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command to send His messengers into all the world."

-L. E. Maxwell

Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in Christ's name,

It is a great blessing to give another report of victory in Jesus. Since our last Newsletter, the Lord has given us some great meetings. One of the best I have preached in for a long time was the 39th Annual Camp Meeting the first full week in August at Trinity Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina. Evangelist Jack Tripp, Evangelist Mike Renfrow, Dr. Bob Mitchell, and I were the main speakers; plus my two seventeen-year-old grandsons, Nathan and Jacob, each preached in one of the morning services. Pastor Robert Winstead is struggling with stage-four prostate cancer and was told by his doctor to get complete bed rest, but the old soldier defied his doctor's orders and moderated both morning and evening services for the entire week.

The Sunday following the meeting in Wilson, I preached for Pastor Karl Baker at the Calvary Baptist Church in Beaufort, South Carolina. Brother Baker treated me and the grandsons like royalty with a seafood-feast at his house on Saturday and a fried catfish dinner on Sunday. Brother Baker had caught all the seafood and the fish himself and did all the cooking. It was delicious! In the Sunday services, I had great liberty preaching and the Lord moved on hearts.

Before you read these notes, I will be back in North Carolina for meetings in two different churches. One will be in Hamlet, with Pastor Michael Carpenter and the other in Durham, with Pastor Jerry Hooper.

When the Lord admonished us to "Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read:" (Isaiah 34:16), and "give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13), He was giving us a means of finding the answer to every problem known to the entire human race. My formal education didn't go any farther than the ninth grade in public schools. However, during those nine years I learned to read, and when the Lord saved me as an eighteen-year-old teenager, I started reading every good book I could get my hands on. Now, after fifty-four years into the Christian life, I am still addicted to reading. My normal day is to arise around 4:00 AM and read a few chapters of the Bible and then spend some time in prayer before tackling the work for the day, which also includes a lot of reading.

Recently, among other things, I have read for the third time, *In God's School, Living The Abundant Life, and Fire in The Church*, all books by Dr. T. S. Rendall. The first two of these books are already in print (see page 7), and the third one is coming soon. Every Christian should make Bible reading and prayer a daily practice, and always be reading some other good book. I highly recommend Dr. Rendall's books. They have spoken to my heart over and over again, and I am sure they will help any person who wants a closer walk with the Lord.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

VBP Director
Evangelist Jim Fellure

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Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
 The summer months have been good at Victory Baptist Press. We have been able to take advantage of some high school and college students who were not busy, and put them to work. We even had one college professor help us each week in the print shop. The only problem is that now that I have gotten them all trained to the point where they were really

beginning to understand some of the things that I emphasize over and over and why I emphasize them so much, they have had to go back to school. Nevertheless, the help has been appreciated. We have printed approximately 90,000 English John/Romans and are working on putting 20,000 of them together. We are also well under way in the printing of the Cebuano Bible. Printing a whole Bible is always quite a chore, as there are many steps involved in the whole process, but by the grace of God we look forward to getting nearly 18,000 Bibles into the Philippines this year.

Just recently I have started reading the journals of the missionary, David Brainard. I have heard him used in illustrations for years, but for some reason had never read any of his writings before. Actually, I have only read the preface by Jonathan Edwards, but I like him already. One of his traits I admire the most so far, is the fact that he did not let his emotions control his actions. He knew he was supposed to preach the Gospel to the indians and

endured much hardship to do it. At times it was discouraging (no one seemed to pay any attention to his message at all), and other times there was a mighty working of the Spirit of God, changing the lives of those who listened and obeyed the Gospel. Either way, he knew it was his duty to preach the message of God’s wonderful salvation, whether anyone listened or not.

We very seldom see the fruits of our labor in the print shop. It is easy to get involved in the details of getting the ink on the paper just right and to forget that we are printing the actual words of God. I have no idea how many people have trusted Christ as their Savior from the many portions of Scripture we have printed over the years. Whether it is just a few, or many multitudes, we have the call of God to do it, and He has promised His word will not return void. It will accomplish that which God purposes for it to do.

