away from His words and effectually corrupt them (Revelation 22:18-19; Deuteronomy 12:32).
- 8.)** The Bible shows that the true churches of Christ would receive and guard these words (Matthew 28:19-20; John 17:8; Acts 8:14, 11:1, 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 Timothy 3:15).
- 9.)** The Bible presents as a pattern that that believers would receive these words from other believers (Deuteronomy 17:18; 29:29; 1 Kings 2:3; Proverbs 25:1; Acts 7:38; Hebrews 7:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:6; Philippians 4:9; Colossians 4:16).
- 10.)** The Bible shows that God's promises may appear to contradict science and reason. In Genesis 2 we see that a newly created world may look ancient. However, the Scriptures remind us that "it is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man" (Psalm 118:8). We believe in order that we may understand.
- 11.)** Christ taught the preservation of His very words, since they will be the standard in the future judgment (John 12:48) and men will be accountable to obey all of them. He also warned of the vanity of ignoring His actual words (Matthew 7:26). Christ emphatically declared, "the scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). In Matthew 22:29 Jesus rebuked men, saying, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." If the Scriptures were only accessible in long-lost original autographs then why would the Lord chide people for being ignorant of words that were not available? Believers are commanded to contend for the faith (Jude 3) and this faith is based upon the words of God (Romans 10:17).
- 12.)** In summary, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4) and "we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Scripture, and faith in the promises of God, must be the "glasses" through which we evaluate historical data about the preservation of the Bible. Scripture teaches the verbal, plenary preservation of the verbally, plenary inspired autographs (Psalm 12:6-7; Matthew 5:18; Matthew 24:35); that the preserved words would be perpetually available to God's people (Isaiah 59:21); and that Israel was the guardian of Scripture in the Mosaic dispensation (Romans 3:1-2), and the church the guardian in the dispensation of grace (1 Timothy 3:15). The Holy Spirit would lead the saints to accept the words the Father gave to the Son to give to His people (John 16:13; 17:8). Believers can know with certainty where the canonical words of God are, because they are to live by every one of them (Matthew 4:4; Revelation 22:18-19) and are going to be judged by them at the last day (John 12:48).

I further confess that, receiving with the faith of a little child (Matthew 18:3; Luke 18:16-17) God's own testimony to His own perfectly inspired, preserved, and self-authenticating Word, only the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek Received Texts of Scripture, those original language texts from which the Authorized Version of the Bible was translated, fit the Biblical model of preservation.



I confess that the modern critical Greek text of Scripture, represented in the Nestle-Aland and United Bible Society editions, being a modern creation that was not in use by the people of God for well over a thousand years and differing in c. 7% of its text from the Received Bible, can by no means be reconciled with God's promises about the preservation of His Word.

I likewise confess that the printed Hodges-Farstad and Robinson-Pierpont texts, while far superior to the critical Greek text and far closer to the perfectly preserved Textus Receptus, do not fit the Scriptural pattern for the preservation of Scripture when they differ from the Received Text, for true churches have not been led by the Spirit of God to receive their texts as perfect, the idea that the pure Word of God was not available for century after century but only came into existence in print in 1992, and that God's people have not had the pure Word in their vernacular languages, as no major translations in any language whatever have been made from the Hodges-Farstad and Robinson-Pierpont texts, is impossible.

Furthermore, I confess that the Hodges-Farstad and Robinson-Pierpont texts are most improperly designated the "Majority Text," for neither of them is a collation of the 5,000+ Greek manuscripts currently in existence, but they are rather collations of only a few hundred manuscripts, and there are hundreds of verses where they do not follow the reading of the majority of manuscripts.<sup>[vi]</sup> Rather, the Textus Receptus that underlies the Authorized Version of the Bible, that holy Word that was in use by Baptist churches and believers in other denominations<sup>[vii]</sup> both in the time from the invention of the printing press until the present day, and also the type of text in use by the line of true churches and believers, who were first denominated Christians, and then Baptists or Anabaptists, in the ancient and medieval periods, is the true Majority Text, and the only text that the Spirit has led Bible-believing churches who accept the testimony of Scripture to its own preservation to receive as canonical and perfectly preserved.<sup>[viii]</sup>

I therefore confess with true churches, countless martyrs, and the humble and faithful people of God, that the Textus Receptus, loved, copied, printed, translated, read, memorized, meditated upon, and preached for century after century, is indeed God's very living and holy Word, delivered miraculously from heaven, providentially<sup>[ix]</sup> and perfectly preserved, and with holy joy and wonder received by me in faith as His own living oracles in my hands.

I likewise confess that I reject all textual criticism that denies or ignores God's own promises about His providential work in preserving His Word, and that approaches the holy Scriptures in an atheistic and naturalistic way as if God's Word were to be evaluated as if it were any common, uninspired and unpreserved book, instead joyfully receiving, with love, holy reverence, awe, and fear (Psalm 119:97; 119:120; Isaiah 66:2), that very Received Text that has been in use by true churches and the people of God from the time that God gave the autographs until this day.

