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## Editor's Notes

*Jim & Mary Fellure*

There is a certain amount of apprehension that goes with realizing that after 21 years of editing this bimonthly newsletter, this issue, or maybe one or two more, could very well be the last newsletter we will ever publish. I believe with all of my heart that Jesus Christ is coming real soon, and when He does come, our labors will all be over.

It is very obvious that our once great nation is being overrun by sexual pervers just like Sodom was in Lot's day, and that is a sure sign of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Luke 17:28-30, "... as it was in the days of Lot ... Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

If the concern of Mr. Obama is to get reelected as president of the U.S. and continue an agenda that will bankrupt America financially, morally and

spiritually, then sanctioning same-sex marriage and being as supportive as possible to the sodomite lifestyle is the way to go.

If there has ever been a time to do all that we can for the cause of Christ and rejoice in our obvious, glorious future, the time is now. Jesus is coming soon and we are going home. However, until the day the trumpet sounds and we hear Him say "come up hither," we plan to do our very best to keep the presses rolling and the Gospel going out around the world. As the great old song says, "*We'll work till Jesus comes.*"

***Please Pray for the Bartels Family***

Brother Al Berg, in his notes, has kept us up to date about some of the much needed equipment recently added to the print shop. Brother James Bartels has many years of experience in printing; in fact, he ran both the big, four-color press and the smaller two-color press before we got them. Brother Bartels has agreed to come and help Brother Berg in the print shop, but he must first sell his home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, before moving his family to Florida. Please pray for his house to sell soon so they can make the move as soon as possible.

Thank you for praying for us,  
*Jim Fellure*



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**Cotton Mather prayed several hours a day for 20 years for revival. It came (the Great Awakening) the year after his death.**

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## The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Progress is being made in the VBP print shop. In our last newsletter, I mentioned our efforts to get our four-color press operational. One of the obstacles to accomplish that task has been in our pre-press department. The machine we have been using to make film for the web press does an "okay" job on black and white text and simple designs, but it is not accurate enough to produce four-color separations required for color printing. The Lord recently provided the money for an image

setter that will make a very high quality film from which we will be able to make the negatives. This is only one link in the chain of everything that is required for quality, color printing, but it is a very necessary one. On one hand, I am confident we will eventually get all the links to the chain put together, but on the other hand, we are moving forward with a little fear and trepidation. Your prayers in this matter are highly coveted. The simple fact of the matter is that in the world we live in today, color printing is a necessity. People are bombarded with stimuli from all directions, and while I would not say that God cannot use a simple, one-color cover on a John/Romans, I believe He might be able to use a more attractive one better. Currently, we use a digital printer for short run, color jobs, but we outsource the larger ones. We think it will eventually save us money to do it all ourselves.

One of the first jobs we will do on our image setter will probably be a new set of negatives for the next run of Spanish Bibles. We have the paper on the floor for that job, but lack the cover stock. Please

pray that God will supply the \$9,000-\$10,000 required for these 25,000 covers.

It is always a mystery to me just how God works. To say that the economy is bad may be an understatement, but I have actually had to start counting calories to keep from getting so fat. There are a lot of diet programs out there, but my doctor told me that losing weight is as simple as burning more calories than I eat. The ministry has also grown over the years, and although I would not say it is "fat," the simple rules of economics apply. You can only spend as much money as you have. We would like to spend more money on paper, supplies, and help in the shop in order to get more Bibles out, but we can only spend what God sends. There are many other worthy mission projects out there for you to support, and we would not ask you to take away from them to support us. We have all read about what God has done for others in past generations. Let us pray that we will have some stories of God's greatness to tell the next generation.

May God bless you,  
Bro. Albert Berg



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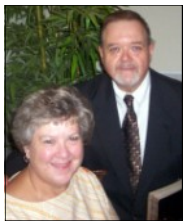
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I had known about Jesus dying for me, but I had never understood that if He had died for me, then I didn't belong to myself. Redemption means buying back, so that if I belong to Him, either I had to be a thief and keep what wasn't mine, or else I had to give up everything to God. When I came to see that Jesus had died for me, it didn't seem hard to give up all for Him.

C.T. Studd

**Courage**

One summer morning as Ray Blankenship was preparing his breakfast, he gazed out the window and saw a small girl being swept along in the rain-flooded drainage ditch beside his Andover, Ohio, home. Blankenship knew that farther downstream, the ditch disappeared with a roar underneath a road and then emptied into the main culvert. Ray dashed out the door and raced along the ditch, trying to get ahead of the floundering child. Then he hurled himself into the deep, churning water. Blankenship surfaced and was able to grab the child's arm. They tumbled end over end. Within about three feet of the yawning culvert, Ray's free hand felt something—possibly a rock—protruding from one bank. He clung desperately, but the tremendous force of the water tried to tear him and the child away. "If I can just hang on until help comes," he thought. He did better than that. By the time fire department rescuers arrived, Blankenship had pulled the girl to safety. Both were treated for shock. On April 12, 1989, Ray Blankenship was awarded the Coast Guard's Silver Lifesaving Medal. The award is fitting, for this selfless person was at even greater risk to himself than most people knew. Ray Blankenship couldn't swim.

