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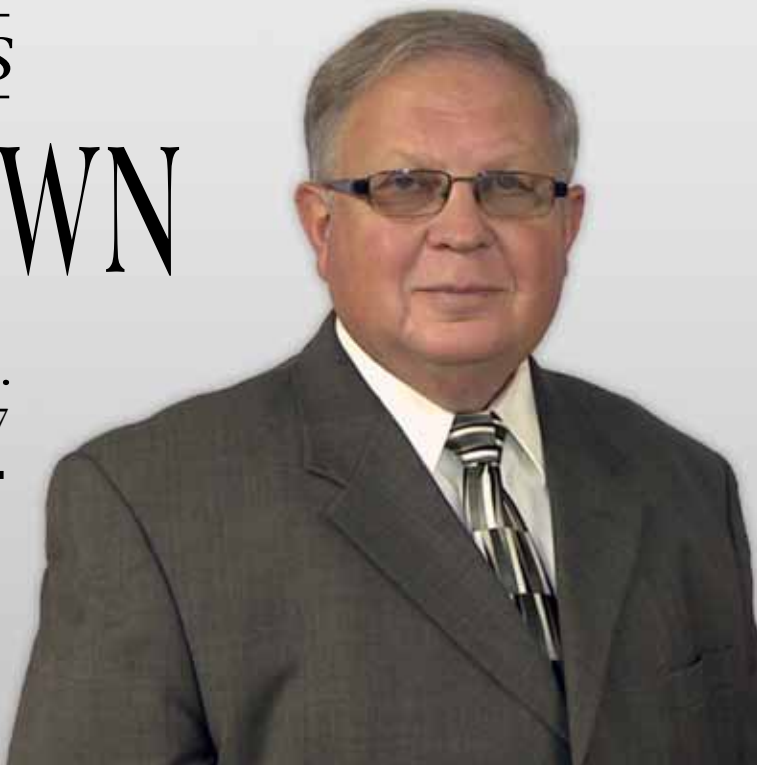
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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the name of Christ, our wonderful Lord,

This is Wednesday morning, April 24, and I am up early trying to get a good start on finishing up these notes and laying out the rest of this *Newsletter*. Up until now, I have approved all articles, set the type, and done the layout myself. Printing the *Newsletter* in black and white simplified the process, but now that we are printing in full color, we need to go a step further and do a better job with the overall design. One of our

workers, Jenny Lee, is helping to make the changes we want. Jenny graduated from Pensacola Christian College with a major in graphics design and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

The last few weeks have been very rewarding as we have watched the Scriptures being shipped to different parts of the world. Thirteen hundred Spanish Bibles have already left the shop headed for two different Central American countries. Also, 1,000 are boxed and scheduled for pick-up to be shipped to Spain, and another 1,000 are ready for shipping to Arkansas, and eventually to Mexico. We have another 500 ready to be picked up and used by Brother Paul Lee and the Prisoners Bible Crusade here in the United States. One hundred were also shipped to a brother in Ohio to be taken into Mexico, and 100 were shipped to Dr. Mickey Carter and the Landmark Baptist Church, Haines City, Florida, to be used in their Spanish department. We are currently working on shipping prices for another 300 to go to a missionary in Columbia, South America. We recently shipped 2,300 Bibles to a bindery company in Nashville, Tennessee, to have hard-backs put on them. Those are now finished and have been shipped to Brother Humberto Gomez in Brownsville, Texas. There is also a planned pick-up of about 17,000 Bibles the second week in May that will go to Mexico, and more requests keep coming in.

Another blessing has been the Cebuano Bible for the Philippine Islands. The project was slow in getting started, but through a very generous gift from one individual, the money is in hand, and even the shipping expense is taken care of. In the next few days, we will begin ordering paper and other needed materials for this project. Brother Shawn Dunn has been promoting this need in the churches but now that the funds have been supplied, he will double up with Brother Richburg on the Uganda project. The centerfold insert in this *Newsletter* edition tells about the 10-10-10 plan, and we expect many churches and individuals to become a part in helping get the Scriptures printed and shipped to Brother Keith Stensaas in Uganda.