I confess with such true churches and saints that the Scriptures I can with reverent delight hold in my hands, "being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and Providence kept pure in all Ages, are therefore authentical," and likewise join such churches to confess that, while there is plentiful external evidence for the inspiration and preservation of Scripture, nonetheless our "full persuasion, and assurance of the infallible truth, and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts."<sup>[x]</sup>

In relation to the English translation of the Authorized Version, I confess that I receive it with veneration, believing that the God who providentially works in all of history would certainly providentially work in relation to the translation of His Word that would be in use by Baptist churches for over 400 years in the language that God ordained would become the first truly world-wide language since the tower of Babel.

I confess that I do not believe that modern Baptist churches should use any other English translation than the Authorized Version, nor do I see any necessity for revising the KJV at any time during my lifetime.<sup>[xi]</sup>

However, I also confess that the promises of preservation are specifically made for Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words, not English words (Matthew 5:18), and that there are no specific promises that state that Scripture would be translated without error. Since no verses of the Bible promise a perfect English translation, I respect the views of brethren who, while receiving the promises of God concerning the preservation of His perfect Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek words, believe that there are places where the English of the King James Version would be better rendered otherwise.<sup>[xii]</sup> Furthermore, I recognize that there can be more than one accurate way to translate a verse from the original language into the vernacular.<sup>[xiii]</sup>

Nevertheless, because the people of God who do not know the original languages should have (a justified) confidence that when they hold the King James Bible in their hands, they have God's very Word in their own language, and because I respect the high confidence that the Head of the church has led His congregations to place in the English of the Authorized Version, and because I have found in my own language study that, time and again, there are excellent reasons for the translation choices in the Authorized Version, and because I am not aware of any single place where I can, with a certain confidence and definitiveness, affirm that the English of the King James Version cannot possibly be justified as a translation but is indubitably in error,<sup>[xiv]</sup> I refrain from criticizing the English of the King James Bible, and when it is appropriate in preaching and teaching to mention a different way the text can be translated, I choose to say, "this word (or verse, etc.) could also be translated as" rather than "this word (or verse, etc.) would be better translated as." This is the faith that I confess in relation to the translation of the Bible into my mother tongue.

All of the above is the faith in the inspiration and preservation of Scripture I believe and confess with my whole mind and heart.

Unless convinced otherwise by the Scriptures, I will continue to believe and confess this faith, by the enabling grace of God, until Christ's return or my death.

*by Kent Brandenburg*

(Ed. - To read more, including the footnotes referenced above, please go to <http://kentbrandenburg.blogspot.com.au/2012/06/confession-of-faith-on-inspiration-and-28.html>)

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Deacon True Sez -

"We shouldn't get too upset when politicians mess up real bad. Lots of folks do that in their first real job."

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### **Psalm 138:2**

**"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."**

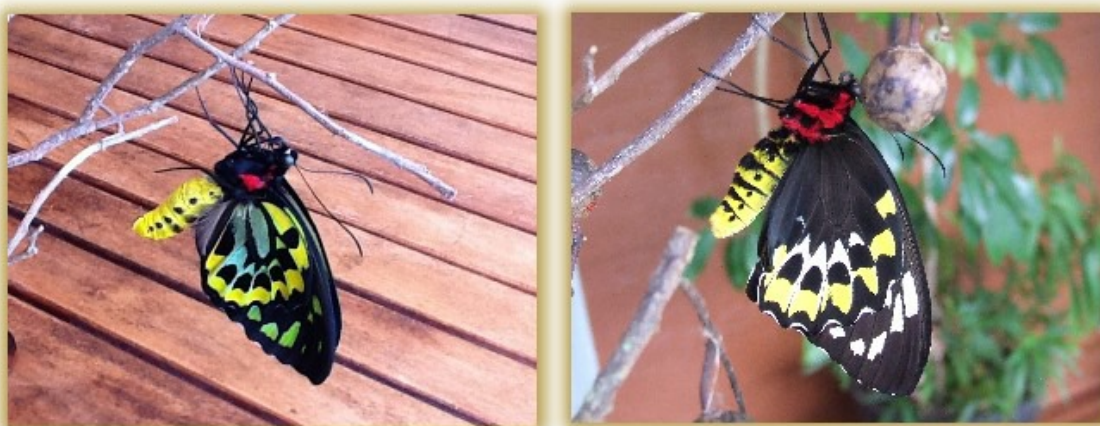
## Critter Sermons -

### A New Life – a Changed Critter

At last, you say! Yes, at last our butterfly has emerged and become a separated creature. What a change! What an exciting time! I guess that of all the studies and observations of this happening, this is the greatest.



To see the new life emerge, the vivid colors, the amazing shapes, and then to see this butterfly fly off into Gods creation is exciting and a joy every time.



(Left) Male Cairns Birdwing

(Right) Female Cairns Birdwing

From our top pictures of crumpled wings, this butterfly has pumped through the veins of its wings a liquid solution so that they may form perfectly and now only need to dry and strengthen before flying. This solution sets hard and becomes the framework of that beautiful wing. Once again the unused liquid will be discarded before flying begins.

