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(Psalm 68:11)

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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

It is now Saturday, March 10, and I am writing from my office at home in Florida.

Just last week, I was making my way from Fredericksburg, Virginia, to Charlottesville to catch an evening flight back to Florida, when several inches of snow fell in just a few hours. The scenery with the fresh snow hanging on the tree limbs and covering the rolling hills was breathtaking, but the cars in the ditch all along the way seemed to mar the beauty of the snow.

By the time I made it to the airport, all the runways were clear and my flight was on time, and I was happy to make it back to Florida to shirt-sleeve weather.

This week, I have spent a lot of time in the office and print shop, but this being Saturday, I plan to spend a couple of hours this afternoon in the garden planting potatoes. As much as I enjoy gardening, I could not keep it up and travel to special meetings without the help of my grandsons—they are willing to work and I am willing to let them.

The Peru Project Finally Completed

We purposely waited until the container with about 25,000 Spanish Bibles cleared customs in Peru before publishing this issue of *The Newsletter*. The container has now been officially checked and approved, and before you read these words, the Bibles will be with Missionary Don Rich in Cajamarca. I appreciate Brother Rich for being the distributor and also Brother Bill Richburg for seeing this project through.

E-books a Great Blessing

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- *James Chalmers of New Guinea*
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- *Authority—Who's in Charge*
- *The Heavenly Cookbook*
- *The Name Above Every Name*
- *Neither Jot nor Tittle*
- *Are You Supporting a Missionary or Moochionary*

A Jab at the Devil

A Jab at the Devil is a must-read booklet, especially during this very critical election year. This booklet of 20 or so pages contains a very strong, pertinent message as to what a politician should be before running for public office. The booklet was written in 1895, but the message is as timely as if it were written this year. I realize that we cannot legislate holiness, but we could legislate righteousness—but never by electing an unsaved Baptist, a Mormon, a Catholic or a Muslim as our commander and chief.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

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"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (Proverbs 29:2).

Some churches are already ordering quantities of the booklet with their church information imprinted on the back and plan to give copies to every politician in their community. See Page 6 for information on how to order.

May the Lord continue to bless your service for Him, and thank you for supporting and praying for Victory Baptist Press.

Jim Fellure

The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In our last newsletter, the feature story was the container of Scripture leaving our dock headed for Peru. Your prayers on behalf of that shipment are much appreciated. We had a little trouble getting all the paperwork just right, and in the providence of God, the shipment was delayed. The paperwork was supposed to have arrived at least 10 days before the container got there, but because of changes the shipping company in Peru kept asking for, the final papers were sent out only a few days before the original estimated date of arrival. For whatever reason, the container was delayed, so the paperwork got there in plenty of time and the Scriptures are now in Peru. Please continue to pray that God will guide each portion of Scripture to the one who needs it most. We get requests from missionaries and preachers all the time that we cannot fulfill, so the ones that we do get out really

need to be used well. Once it is out of our shop, we have little or no control where they finally end up—we leave that up to God.

Before that load was even out the door, God graciously supplied the next truckload of paper that we are currently working on. We have already printed 80,000 John/Romans that Bro. Ed Leake in Charlottesville, Virginia, is putting together and will be shipping to South Africa. We have another 75,000 that are nearly finished printing that we will put together in our shop.

Several month ago, Victory Baptist Press was blessed with the donation of a four-color press, along with several other pieces of equipment. Bro. Bill Richburg and I went out to Oklahoma to get it loaded up. It took us the better part of two weeks to get it all broken down and loaded onto two semi-trailers. That which we could not use, we passed on to other printing ministries and trust that they will be used to the glory of God. It has taken much longer to get it all put back together, mainly because there has been so many other things to do. Bro. Richburg has done the vast majority of the work, and he is busy trying to raise money for the ministry as well. Now it is nearly ready to try out, and I am looking forward to learning how to run it. Our first job will be covers for the John/Romans I mentioned earlier. It is an older machine, like most of the equipment in our shop, but seems to be in pretty good shape. Newer, modern printing equipment is much easier to run (or

so I am told), so this older stuff requires a little more skill. I have never really felt adequate in this job, so please pray that God will give me the knowledge and skill needed to run quality work. We know that the machine is capable of it because we saw some of the work done on it. We just need a good operator to go with it.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you for your prayers and ask you to continue to pray for our daughter Sarah. She is in her final semester of Bible college in England. She and the group of students that went over there from Crown College in Powell, Tennessee, are not there just to sightsee (although they have done some of that); they are there to minister in different churches in the UK. Between classes and ministry, they are extremely busy, but she is loving it and God seems to be using them to bless the churches over there. The churches over there seem to be much like the church of Sardis in the book of Revelation, ready to die, and they are there to strengthen that which remains. If things do not change in America, we will be much like them in the not-too-distant future.