Praise the Lord for what is being accomplished, but we must do more in these last days. The need is great and the hour is late. Let's be busy doing all that we can to get the glorious Gospel of Christ to this lost and dying world. When Jesus comes, and we face His judgment seat, we'll not regret one sacrifice ever made for His worthy cause.

In the past two weeks, I enjoyed good meetings in Kentucky and Ohio. My seventeen-year-old grandson, Jacob, traveled with me on that trip, and he is always a blessing to me. "Jake" and my seventeen-year-old grandson, Nathan, both preached at our home church this past Sunday night, and of course, their grandmother thinks they are two of the greatest preachers that ever lived. Jake and Nathan are not only dedicated to the cause of Christ, they are hard workers, and both of them have taken up gardening. This year I was confident they could plant our garden by themselves. They did it, but with a slight overkill. Last year we had eight rows of corn, and we still have some left in the freezer. This year Nathan planted eleven rows of corn. Last year four rows of bush beans was enough. This year he planted six rows, and "Jake" planted six rows in his garden. They planted about twice the number of squash as last year, not to mention the collards, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, okra, eggplant, potatoes, sweet potatoes, rutabagas, onions, beets, radishes, peppers, strawberries, and

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of course, the fruit trees and muscadine grapes that are beginning to bloom and put on leaves. If the garden does well, not only will the Fellure family have lots of fruits and vegetables to eat, but there will be a lot to give away.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

In Christ,
Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

There is finally some light at the end of the tunnel for the current project of Spanish Bibles. We began the process of putting the covers on the books and trimming them a few weeks ago, and it will not be long before this job is finally finished and on the field. Some people have been

waiting a long time for these, and we trust God will use them in a mighty way. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, and God promised that His word would not return void, but that it would accomplish that which He purposed. I do not know anything that has a better guarantee than that.

Once again I have to say, "Thank you," to all who have volunteered their time and money to make this project happen. On March 30, Brother Matt Mellown brought a group of young people down from the Gloryland Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, where Brother Charlie Andrews pastors, and with their help we put together a little over 4,000 Bibles in one day. What a blessing!

Once this job is finished we will be needing more paper. In this issue of the *Newsletter* is a poster presenting the need for Scriptures in Uganda and a way that you might help get it done. Over the years we have sent two, twenty foot containers to Bro. Keith Stensaas, and he has put them to good use. The last container had mostly Gospels of John in the Uganda language. In this load we plan on printing John/Romans in Uganda, plus some English New Testaments and possibly some whole English Bibles. Once we start printing English

Bibles, there will be many new doors of opportunity. Please pray that God gives us the means to go through them.

On a personal note, I just want to thank God for His goodness to me. It would be impossible to name all of God's blessings, but I do have to thank God at least one more time for saving me. In addition to that, when I reflect on my life, I almost feel as if I have been living in a bubble of God's grace. I just heard recently that over sixty percent of couples living together today in the United States are doing so out of wedlock, and the average time a couple spends together is less than two and a half years. That is plenty of time to make a baby or two who will grow up with no real family. There is no telling how damaging that is to our society as a whole. I was blessed to have a mother and father, two brothers and a sister. My parents kept their marriage vows, and further more, I only knew one or two other kids in my grade school growing up whose parents were divorced. There are so many other things I could mention, but I think a vast majority of the blessings I now enjoy stem from having a stable family. God has blessed me with two children and now one grandchild. My children are grown and still attend church with us and are not ashamed to sit with their mom and dad. For those of you who have not had the same privilege I have had, my heart goes out to you. At the risk of being repetitious, the Word of God, if we obey it, can help to turn those things around. You cannot change the past, but you can certainly make a better future. I realize tragedies can occur in an instant and turn my world upside down, as I am sure many of you can testify, but I am trusting that God's grace will be sufficient then as it is now.

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for printing became so real to Brother Dunn and his

wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.