I trust you have been able sometime to take a microscope and look at the dust that comes from the butterfly wing. Note those colours, their perfect placement, and their vivid appearance. Try and imagine with me that those colours are made up of billions of minute dust particles. Each one is only just barely visible to the naked eye. We do not have a camera to photograph them for you to see but I will try and explain. Under the microscope that tiny dust particle becomes what could be described as a scale, with a tiny quill to hold it into the wing structure. Each one of these is vividly coloured for the spot it is located,

some even have several colours. They are also layered one on top of the other to protect and colour the wing. Sometimes you may have noted a tattered butterfly that has lost its colours, caused by scales detaching.

Isn't it incredible that the Big Bang put all this in its perfect order? In all our travels we have never yet seen any type of bang or explosion leave anything in perfect order. Oh how sad it is that sin has depraved the mind of man to say such a ridiculous thing. For Pat and I it is so much simpler to see God's handiwork in all creation, and by faith believe that He has done it. I do not know about you but we believe one of these butterflies was on Noah's Ark, but you get the message.

The sad thing about it all is that every unbelieving scientist or man woman or child, will have to face the God of all creation and hear Him say, "The invisible things of my creation have left you without excuse" Romans 1:19. Imagine facing God with the wing of a butterfly in your hand and arguing with Him about who made it!

Dear readers, there is no excuse for any today not to believe. God has sent His Son Jesus to die the death we should have died, pay the price we should have paid, sent His Holy Spirit to convict and convince us, and then hide us in Christ to protect us. Colossians 3:3. You have no excuse, your family has no excuse, and no man since Adam (including him) has any excuse. Our whole problem is that we do not want to admit there is a Mighty God, as this would make us responsible to serve Him.

For those who have trusted Jesus, Satan has put so many traps before us that we must keep our eyes on Jesus or we will be caught. This beautiful butterfly was not watching and is being devoured.



(Left) Caught by the Enemy



(Right) Ready to Fly

Perhaps we could make one more application. This last picture you see of our butterfly sitting on our outdoor table is ready to fly. Though he may not know it his first flight will be to a flower to get food. Doing this will pollinate and reproduce that flower. Yes, this butterfly with all its created beauty will not only glorify God in its self, but will be the means of reproducing the flowers that glorify Him. The female will then mate and lay eggs and reproduce itself.

We are new creatures in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17-18.) We ought to live our lives in a way that will glorify Him at all times, and maybe pollinate others into wanting to live and glorify Him. Also this butterfly reproduced his own kind. In Matthew chapter 1 we read all the BEGATS, kind producing kind, like producing like. The butterfly since God created it has produced a true type or kind as God designed it to do. Are we to sit down and just enjoy the new life in Christ, or are we to live and work and witness so that we might reproduce ourselves? Is our life and witness such that it would reproduce others who will glorify God? What will your life reproduce? Well, is that the finish? No, our butterflies' whole aim is to live and glorify God and reproduce his kind.



We want to encourage all who have read this simple little story, to press on. Yes, the going gets tough, but we have a powerful God, a God who will guide and lead us and yes, a God who has promised to give us souls for our labor, and a God who is taking us home to heaven some day soon. "Hallelujah."

It is perhaps unusual that we do this, but if there is someone out there who is seeking help, maybe you are not redeemed by His precious blood, maybe you are not living for Him, maybe you are not reproducing yourself in others, then we would encourage you to seek help. We will give you our email, you may wish to comment, you may wish to rejoice, and you may wish to know how to trust Him.

Jesus is COMING SOON. Are you trusting Him? Are you ready to meet Him in the sky? For then there will be no more butterflies, no more aches and pains, just for ever with Him.

God bless till next time.

*Pat & Kevin.*

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## Notable Quotes and Quotable Notes -

- Why is it still quite likely that Mr. Obama will win this election? - "The task of weaning various people and groups from the national nipple will not be easy. The sound of whines, bawls, screams and invective will fill the air as the agony of withdrawal pangs finds voice." – *Linda Bowles*
- "Airplanes are now built to carry a pilot and a dog in the cockpit. The pilot's job is to feed the dog and the dog's job is to bite the pilot if he touches anything." – *Arlen Rens, Lockheed Martin test pilot, 2003*
- It has always seemed rather ironic to me that the less the Word of God is truly 'reverenced' the more the preacher and church are 'honored'. Where the Word of God is given full 'authority,' the pastor is often resented or rebuked by the folks for his 'Lack of love.' All will be settled at the Judgment seat of Christ. – *Pastor Jesse Smith*
- "Salvation is a helmet, not a nightcap." – *Vance Havner*
- *Thomas Sowell* had it right when he said, "Civilization has been aptly called a 'thin crust over a volcano.' The anointed are constantly picking at that crust."

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### Isaiah 8:20

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



## What Does a Homeless Person Cost Us? -

(Do you ever wonder what the bill is for the welfare payments, "free" health care, medicine, court costs (and often police salaries and imprisonment costs), as well as accommodation costs are for those who choose to live as vagrants? This week I heard on the radio that somebody finally added all the costs up and then told the taxpayers how much they are forking over to pay for homeless

people to be hobos and tramps. No wonder our taxes keep going up and up. What is saddest of all is that many of the homeless DO come from dysfunctional homes with broken marriages and shattered lives. It is a fearful commentary on the state of our churches, that we are unable to salvage many of these broken homes, not by semi-marxist welfare programs, but by the glorious saving gospel of Christ! - Ed.)