Closer to home, it looks as if Heidi and I will be grandparents this summer. My son and his wife live in the area and still attend church with us at Victory, which is a blessing. Pray that God will make them godly parents, and that we will not spoil the kid too much.

God bless,
Bro. Albert Berg



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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September of 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for Scripture printing became so real to Bro. Dunn and his wife Emma, that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.

“The nearer I get to Christ and
His cross, the more do I long for
contact with the heathen.”

—James Chalmers,
Great Heart of New Guinea

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*Ordering information for the biography of James Chalmers is
on Page 7.*

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Disappointment

Alexander the Great conquered Persia, but broke down and wept because his troops were too exhausted to push on to India.

Hugo Grotius, the father of modern international law, said at the last, “I have accomplished nothing worthwhile in my life.”

John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the U.S.—not a Lincoln, perhaps, but a decent leader—wrote in his diary: “My life has been spent in vain and idle aspirations, and in ceaseless rejected prayers that something would be the result of my existence beneficial to my species.”

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote words that continue to delight and enrich our lives, and yet what did he write for his epitaph? “Here lies one who meant well, who tried a little, and failed much.”

Cecil Rhodes opened up Africa and established an empire, but what were his dying words? “So little done, so much to do.”

Sir Alexander Mackenzie is a Canadian hero. An early fur trader and explorer, he accomplished a magnificent feat when he led an expedition across Canada from Fort Chipewyan on Lake Athabasca to the Pacific Ocean. His incredible journey was completed in 1793, eleven years before Lewis and Clark began their famous expedition to the west. Mackenzie’s earlier attempt in 1789, however, had been a major disappointment. His explorers had set out in an effort to find a water route to the Pacific. The valiant group followed a mighty river (now named the Mackenzie) with high hopes, paddling furiously amid great danger. Unfortunately, it didn’t empty into the Pacific, but into the Arctic Ocean. In his diary, Mackenzie called it the “River of Disappointment.”

In 1858, the Illinois legislature—using an obscure statute—sent Stephen A. Douglas to the U.S. Senate instead of Abraham Lincoln, although Lincoln had won the popular vote. When a sympathetic friend asked Lincoln how he felt, he said, “Like the boy who stubbed his toe: I am too big to cry and too badly hurt to laugh.”

Dr. Lenore Campbell wrote, “Early in my career as a doctor, I went to see a patient who was coming out of anesthesia. Far off church chimes sounded. ‘I must be in heaven,’ the woman murmured. Then she saw me. ‘No, I can’t be,’ she said. ‘There’s Dr. Campbell.’”

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His Appointment

The Apostle Paul wrote, “But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” and “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (1 Corinthians 15:57 & Romans 8:37).



**Blessings & Benefits
Mrs. Pam Leake**

There is no human emotion that can run as deep or last as long or instigate extreme actions as the emotion of love...love for another person. I have experienced the love that binds two hearts together as a husband and wife—a love that, properly nourished and cultivated, will last a lifetime and deepen with age. As a mother, I also know that bond of love between a mother and her child, a love that can endure trial and heartache, and rejoices in triumph and success. Having been given the blessing of being a grandmother, I know the love that blooms and grows as I watch the offspring of my own child move through the stages of infancy, childhood, and in the not-too-distant future, adolescence and adulthood. There’s nothing like it! (And all the grandparents said, “Amen!”) Each aspect of love has its own depth and manifestation, yet it is such a satisfying thing to experience. Such love is a gift from God.

Lately, however, I have had a renewed focus on that love that transcends all mortal love—a love beyond human comprehension, impossible to be fully understood by the mind of man; that is, the love of God the Father for all men. It is a love that is bestowed upon the creation by the Creator, a love that provides forgiveness and redemption for every undeserving, unworthy man and woman. God’s love is supernatural, infinite and unconditional. It is not based on anything I have ever done or could ever do for Him. I don’t have to earn it and I definitely don’t deserve it, yet He freely offers it to me and to everyone!

The human heart struggles and balks at loving an enemy, yet God loved me even when I was His enemy (Rom. 5:8-10). And all of that love was expressed to mankind in the Person of our Saviour Jesus Christ. It is very humbling, yet fulfilling, to spend time in the presence of the Lord just meditating on the precious gift

of His love to me. There’s no doubt that I will never fully comprehend it, but to meditate on it and ponder it in my heart is such a blessed encouragement to my soul. To put the love of God into words has been the goal of many songwriters, and there are many wonderful hymns and songs about the love of God. One such song I was recently introduced to has become a part of my personal devotions as it describes the love of my heavenly Father.