Paul Harvey

*Los Angeles Times* Syndicate

Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared.

Eddie Rickenbacker

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### Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

Recently, my husband and I have had some discussions about trading in our vehicles for newer models. Both of our cars are over 10 years old and are past the point of “nickel and dime” repairs to needing major costly repairs. There are a lot of factors to consider and weigh in this decision, especially considering the auto market today—not the least of which is whether it would be more cost effective to just keep the old clunkers versus taking on another monthly payment.

Trading is something that goes on throughout our lives. As children, we traded toys, giving something we perhaps considered less valuable in exchange for an item of greater value to us. The same activity continues into adulthood, though the items for trade may change. More often than not, our trades are not *even* exchanges, for we must up the ante in order to satisfy the other party, just to get the item we want.

No doubt, if history had recorded them, there have been some unbelievable “trades” that have taken place in which one of the parties involved received a far greater prize than the one he traded. I *know* I fit into that category, when I consider the great trade that I made with my Savior, Jesus Christ nearly 31 years ago. I had a life marked by sin and shame, without hope of improvement, and a destination of eternal destruction. I had no “ante” to sweeten the offer, but Jesus came and offered me the greatest trade of all time: His life for mine! It was a trade I couldn’t refuse. He gave me a clean start in a life of purpose for my useless existence; a blessed hope for my hopelessness; His robe of righteousness for my dirty rags of sin; and a glorious eternity in Heaven in exchange for my condemnation to the flames of hell! Hallelujah!

I have made many unprofitable “trades” in my lifetime, but I praise the Lord for coming to me with an offer I couldn’t refuse. The benefits and blessings of this trade are still being enjoyed, increasing in value and getting sweeter every day. Surely the Lord came out on the short end of the deal (in my estimation), yet His love for me compelled Him to offer me far more than I could give Him. The Lord of glory left His throne in Heaven for the sinfulness of this world, died to pay a debt He didn’t owe, and came to the likes of me with an offer I would have been a fool to turn down. Thankfully, I didn’t have to consider all the factors and weigh out all the options, but just said yes! to the deal, and I know I got the best end of an unbelievable trade!

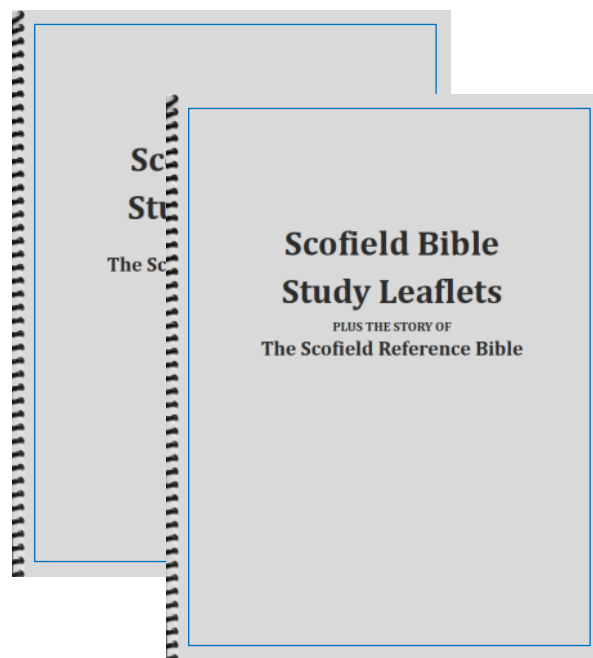
*I praise the Lord for  
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**“Amazing love, how can it be  
that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?”**

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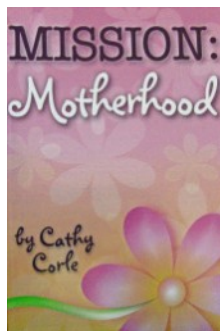
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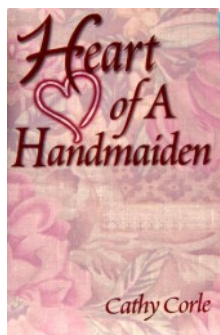
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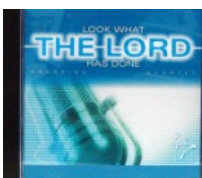
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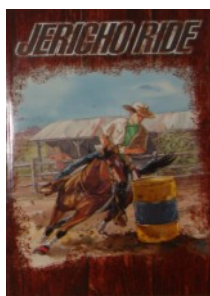


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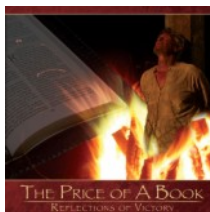
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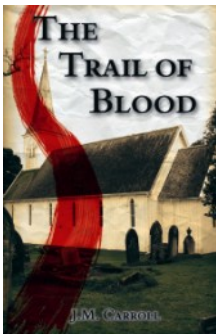
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C.H. Spurgeon