I trust that as you support this and other worthy mission projects, you will accept them as God’s calling for your life as well. You will never know all the good that comes from your dollars, but by faith we all have to obey. One day our faith will be sight, and what a wonderful time it will be to hear all of the saints’ testimonies and how God worked out various circumstances in order for us to hear the Gospel. I trust that whatever task God gives you, you will be faithful to perform it, whether you feel like it or not, or whether it makes sense to you or not. If God has called you to do it, it will not be a waste of time or money.

May God bless you,
 Bro. Albert Berg



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A factory manager found that production was being hampered by the tardiness of his people returning from the lunch hour. When the whistle blew few were at their machines. He posted a sign by the suggestion box offering a cash award for the best answer to this question: "What should we do to ensure that every man will be inside the factory when the whistle blows?"

Many suggestions were submitted, and the one that was selected solved the problem. But the manager, a man with a sense of humor, liked this one best, though he could not use it: "Let the last man in blow the whistle."

"Few things tend more to alienate friendship than a want of punctuality in our engagements. I have known the breach of a promise to dine or sup to break up more than one intimacy."

-William Hazlitt

Overheard at the bus stop: "Joe's chronically late for everything. His ancestors came over on the Juneflower."

A new employee had been caught coming in late for work three times and the fourth morning the foreman decided to read the riot act. "Look here," he snapped, "don't you know what time we start work around here?" "No, sir," said the man, "they're always working when I get here."

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The Right Attitude Makes a Difference

I always look forward to going to church, with the expectancy of the Lord doing something wonderful in our midst. After 25 years in the ministry, one learns the value of a smile and a kind word and the effect of a positive attitude on others. Admittedly, there have been times I've had to purposely smile and demonstrate a positive attitude, but it always pays off.

One Sunday morning, as I was speaking with folks coming in early, she entered with a downcast look on her face. I greeted her with a smile and inquired how she was doing. Wrong question! The gloomy look deepened and the complaints began. Not a positive word did I hear. I can deal with that, but what is disheartening is the fact that a sour attitude can be a Spirit quencher in a worship service. The sullen look, the sighs, the “daggers” shot in a look toward another, all serve to hamper the work of the Holy Spirit.

Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

We all have bad days, but, truly, it is our choice how we face those days and what kind of attitude we will have as we make our way through a trial or difficulty. Many times I have observed the effect of a bad attitude or sour disposition on others. It can result in someone else's attitude changing and it can become contagious, which is even worse. It can cast a shadow over a joyous occasion, it can grieve the Holy Spirit so that He has no liberty to work in hearts, and it can result in discouragement in others. The Bible account of the report of the ten spies in Numbers 13:31-14:1 is a prime example of the effect of negativity on others.

Proverbs 25:28 says, “He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit is *like* a city *that is* broken down *and* without walls.” We can choose to have a good attitude regardless of circumstances because we can “rule” over our own spirit. To not do so likens us to a city unprotected, open to attack, and subject to defeat. Focusing on yourself and personal difficulties can rob you of the blessing of rejoicing in the Lord and allowing Him to shine out of your life. Choosing to smile and share an encouraging word with another provides blessings for all. If you're feeling the weight of trials and storms – take your burden to the Lord and leave it there! He's ready, willing and able to handle it, so why not smile and make someone else smile too?

Are you weary, are you heavy hearted?
Tell it to Jesus, tell it to Jesus.
Are you grieving over joys departed?
Tell it to Jesus alone.

–Pam Leake

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

WHEN THE PATH IS STRANGE

Since I've committed all I have
And am and hope to be
To His almighty care and love,
Who loves and cares for me,
Why should I wonder or complain,
Why yield to fear or doubt,
Because He leads my pilgrim feet
In ways past finding out.

Have I not wearied Him with prayers
That He my steps would guide;
Would guard me when I walked aright,
And when I wandered, chide?
Would help me – for the flesh is weak –
To trust Him, though He slay –
To trust Him in the darkest night
As in the brightest day?