Deep, Deep Love

Words by Lee Dengler/Music by Herb Frombach

*Deeper than the nails driven into His hands,
is the love of a Father who gives His only Son;
Deeper than the thorns pressing into His brow
is the love of a Son who dies for everyone.
Love, so amazing, deep, deep love,
Love, so divine, deep, deep love;
Love never failing to hear my call
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*Deeper than the spear piercing into His side,
is the love of God who takes away my sin.
Deeper than the pain of the mob’s bitter words
is the love of the Saviour who only says forgive.
Love, so amazing, deep, deep love,
Love, so divine, deep, deep love;
Love never failing to hear my call
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Truly, the love of God is far greater than any tongue could ever tell, yet you and I are the objects of it. Embrace it, enjoy it, express it, ponder it, share it! One day we’ll fully understand it!

Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at: pamleake@colonialbc.org.



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The First Baptist Church in America

Roger Williams, the founder of the State of Rhode Island, in addition to starting the First Baptist Church in America, was the first to influence a colony to make slavery illegal, to guarantee the separation of Church and State, and to provide freedom of religion for all of its citizens. Through his great sacrifice, an example was provided, and in 1776, Virginia included the same freedoms in their state constitution. Not long after this, the framers of the Constitution of the United States came under the influence of those who had followed the principles that Roger Williams had pioneered, and in part, they included these words—“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;...”—into the Constitution of the United States of America.

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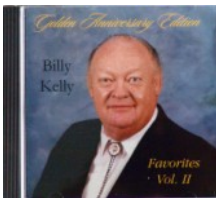
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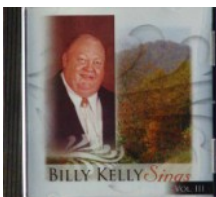
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A Jab at the Devil

by Wallace R. Struble

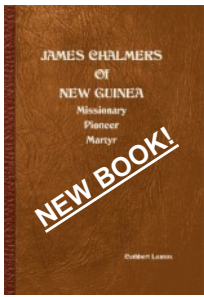
This author gives a strong argument in favor of a Christian political party. This is the one document that every Christian in America should read before voting for another politician. In this very important election year, it would also be a good idea for pastors to give a copy to every church member, and also put a copy into the hands of every politician running for public

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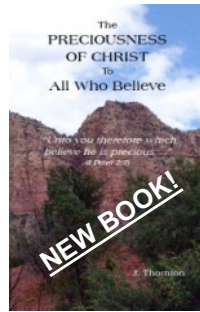
James Chalmers of New Guinea By Cuthbert Lennox

“You may kill us,” said the white man, “for we never carry arms. But we never give presents to persons who are threatening us. Remember that we are living among you as friends...” After making many dire threats, the savages retired to the bush in a surly mood. This white man was none other than

missionary James Chalmers, the “Great heart of New Guinea,” who, after 14 years of phenomenal Christian service among the savages was (in 1901) brutally murdered and eaten by cannibal tribesman.

This great missionary biography is a must-read book for Christians of all ages,

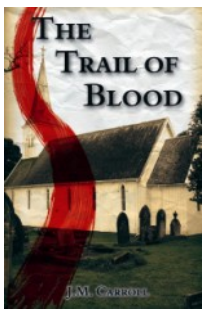
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The Preciousness of Christ To All Who Believe by John Thornton

Other than knowing that John Thornton lived near London, was in the Church of England, and was very evangelistic, there is very little information on record about his personal life. However, his contribution to the cause of Christ and His church through his classic work on *Repentance* and this work on *The Preciousness of Christ* are priceless.

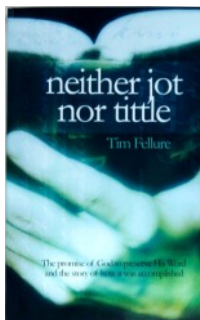
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Pastor Tim Fellure

An Appeal for Godly Modesty

I Timothy 2:9-10

You have perhaps noticed a tragic “dressing down” in our society as a whole: go to the local Wal-Mart and notice the sloppy, crass and often vulgar way people dress in public these days. It is seen in boys trying to hold their pants up while showing as much of their underwear as they can, and in women wearing tops showing their bra straps and as much of their bare back and shoulders as possible. This world has lost all sense of modesty and decency.