A note from Brother Dunn,

We have surely sensed the prayers of God's people on our behalf in our travels. The truck recently turned over 200,000 miles. Thank you for your prayers for the Dunns! Emma and I are so blessed by the response of God's people to Victory Baptist Press. Please continue to pray for VBP and the Dunns!

One of the projects we are burdened for is the Cebuano (Philippines) whole Bible. The need for the Scriptures for the 30 million people within this people group is serious indeed. Could you help us? We need a truckload of paper and shipping expenses to complete this project. A load of paper is \$32,000 and the total cost is \$50,000. Be sure and mark "Philippine Project" on the memo line. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

We look forward to our time in Roanoke, Virginia – Altoona Pennsylvania – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania – and Richmond, Virginia, in the coming months. Any church interested in having us in to present VBP either in a single service or in an all-day service we call "Victory Sunday" (we ask that a special paper offering be taken up at the end of the day), simply contact me via my cell or email.

*Thank you
God bless!*

Missionary/Evangelist Shawn Wm. Dunn
Victory Baptist Press

Note: After Brother Dunn had written these notes the funds for the Philippine Island project was given. Praise the Lord for this need being met!

Borrowed Illustrations

*Where our Captain bids us go,
'Tis not ours to murmur no;
He that gives the sword and shield
Chooses too the battlefield
Where we are to fight the foe.*

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NO RESPECTOR OF PERSONS

When Christian Herter was governor of Massachusetts, he was running hard for a second term in office. One day, after a busy morning chasing votes (and no lunch) he arrived at a church barbecue. It was late afternoon and Herter was famished. As Herter moved down the serving line, he held out his plate to the woman serving chicken. She put a piece on his plate and turned to the next person in line.

"Excuse me," Governor Herter said, "do you mind if I have another piece of chicken?"

"Sorry," the woman told him. "I'm supposed to give one piece of chicken to each person."

"But I'm starved," the governor said.

"Sorry," the woman said again. "Only one to a customer."

Governor Herter was a modest and unassuming man, but he decided that this time he would throw a little weight around. "Do you know who I am?" he said. "I am the governor of this state." "Do you know who I am?" the woman said. "I'm the lady in charge of the chicken. Move along, mister."

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Mom's Faith Is Now Sight!



Margaret Manley

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THE FOG HAD THICKENED over the east coast, effectively shutting down numerous flights in and out of the Charlotte airport. We could

not get from there to Charlottesville, so my husband sought out another possibility from the airlines which put us in a line to get tickets to Dulles and then, from there, to Charlottesville. It was late at night, we were exhausted and ready to do what was necessary to get home. Things were out of our control for all intents and purposes, so we prayed and asked the Lord to work everything out necessary for this extra leg of the trip.

Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

While we were in the ticket line for the flight to Dulles, my cell phone rang. My sister-in-law wanted to inform me that she was at the hospital with my elderly mother who was experiencing difficulty breathing. She said that the attending physician (whom I had never met and who had never before seen my mother) was talking about some type of surgery. Long story short, as my mother's caregiver, I was not comfortable with that being done until I could get there and discuss the situation with the doctor. But here I was, stuck in Charlotte, with many miles between me and my mother. I was not in control, but my heavenly Father was!

After a series of events, including not being able to get to Charlottesville from Dulles, and having to drive a rental car home, we met at the hospital and got things "settled" with Mom and the doctor. My mother had decided, considering many factors, that she would not have any more surgery, but rather accept what the Lord had for her in her remaining time on earth. She was at peace, so my brothers and I accepted her decision and prepared to face what was to come. We did not have to make many decisions, as the Lord was very much in control of what was happening — even though we could not see very far ahead. Mom was placed in our local Hospice House with the prognosis of weeks, not months, to live. There just happened to be a room available...the nicest one in the home! The staff and volunteers who tended to her for her last five weeks on earth could not have been more caring and compassionate. It was the best that we could have hoped for, and my Lord arranged it all! As the days passed by, it became clearer and clearer to me and my family that He had been in control of each stage of what was taking place. I did not imagine on that foggy night in January, stuck in the Charlotte airport, that six weeks later my sweet mother would be in heaven with her Savior. But through it all, the Lord was wisely and lovingly working all things out for good. On Thursday, two days before Mom went home, we were able to take her out for a drive through the country. She was normally a very talkative person, even when she was weak, but on this day, not so much. It was a beautiful, late winter day and she enjoyed getting out of her hospice room. We drove on back roads through four counties that afternoon and she made very few comments, spending the time just observing the countryside. In retrospect, it seems as if she were taking one last look at this world, knowing that soon she would enter the glory world and take up residence in her new eternal home. Early that Saturday morning, Mom's faith became sight. The Lord was so gracious throughout all that took place in my mother's final days, and I am so grateful He let me rest in Him with the confidence that He was definitely in control. It couldn't have been arranged any better!

"Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord" 2 Cor. 5:6

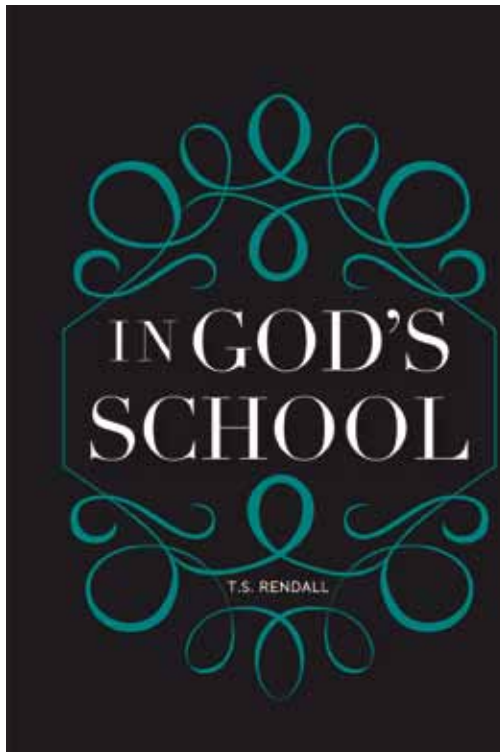
Have a blessed day!

Pam Leake

Ps. 68:19

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BOOK of the MONTH



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by T. S. Rendall

Dr. Rendall was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, but left his native land in 1953 for Canada, where he continued his schooling. In 1956, he joined the faculty of Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, where he taught Bible until 1998 and served as president for a number of years. He also was editor of the institute's monthly magazine, *The Prairie Overcomer*.

In 2006, Dr. Rendall began teaching at the Stephen Olford Center for Biblical Preaching in Memphis, Tennessee. In addition to this ministry, he and his wife, Hester, travel to various countries for Christian Life meetings.

Dr. Rendall has very graciously given Victory Baptist Press permission to put his great, life-changing book (first published in 1971) back into print. Our prayer is that God will bless the republishing of *In God's School* and many of His children will find help and encouragement for their journey through the Christian life.

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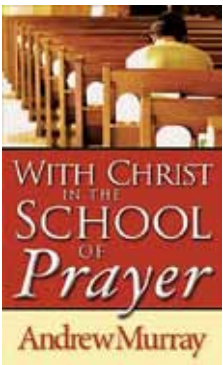
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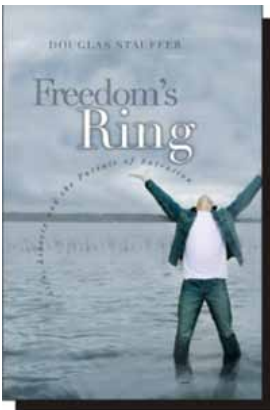
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The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

Thank God I Am Saved *Ephesians 2:1-10*

Last night was Youth Night at our church and my nephew and oldest son both preached. (Our youngest son preached in children's church in the morning service). I can't begin to tell you the joy of hearing both my sons and nephew all preach on the same day. Nathan Perrine, my nephew, preached from Ephesians 2 on *True Happiness*. As he preached, this familiar passage became fresh to me once more.

In this chapter you have two extremes: the pitiful condition of the unbeliever and the heavenly position of the believer. Nothing could be lower than the condition of the man without Christ, and nothing could be higher than the position of the man in Christ.