And now, because the path is strange
And difficult and dim,
Shall I disown my Guide, and fail
To follow after Him?
Shall I His wisdom dare arraign,
His goodness dare dispute?
Behold, because Thou didst it, Lord,
My trembling lips are mute!

Behold, my way is still with Thee,
Though dark it be, or light;
'Tis day, if Thou abide with me,
If Thou depart, 'tis night.
'Tis day – although, as yet, my eyes
Are held – I cannot see;
Oh, touch them with Thy healing touch,
And bid them look on Thee!

– Caroline A. Mason,
Copied from *In God's School*
by T. Rendall



Is Your Fruit Sweet or Sour?

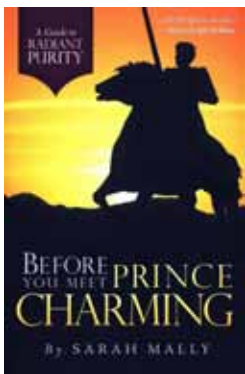
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A teen girl's walk with the Lord can get easily entangled by numerous influences and issues (we call them weeds) which have taken root in her heart. *Is Your Fruit Sweet or Sour?* shows young women how to recognize these problem areas, and make room for a Christ-honoring testimony.

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by Sarah Mally.

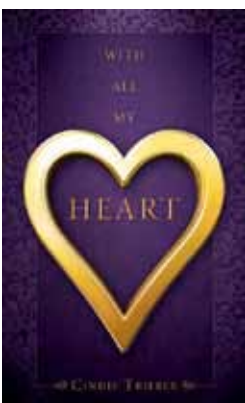
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--Beall Phillips

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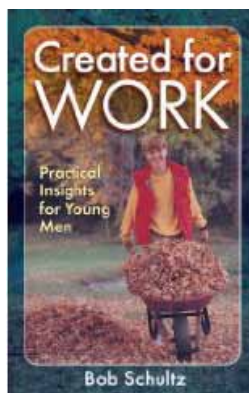
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by Cindie Trieber.

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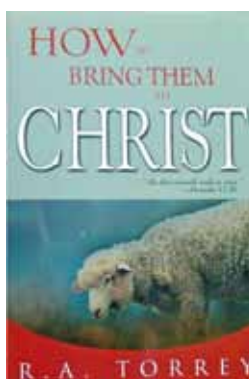
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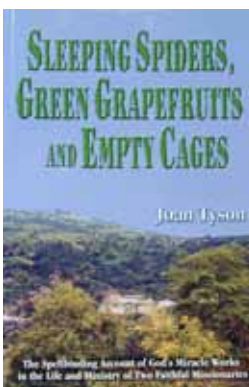
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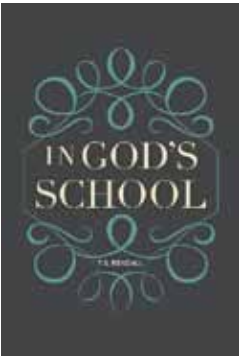


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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure**The Message ON The Cross**

John 19:21-22

All four of the Gospel writers mention this particular detail of the crucifixion: that a board with an inscription written on it was attached to the cross of Jesus. This was not an unusual thing in Roman crucifixions: when a person was being crucified a soldier would walk in front of him with a sign naming

the crime for which the victim was being put to death, and when they reached the place of execution he would nail that board to the top of the cross so anybody could walk by and read it. But just because it was a common thing, doesn't mean it's a minor detail or unimportant. The message that Pilate had placed **ON** the cross preaches a message **OF** the cross.

The Cross is Controversial

John is the only writer that tells us there was a controversy that erupted between Pilate and the Jewish leaders over this sign. The Jewish leaders had brought Jesus to Pilate, accusing him of treason, trying to persuade him to order the crucifixion. Pilate knew that it was a trumped-up charge and that the Jews wanted Jesus dead because they hated His teaching. He didn't understand the whole "king of the Jews" thing, but he knew it had filled them with rage.