It is what is expected of a world without the moral guidance of the law of God, but it should not be expected of the church. In particular, a godly lady should carry herself with grace, dignity, class, self-respect, and should be diligent to dress modestly and with Christian distinction. This should not even be an issue in our churches, yet we pastors are in a never-ending battle to keep the standards high. Why does godly modesty always have to be an issue, and why do some young ladies always push the envelope?

For the Sake of the Gospel

Both the apostles Paul (I Tim. 2:9-10) and Peter (I Pet. 3:1-4) make the point that a godly woman should be modest, discreet and chaste in their dress. A godly woman should never wear anything that is sexy, suggestive or seductive in public. Some take these verses to teach that a woman should also not wear makeup, get their hair styled or wear jewelry? Personally, I believe the Scripture is saying that your outward adornment should not be what attracts others to you; it should be the inward adornment of a “meek and quiet spirit.” Modesty does not have to be the enemy of fashion. You can be beautiful, stylish and

fashionable...and still be modest.

In Titus 2:1-10, Paul gives a long list of actions the Christian should display in his life to “adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.” To adorn something is to make it look good or attractive to others. As a woman adorns herself stylishly to enhance her natural beauty, so we are the adornment of the gospel. Our lives should make the gospel attractive to the world. But when you appear before this world claiming to be a Christian without a transformed life, they have to ask “what good is the gospel?” If you dress and carry yourself seductively or carelessly, what kind of advertisement are you for the gospel?

For the Sake of Your Brother

Jesus put every man with godly intentions in a very precarious situation in Matthew 5:27-28, when he declared that lust in the heart is mental adultery. It does not matter how you rationalize it or who glamorizes it. It does not matter what Hollywood says or what makes Jay Leno laugh. Lust is mental adultery, a wicked sin against God, and it will be judged. “For this *is* a heinous crime; yea, it *is* an iniquity to be punished by the judges. For it *is* a fire that consumeth to destruction...” (Job 31:11). “Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned? Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned? So he that goeth in to his neighbour’s wife...shall not be innocent” (Proverbs 6:27).

There may be a man reading this that is running around on his wife and you haven’t got caught yet; or you have not cheated yet, but you think about it often. Perhaps there is some flirt where you work and you like to flirt back: she calls you “Sweetie” and you call her “Honey.” Lust is a wicked sin that will lead you into paths of sin that will destroy everything you hold dear.

But the other side of the coin is that God also holds us accountable when we cause others to sin. “Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones” (Luke 17:1-2). Woe to the person who causes another to stumble.

In every church there are three classes of ladies: ladies who are decisively modest and distinctly feminine; ladies who dress

seductively and suggestively on purpose; and ladies who simply have not been taught the biblical principles of godly modesty. This will appeal ONLY to ladies who have godly desires. Some are seductive and careless and have such wicked hearts—the Bible talks about such women in Proverbs 6-7. But many of our ladies do not want to be an offense. They don’t want to be seductive and sexy for other men. They want to be discreet and chaste, but may not be aware that their dress doesn’t always say that.

There are certain clothing articles that a woman can wear, which are like magnets to a man’s eyes. It is the kind of dress that entices a man to take a second look and has the greatest potential of planting impure thoughts in his mind. Dresses or skirts with slits that run up the leg; garments that hug the contour of the buttocks or breasts; tight shirts or blouses; halter tops; sashes or belts around the rib cage; unbuttoned blouses, exposed cleavage on any upper body garment; tops with large arm holes open enough to see into the garment; low-ride skirts or pants that barely hang on the hip bone; see-through clothing of any kind; anything that reveals the part of the leg above the knee; pants that shape the contour of a woman’s body; and anything that reveals a bare midriff or back.

You do not have to have the same dress standard that I do (I personally believe it is wrong for a woman to wear pants) but godly modesty should be a grave concern for all Christian ladies. For the sake of the gospel, your testimony and your brother, you should be ever diligent to dress and carry yourself in a manner that screams you are a godly lady. I believe that modesty is as much an issue of the heart as it is of dress. If a kind rebuke offends you, then you desperately need a move of the grace of God in your heart. It will do you no good to change your wardrobe if God does not change your heart.

I challenge every pastor to hold a high standard in your church. Let the evangelicals dress down for church and call us legalists for refusing to adopt their “come-as-you-are, leave-as-you-came” mindset. Teach your young ladies how and why they must display godliness in their dress. And I challenge all ladies with a godly concern to pray to cultivate a sensitive conscience before God, seek the wise counsel of your husband, pastor or older spiritual lady, and to determine that you will show the world, by your dress, that you are different.