1) The People Whom God Saves! (1-3)

In the first chapter of Ephesians, we do not read one bad statement; but in the first three verses of chapter two we cannot find one good statement. These verses go against the grain of the modern tradition of building up the sinner's self-esteem. The only positive thing I find in these verses is that they are written in the past tense. Paul describes what we were, not what we are now. And the reason he brings us back to our pre-salvation condition is so we can have a better appreciation for our post-salvation position. A man who has never been poor will not have a proper appreciation of wealth. A man who has never known sickness will take good health for granted. And a man who has forgotten the wretched condition of his depravity will underestimate the riches of God's grace. It could be the apostle felt that the church at Ephesus would not catch the wonder of his exposition in the first chapter. It is possible some could read that great theological discourse describing the wonder of salvation, yet not be thrilled at the truths contained therein. But you cannot contrast your past with your present and not be awed at the transformation salvation made in your life.

2) The Power By Which God Saves! (4)

When you read "*But God,*" you know a drastic change is coming next. Those two words contain, in a sense, the whole Gospel. We were dead in trespasses and sins, but God "*hath quickened us together with Christ.*" We walked according to the course of the world, but God "*hath ... made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*" We were by nature the children of wrath, but God hath shown "*the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*"

"*Who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.*" Mercy is great, but love is greater. You may show mercy to someone you do not love, but love goes beyond mercy. If a tramp knocks on your door tomorrow and begs for something to eat, you may pass him some food through the door, but you are not likely to invite him into your home. In fact, you will be relieved to see him leave and will probably lock the door behind you. That is mercy! But when a lady's husband comes home from work she probably

wouldn't hand him a sandwich out the door and leave him outside. Her reception of him is much different than the tramp. She has a meal waiting on the table, greets him with a kiss, spends the evening with him. That is love! And love is the power by which God saves sinners.

3) The Position Of Those Whom God Saves! (5-6)

If you have difficulty reconciling these verses with your present condition, you must remember that this is salvation from God's viewpoint. This is not describing what you see; this is describing what God sees. We have been quickened to new life, raised up, and seated in heavenly places because God says we have been.

Nineteen times in this epistle we are told that the spiritual blessings of our salvation are "*in Christ.*" All that we have and all that we are is because of our union with Him. By my union with Christ, God considers me as having died on the cross, being raised from the dead, and now being seated at His right hand. I have done none of those things experientially, but I am reckoned as having done these things positionally. As the members of a body, as the vine and the branches, as the stones that make up a building, so we are united with Christ. We are not just in Him, but have been made one with Him.

4) The Purpose For Which God Saves! (7)

Why would God go to such cost to save worthless wretches? We know it is not because any of us were worthy of His grace, and we are just as sure it is not because God thought we would be of great value to Him as His children. The answer is that God has saved us for His own glory. A little later Paul will tell us that we cannot boast of our salvation — but God will boast of our salvation. We are trophies of grace that God will display to the world to demonstrate how great His kindness towards sinners is.

5) The Plan By Which God Saves! (8-9)

"*For by grace*" — Grace is a gift that costs everything to the giver and nothing to the receiver. It is given to those who don't deserve it, barely recognize it, and hardly appreciate it. To turn a sinner into a saint, grace is necessary. "*Through faith*" — Faith is the hand of the heart that takes hold of God's grace. Grace is the source, faith is the means, and salvation is the result.

6) The Performance To Which God Saves! (10)

The apostle has just rejected good works as the reason for our salvation; he now embraces works as a result of our salvation. We are not saved by good works; but we are saved unto good works. The religions of the world preach faith plus works equal justification, but Paul preaches faith equals justification plus works. A salvation that does not produce good works is just as contrary to the Word of God as a salvation that is produced by good works.

Our works manifest our salvation, and it is by our works that we glorify God. What glory would God receive if salvation left us to continue in the works of the flesh? But when grace can take someone who walks according to the course of this world and so radically change his life that he now walks in newness of life, God is glorified.