### The Homeless bill up to \$5.5m per person

by: *Patricia Karvelas*

**From: The Australian - October 24, 2012**

THE chronically homeless are costing taxpayers a "staggering" \$900,000 to \$5.5 million per person in economic costs, a ground-breaking study has revealed. The Lifecourse Institutional Costs of Homelessness for Vulnerable Groups study, led by professor Eileen Baldry and researchers from the University of NSW, followed the lives of 11 people and found that between them they had cost state and commonwealth governments almost \$22m. It also revealed that intervening early to stop children and young people becoming homeless could save taxpayers millions of dollars in health, legal and custodial services. Of the \$22m, \$14m was associated with "control" agencies such as police, corrective services, juvenile justice and courts. The other \$8m was for support costs including housing, welfare payments, health and disability services.

One young woman who first came into contact with criminal justice and human services agencies at the age of 12 had cost more than \$5.5m in police, juvenile justice, welfare, housing, health and legal aid services by the time she turned 21. The lowest cost for any of the individuals in the study was \$960,000.

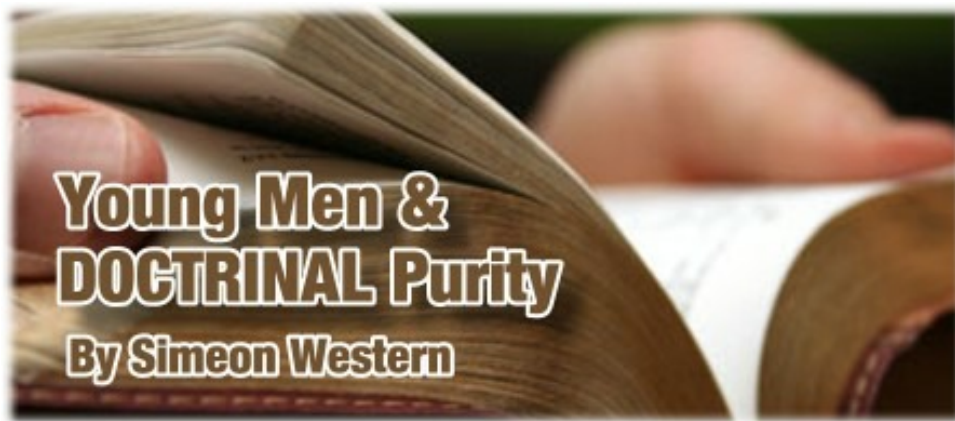
Releasing the research to mark Universal Children's Day, the Minister for Homelessness, Brendan O'Connor, said the Australian-first study highlighted the extraordinary cost to the community as a whole of not looking after the most vulnerable people before they become part of the system. "These are truly staggering figures and these costs are still ongoing," he said. "To tackle homelessness, we have to understand what makes some people vulnerable and what delivers long-term results. The study highlights the cost to governments and taxpayers of supporting people who are homeless, especially when they are involved in the criminal justice system and have mental health issues. That's why federal Labor made tackling homelessness a national priority because we know that it is more than just an important social goal, it is an economic goal."

The report found that the lack of early intervention for most of the people surveyed ultimately raised costs to government because of the cost of courts and corrective services. It says the economic costs to government are significant, as are the social and human costs. "Whilst each individual story reflects the impacts of particular conditions and experiences, together the case studies highlight the breadth and depth of social need and disadvantage experienced by these individuals, as well as the complex and compounding

interactions between them," the report says. It says a significant change is needed in the way government human service agencies approach this small but extremely costly group of people. The evidence from this project suggests that robust, holistic, cross-portfolio support and intervention responses fit for purpose (e.g., appropriate and adequate disability support with housing) are needed." It concludes that costly criminal justice responses are applied to a relatively small group of vulnerable people whose needs may well be better addressed in a health, rehabilitation or community space which is able to provide access to integrated support services for drug and alcohol problems, mental illness and disabilities. Engaging more appropriate community and human service responses is likely to reduce the economic costs associated with early and ongoing criminal justice enmeshment for people with complex needs," the report says.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/homeless-bill-up-to-55m-per-person/story-fn59niix-1226501871627>

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One danger I have witnessed of recent times among some young men is the tendency to deviate into doctrinal error.

Titus 2 contains invaluable instruction for men and women both old and young. It is interesting to read Paul's instructions to the young men. One of the things we are instructed in as young men is the importance of maintaining doctrinal purity - **"...in doctrine shewing uncorruptness..."** (Vs. 7) The word uncorruptness speaks of purity, that which is not corrupted. This command was not directed to the young ladies but to the young men. Paul exhorted Titus to speak things that become sound doctrine (2:1). Paul instructed Timothy, a young preacher, to abide at Ephesus to ensure that no other doctrine was taught (I Timothy 1:3).