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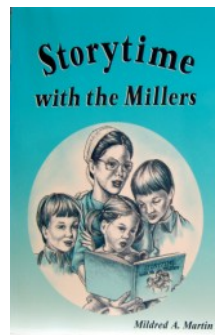
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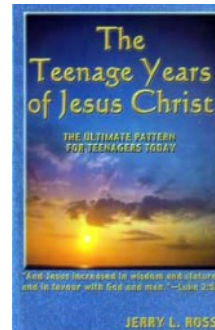


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Pastor Tim Fellure

## Living as He Died

1 Peter 2:21

Our text states it is the death of Christ, not just His life, that is our example. We are to live as He lived, but somehow we are to live as He died. Whatever this means, it cannot mean that we are to seek the same death that Christ died. The text is not telling us that His suffering is an example for us to follow in death, but in living. We are not told to die as He died, but to *live as He died*.

We understand the purpose of the cross was to purchase redemption for sinners, but in His death, Jesus also gave His followers a final display of what the Christ-life looks like.

From the cross, Christ uttered seven sayings, and those seven sayings are windows into the soul of the man on the cross. They tell us how He died—and as He died, so we should live.

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### 1) He Died Forgiving Others!

*"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."* The first word of the Savior from the cross was not a curse or a plea for mercy for Himself, but a prayer for others. The high priestly ministry of intercession, which He now performs at His exalted position at the right hand of the Father, He began on the cross.

He prayed not for Himself, but for others; not for vengeance against His enemies, but for their forgiveness. And in praying for their forgiveness, He struck at man's greatest need. Nothing else matters in life if our sins are not forgiven. *He died*

*forgiving others – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 2) He Died Bringing Truth to a Dying Soul!

*"To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."* The thief on the cross was about as lost a cause as a man could be. No worse man, and no man ever as close to death, was more unsaved as this man. If he was going to be saved, then someone else would have to do it for him. This man had no history of good works to offer before his conversion, and he certainly could not promise to be of any service to Christ after his conversion.

But Christ extended grace and mercy to this dying thief: at the most importune time, to the least important person, in the most unlikely circumstances, Christ brought truth to a dying soul. *He died bringing truth to a dying soul – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 3) He Died Loving Someone Else!

*"Woman, behold thy son! Behold, thy mother!"* None of us can fully appreciate the pain Mary must have been feeling that day as she watched her son die. Who could tell the depths of sorrow she passed through as she stood beneath the cross? If Christ was the man of sorrows, then surely she was the woman of sorrows. Mary, above all others at the cross, needs a word from Christ.

And though Jesus was very God, He was also very human. This was His mother. Surely, there was something in the heart of Jesus that loved Mary as a child loves a mother. It broke His heart to know that He was leaving her, but He would not leave her alone. And before He died, He made arrangements for her safety and care. *He died loving someone else – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 4) He Died Hating Sin!

*"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"* In the garden, we see the Son of God horrified at the cup of sin that is to be poured out upon Him; on the cross, we see Him broken as He became sin for us. This fourth cry was at the point at which He was made to stand before the Father as the sin-bearer. Though He had no sin of His own, there was *"laid on him the iniquity of us all."*

The Son was my substitute. He bore the sinners' sin, though sinner he could never be. With His own full consent, He suffered as though He had committed the transgressions which were laid on Him. *He died hating sin – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 5) He Died Sympathetic to Suffering!

*"I thirst!"* The humanity of Jesus is in full view with this cry from the cross. Not only was He tempted in all points as we are, but He suffered the limitations of the flesh as an ordinary man. Jesus suffered the most basic of needs, and He is sympathetic to your sufferings.

One of the qualifications of the Levitical priest was that he be a compassionate man (Hebrews 5:1-2). But I wonder how many priests abused their office and looked down on the common people? I wonder how many thought themselves above sin and reacted only in anger to the sins of the people? Yet, our Savior is a sympathetic Savior. *He died sympathetic to suffering – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 6) He Died Having Completed the Work God Gave Him to Do!

*"It is finished!"* To the poor heathen in a far off distant land who punishes his body thinking that misery of the body is his way of atonement; to the followers of Rome who place their weak faith in some priest who offers a pretended sacrifice every week in the form of a wafer and cup of wine; to the religious crowd who think their baptisms and church attendance and offerings will impress God and make them fit for Heaven, the cry from the cross demands, *"It is finished."* *He died having completed the work God gave Him to do – and as He died, so we should live.*

### 7) He Died Entrusting Himself to God!

*"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."* He trusted that God would raise Him from the dead, and that, as He gave His life, the Father would give it back to Him. We can live with the full assurance of faith that our Father in Heaven will receive us into Heaven one day. No child of God need fear death; the sting is gone forever. *He died entrusting Himself to God – and as He died, so we should live.*