So when Pilate ordered this inscription: JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS, he was doing this as a message to those Jewish leaders. *I know He's not guilty of treason, I know you hate Him because He said He was your king, so let's just put the truth out there. You haven't fooled me. I will order His execution, but I'm going to make sure the world knows the real reason this man is dying.*

Of course, that sign got the reaction he hoped it would. A delegation came to Pilate and began to argue that the sign was wrong. Don't say, "He is the king of the Jews;" write, "**HE SAID** He was the king of the Jews." And, Pilate, who had caved to the demands of the Jewish leaders all night and all morning, refused to budge on this one thing. "*What I have written, I have written,*" meaning I'm not changing the sign.

So, the first thing we notice about this sign board is that it provoked a controversy between Pilate and the Jewish leaders. There was controversy around the cross. And there is still controversy around the cross. There is something about the cross that stirs anger and hate, offends men, and upsets a world that hates God. Put a cross up on the lawn of City Hall tomorrow and see how long it stays there. Put a cross up on the front yard of the public school tomorrow and see how long it takes for the ACLU to sue. The message of the cross is despised because it insists that the cross is not just a way to God, but that it is the only way to God. The cross excludes all other religious systems and demands that no man can come to God who bypasses the blood-stained cross. And that is controversial.

The Cross is Universal

Luke and John tell us that this inscription was written in the three common languages of that day: Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. **Hebrew** was the language of the Jew and the language of religion. It tells us Jesus is the final word on religion. **Greek** was the language of culture. It tells us that culture means nothing without Jesus. **Latin** was the language of the Roman Empire and was the language of law and government. It tells us that Christ is the standard for all governments.

The three languages of the inscription point to the fact that the cross is universal in application and invitation. That it was written for every man to read says the whole world is invited to salvation. It is for the intelligent and illiterate, wealthy and poor, cultured and savage, influential and insignificant.

The Cross is Personal

On this sign board was supposed to be written the crime of the person being crucified, but on it no crime was listed. There is a title of who Jesus was but no title of what He had done. The Jews charged Him with blasphemy, but that wasn't a crime the Romans would crucify Him for so that wasn't written there. The Jews accused Him of treason before Pilate, but Pilate found Him not guilty so he wasn't going to write that there either. Pilate had no crime to list on that sign that wouldn't have been a complete lie. He knew everything about the crucifixion was a farce, including his part in it, but he was determined there would be at least one element of truth in it.

The truth the sign board preaches is that Jesus did not die for a crime He had committed. Jesus died for crimes you and I have done. He died, not for His own sins, but for our sins. When a man owed a debt he could not pay, they would post that debt somewhere public. That day on Calvary, the sins that were against us were nailed on that cross - a debt we cannot pay; sins for which we cannot atone; transgressions for which we should be ashamed.

There were two thieves crucified with Jesus that day. At the beginning of the crucifixion, both of those men reviled Jesus, but just before he died, one thief changed his mind and said, "*Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy KINGDOM.*" Now where did that thief get the idea that this Jesus hanging on a cross had a kingdom? To have a kingdom, you have to be a king, so who told him that Jesus was a king? Well, there was a sign board that said He was - **JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS**. That was the first gospel tract written, a thief read it and believed it, and called out to Christ in his dying hour. That one statement was all this thief had, but on the edge of eternity, just seconds away from hell, he read that one verse and God sent this message to his soul, "This is a king and he's going into a kingdom," and he believed and was saved. Yet, someone is reading this who has been given so much more than just one verse. Perhaps you have a mother who is praying for you to be saved, and you've heard the Gospel so many times. You don't have just one verse like the thief on the cross; you have an entire Bible. And yet, with all the light that has been given you, you still reject Christ.

Do not think you'll find any excuse with God when you stand before Him. Do not think you'll talk your way into heaven as a good person when God sent His very Son to the cross for your sins? The cross is personal – it is for you!