The teaching of the New Testament leaves no room for "flexibility of doctrine." We are to diligently study so that we might rightly divide the word of truth (II Timothy 2:15). The Word of God commands separation from doctrinal error (Romans 16:17).

I believe we have to be particularly careful as young men that we don't get lifted up in pride in the area of doctrine.

It might surprise you that one of the works of the flesh is heresy! *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,"* (Galatians 5:19-20). This verse plainly reveals the source of

many of the heresies we see creeping into our churches. False doctrine appeals to the flesh as it feeds our sinful pride. We like to think we have the edge on theology! When a young man goes into doctrinal error you will find that those errors become the main theme of his discussion and preaching. Many young men are falling into this dangerous, subtle pit of the devil.

The Internet has become a place where these types of people air their ignorance and tear apart biblical truth without the authority or oversight of a godly pastor and local church. Their blogs are characterized by lots of opinion and not much Bible.

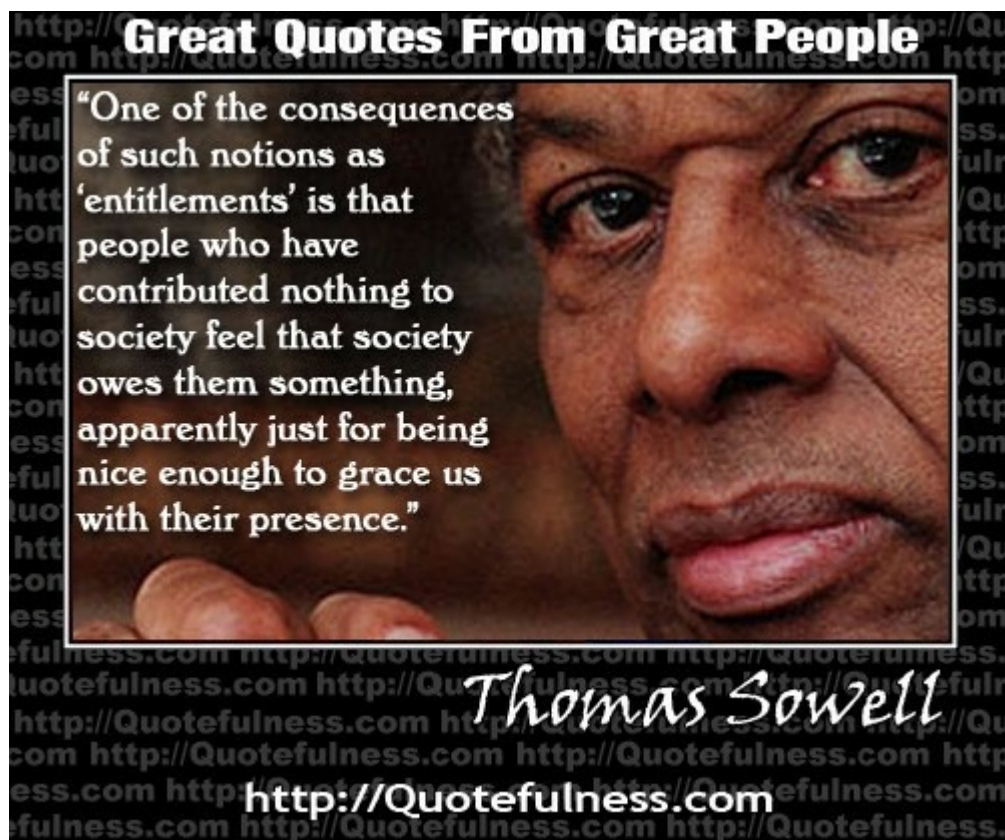
Be careful, dear brother, not to fall prey to your sinful flesh in this area. Stay close to the cross, keep a humble spirit and be diligent in your study and defense of the great doctrines of Scripture. Maintain a teachable spirit. Keep under the authority of your pastor and local church and don't fly off on some tangent that will compromise God's blessing in your life and ministry.

*"O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:" (I. Timothy 6:20)*

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## Who Feels Entitled?



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## Links in the Media Chain -

- Are we getting the full story on unemployment?  
<http://bayourenaissanceman.blogspot.com.au/2012/10/more-on-unemployment.html>
- If you like calligraphy, you'll love this -  
<http://www.wimp.com/guypen/>
- Why you need to stand on your briefcase in an airport -  
<http://www.flixy.com/beware-of-the-booster-bag.htm#.UHfC2m8bLSg>
- Very interesting info on the Drudge Report -  
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## The Old Paths Syndrome -

(Every once in a while I receive an invitation to a conference at a church that uses music that has CCM roots. Last week I got an email from Larry Chappell asking me to come to a Youth Conference at Lancaster Baptist Church in California. So I replied as follows - Ed.)

Dear Larry,

It is very kind of you to invite this old Aussie preacher to your youth conference, but I am unable to come due to health reasons.

You see, I am very, very allergic to CCM music. It provokes in me a violent reaction every time I hear it. Without warning, I suddenly find myself on my feet shouting things like, "Repent!" and "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God!"

Oh, I haven't hit anyone yet, but I have to confess that I have waved my hands around a bit, shaken my fist at the stage cuties smoochin' up to their microphones, pointed my finger at the weak kneed preacher that ok'd the world's music and jumped up and down a few times.

I was told that I needed to seek medical help so I went to the doctor. He looked me over and said it isn't a nervous disorder, but is caused by a permanent condition of the heart, and is something called "old paths syndrome," and that I am not alone in having this allergy. Quite a few old fundamentalists suffer from the same symptoms. He says there is no medical answer for OPS, but that a complete recovery can be achieved by sitting under a combination of good preaching and old fashioned hymn singing, mixed with fervent praying and shouting "Amen" once in a while. He also warned me that my condition would worsen if I practice hypocrisy in any form. When I inquired what this meant, he said that if I tried to listen to good



preaching combined with lousy music, my condition would only get worse, and he wouldn't want to predict what men like Paul Chappell and Clarence Sexton would do to me as a result.

So this explains why I have been escorted out of these conferences and asked not to come back. It also explains why my name is removed from mailing lists like yours.

Which is not a bad idea at all.

*Buddy Smith*

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## Manna In The Wilderness -

(In every issue of Heads Up we want to include links to church websites where good Bible preaching can be downloaded. We know of many who live in remote areas or in towns that no longer have Bible believing churches, and have no opportunity to drive to one on Sundays. I have been downloading sermons from these sites and putting them on Cd's or on a USB memory stick so that I can listen to them in the car. Let me encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunity to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by hearing and obeying the word of God. There is manna in the wilderness if you know where to look. - Ed.)

Pastor Mario Schiavone shepherds Metropolitan Baptist Church in Lane Cove, Sydney, Australia. He himself is a bold, no compromise preacher of God's Word. You can go to this website for good sermons from God's Word:

<http://www.metropolitanbaptist.net.au/category/sermons/>

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## Our Fundamentalist Betters –

*by R. C. Sproul Jr.*

(R. C. Sproul is an outspoken Calvinist and a promoter of reformed doctrines. At Heads Up we would not usually encourage our readers to give heed to anything written by him. Recently I stumbled across an article written in 1996 by his son, R.C. Sproul, Jr. Reformed authors do not generally speak kindly of their fundamentalist brethren. To them, we are the illiterati, the uninformed, the anti-elite, and the hayseeds of all hayseeds. So I was surprised to see RCS Jr. describe us so well. - Ed)

"As I write, I find myself visiting Gwinnett County, Georgia. It's a good thing that I am only visiting. If I actually lived here, I'd find

myself on the wrong side of the law. It seems the county recently passed a law that says you may not have more than eight people living in a single house at a time. Me, my wife, and my seven children puts us over the limit. The law, I'm pretty sure, wasn't designed to keep families like mine out of the county. That wasn't the express intent of the county commissioners. Instead, I believe the intent, though this too wasn't expressed, was to discourage certain immigrant groups from settling here. Rather than pass a law against those immigrant groups, which wouldn't be politically correct, they came up with their clumsy solution that also affects large families.

This particular law has run smack into another law, the law of unintended consequences. Such always happens when we try an end-around around honesty. When we try to have our way, while hiding our convictions, we lose everything we seek.

It is no new insight to note that in America the evangelical church is worldly and anemic. We are so earthly minded that we are no heavenly good. The anemia comes from the worldliness. But whence comes the worldliness? Like any other sin, we have options for placing its advent. We could argue that it began with the latest fad to hit the church. Or we could go back to the beginning, to the garden. Both have their advantages. It might be more helpful, however, to see the beginning of this descent at the height of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy.

Fundamentalism is so named for a fundamental reason. It was a movement that concerned itself with affirming, defending, and maintaining the fundamentals of the faith. As a movement, it affirmed the authority of the Bible. It affirmed the accounts therein of creation, of miracles, of the virgin birth, of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It affirmed the necessity of conversion through faith in the finished work of Christ. It affirmed, in short, the defining issues of historical evangelicalism. Why, then, isn't the controversy called "the evangelical-modernist" controversy? To get at that answer we must ask another. What is it that distinguishes evangelicals and fundamentalists? Suddenly our problem becomes clear. [An evangelical is a fundamentalist that wants the respect of modernists, and sells his soul to get it.](#)

That is to say, the difference between a fundamentalist and an evangelical isn't the content of their respective beliefs, but the way in which those beliefs are held. Fundamentalists, to their credit, clung to the fundamentals like a pit bull on a t-bone. There was nothing attractive or sophisticated about it, but everyone knew you'd never tear the two apart. The evangelical, on the other hand, sought to find, at least culturally, a middle ground. Yes, we believe in the authority of the Bible, but we believe it for nice, professional, academic reasons. Indeed, all that we believe we believe for nice, professional, academic reasons. What separates evangelicals from fundamentalists is that we evangelicals don't breathe fire, and we have fancy degrees hanging in our studies, instead of pictures of Billy Sunday. We evangelicals are they who cut this deal with the modernists, "We will call you brother, if you will call us scholar."

Please don't misunderstand. The point isn't that the right way to believe in the fundamentals is to be stupid. Instead, the point is that the right way to believe in the fundamentals is with a holy indifference to what others think about us. [Anything less leads us right where we are.](#) That is, any movement that begins with a fear of those we are seeking to win has already been won by those that are feared. [We thought we were defending the fundamentals, but we were giving away the store.](#) Like the Gwinnett county officials, our failure to demonstrate the courage of our convictions led to exactly what we didn't want. Weakness disguised as compromise compromised our convictions, and exposed our weakness. [Because we were too worldly to not care, we have become too worldly to matter.](#)

We still follow that same path today. For fear of offending the lost, we will not tell them they are lost. For fear of looking narrow and close-minded, we have made peace not just with the deadly secularism of modernism, but with the doubly deadly folly of postmodernism. There the culture itself reflects our uncertainty, refusing to make affirmations, just like us. In our pride we have embraced a humility that won't stand for anything.

Our Shepherd, however, calls us to a different path. He tells us that having those outside the faith revile us for our faith is something to be sought, not something to be avoided, that those who experience the disdain of the world for His name's sake are blessed. The fundamentalists of the last century were laughed at and scorned. And for that they earned the praise of Jesus. May we find the courage not only to affirm the fundamentals, but may we be given a double portion of the spirit of the fundamentalists. They fought the good fight, while we collaborated. They kept the faith, while we merely kept our positions in our communities. May we learn to fear no man, and to fear God. For such is the beginning of wisdom.

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## Therapy for the Funny Bone -

- Best first paragraph ever was read out from the Last Will and Testament of the town skinflint: "I, John Jones, being of sound mind, spent it all."
- The dude ranch kept horses for their guests to ride. They tried within reason to put them on horses that were just the right size and temperament for beginners. But the manager had difficulty keeping a straight face when the little blonde from the big city asked, "I don't have any experience at all in riding horses, so could you give me one that's never been ridden?"
- One of my friends in a country town here in Australia told me that he knew a chap who bought an ex-police car, a little Studebaker Lark with a V-8. He liked it a lot, but it had one flaw. It only had three hubcaps. One was missing. He knew of a shady character in town whose reputation was that he could get anything for you for a price, that is, if you didn't ask any questions afterward. So he contacted him and told him he needed that fourth hubcap and they agreed on a price. A few days later, there was a knock at the door and Mr. Shady was standing there with a Studebaker hubcap, the right model and all. So the buyer paid for it, and walked through the house and down the back steps to put it on his pride and joy. But there was one problem. He now found that he had only two hubcaps on his car.

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## Seven Principles of Finance for the Believer -

One of the most recognizable differences in the believer and the world he lives in is his unusual relationship to money and possessions. However, even serious believers sometimes balk at the seeming extremities in the teaching and lifestyle of Christ and the leaders of the New Testament church. Can we duplicate this New Testament lifestyle in our day?



This outline provides the diligent believer with some key principals preparing him/her for radical, other-worldly financial behavior. Alone, or if married, with your spouse, take some time for reading the Scripture texts and thinking through the obedient thing to do in each area. Then write out what you find.



1. **The Principle of Non-Attachment** - I will purchase or receive nothing that I cannot give away.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15 ; Luke 12:32-34; 16:13-25; 1 John 2:15-17

2. **The Principle of Liberty** - I will owe no man anything but to love him.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Rom. 13:8 ; Pro. 22:7

3. **The Principle of Liberality** - I will constantly seek to give away possessions for God's glory.

For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. 2 Cor. 8:3-5 ; 2 Cor. 9:7; Luke 6:38

4. **The Principle of Recall** - I will keep accurate records of God's dealings with me financially in order to show others that God answers prayer and provides for His own.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Mat. 5:16 ; Prov. 27:23-27

5. **The Principle of Security** - I will save and invest only if God is leading, with the understanding that I will give it all away at His slightest instruction.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. Mat. 6:19-20 ; Prov. 28:8; 1 Tim. 6:9-11

6. **The Principle of Compassion** - I will not pray for someone's needs financially unless I am willing to be the instrument God uses to meet that need if He should desire.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:16-18 ; James 2:15-17; Luke 6:30, 38; II Cor. 9:6-15; Prov. 28:27

7. **The Principle of Contentment** - I will be content to live on whatever God chooses to provide, whether little or much.

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:11-13 ; Prov. 30:7-9; Matt. 6:24-34; 1 Tim. 6:8

*Jim Elliff*

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## A Child's Perspective -

Jamie Scott was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement..

'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me forever....

'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

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## Eddy-Torial - Whatever Happened to the Gospel? - Part 3



*"Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."* **Galatians 1:3-9**

Why is that preachers swerve aside from preaching the gospel of Christ into preaching another gospel? In the preface to his letter to the churches of Galatia, the apostle Paul makes three statements.

1. **He reminds his readers of the genuine gospel of Christ** - "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Gal. 1:3-5
2. **Then he tells them of his amazement that they have departed from God by departing from His gospel.** - "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another

gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." Gal. 1:6,7

3. **And third, he warns them most solemnly that any man who preaches a false gospel is under a curse from God.** - "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." Gal. 1:8,9

It would do much good to our churches if pastors would preach through the book of Galatians, verse by verse and chapter by chapter. This epistle is often called Paul's "polemic" epistle. "Polemic" means "warlike, belligerent," and comes from the Greek word for "war." In truth, Paul declares war on those who preach a false gospel. It is no wonder then that the apostle also declares in Phil. 1:17 that he is "set for the defence of the gospel".

We who profess to hold to the faith once delivered to the saints, to the apostolic doctrines, must make three responses to the inspired words found in Galatians.

We must remember that the gospel of Christ is far superior to any new "gospel" devised by man.

We must remember that the conceiving of new gospels is no surprise. What is amazing is how quickly churches can depart from the gospel of Christ. The word "soon" in Gal. 1:6 is translated from "taxeos" and means "suddenly."

Forty years ago a physicist used this word to name a theoretical particle that he thought could travel faster than the speed of light. He called it a "tachyon." Just so, men and churches suddenly depart from the saving gospel of Christ into a false gospel. Cain suddenly had his bloodless evangel, Nimrod did not take long to "Babel" out his towering idolatry and worship of the heavens, Balaam's message was one of seduction and Israel suffered for it, and it took him a very short time to come up with it. Judas hurriedly devised his dreams of glory and wealth. Since the time of Christ, false gospels have almost instantaneously sprung up on every hand. It only takes a tachyon to take you on to error.

And we must remember that God says they are all under a curse, without exception. It makes no difference whether they have all the wealth and pomp of Rome behind their message, if it is false it is under an anathema. It may be supported by the emotional hysteria of pentecostalism, but if it is not the gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ for our sins, it is under a curse. Kenneth Hagin once said to his college students that The Old Rugged Cross was the worst hymn ever written. Why would he say such a thing? Because he believed that Jesus' death on the cross has nothing to do with saving us from our sins. He believed that his (mythical) gospel of Jesus being tortured by the Devil and his demons in Hell for three days and three nights is what ransomed us from sin.

**THAT IS A FALSE GOSPEL!** The false gospels of our day often have smooth words and impressive church campuses and megamillion dollar budgets, but they are under a curse from God!

So someone needs to ask the vital question, "What is the false gospel that is being preached in our churches, if the old gospel is no longer heard there?" Remember, it is a new "gospel" that displaces the old gospel. Always. Without fail.

J.K. Van Baalen wrote a book on cults called Chaos of the Cults. In the introduction, he stated that there are only two kinds of religions in the world. All but one believe in "Auto-soterism". That other religion, Bible Christianity, believes in "Deus- soterism." Salvation by works, or salvation that comes from God without the works of men. Just so, there are only two gospels that were ever preached, a gospel of works and the gospel of the grace of God. The apostle made it ever so clear in Galatians 1:6,7, where he wrote, "another

gospel, which is not another." The Spirit led him to use two different words in the same sentence for "another." The first word is translated from "heteros", which means "another of a different sort." And the second is translated from "allos", which means, "another of the same sort." "Heteros" is the word from which we get the word "heterodoxy", the opposite of "orthodoxy." The false gospel of the Judaizers, their message of circumcision for salvation was not the gospel of Christ, no matter how they dressed it up.

Just so today, the true gospel of salvation through the death of Christ upon the cross for our sins, His burial, and His resurrection is being displaced by many false gospels. There is the *HappyClappy* gospel of the charismatics, and the *JohnCalvinFatalism* gospel of the intellectual evangelicals, and the *AnythingGoesIfItsCool* gospel of the Emergent groovers, and the *ComeHomeToPapa* gospel of Pope Benedictus, and the *Don'tTellAnybodyIAMAModernist* gospel of Rick Warren, and the *Don'tLookNow* gospel of Hyles and Schaap. In Independent Baptist churches the message of the past fifty years has been *TheBigIsGoodBiggerIsBetter* gospel. It has proven to be an amalgam of American consumerism, love of the limelight, desire to be a celebrity, and admiration of large crowds. Sadly, there has been very little real Bible preaching in this new gospel. It has very little gold, but a lot of brass, which if polished frequently can fool a lot of people, preachers included.

It used to be that Sunday School buses and Sunday School campaigns and clowns and country western music and an occasional evangelist swallowing a goldfish would draw quite a crowd, but it doesn't do the job any more. So what is a poor preacher to do? He's fallen on hard times since his old new gospel won't pull them in. Well, he turns on the TV or goes online or subscribes to the Saddleback Pastors Forum, or maybe even goes to a Leadership Conference, and Bingo! It's just like the food court in a MegaMall. There's whatever strikes his fancy. He can pick and choose and put together a tailor made, u-beaut, false gospel of his own choosing. First thing you know, he's got his own cool and groovy TV program.

And he never even notices that the Lord departed long ago. I suppose it could be the noise of the Praise and Worship band that prevented him from realizing it.

There was another option. When his old new gospel failed, he could have gone back to his Bible and discovered that he had been preaching a false gospel. He could have repented and begun again to preach the real gospel.

Some are doing just that.

More than you would think.

*Pastor Buddy Smith*

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