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## Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in Christ's name,  
It is hard to believe it's 2017, but the calendar says it is true. With the rapid passing of Father Time, I realize more and more that I am nearing the shore. I do have plans for what time I have left here on earth, but I must emphasize that my plans are prefaced with "not my will, but thine, be done."

One of my plans is to turn seventy-five in August of this year, but the Lord could, and very well may, interrupt that one. I hope He does, preferably by way of the Rapture. Either way—through a hole in the sky or a hole in the ground—Gloryland is not so far away!

Many times when others ask "How are you today?" I try to open a conversation about salvation by replying, "I'm doing okay, but if I die today of natural causes, things would be a lot better."

"Oh, don't say that," is the usual response.

My reply is, "Why not? The minute I quit breathing I am going to Heaven, and from what I have been reading in the Bible it will be a lot better there than here."

I then ask, "Are you going?" Very seldom do I get an answer that indicates the person has any concept at all about being saved the Bible way. Usually at that point I give them a Gospel tract and say something like, "This will tell you how to go to Heaven when you die. After you read it, if you decide you don't want to go, just throw it away."

Most will say, "Oh, I want to go!" and take the tract.

Last fall I was preaching a revival meeting for Pastor Lee Cadenhead at the Ridge Road Baptist Church of Brewton, Alabama. One night after the service several of us went to a restaurant for a

meal, and I gave that witness and a tract to the young lady taking our order. One of the ladies with our group also invited her to the revival services. The next night she was the first person in the parking lot, and that night she trusted Christ as her Saviour. Hopefully, there will be many others we don't know about who come to a saving knowledge of Christ through whatever witness we can give.

I am convinced most professing Christians don't take advantage of most opportunities to witness for Christ. I realize you won't have the opportunity to explain the Gospel to every person one on one, but we could at least include the words Bible, God, Jesus Christ, salvation, Heaven, church, repent, etc., in our normal, everyday conversations. For example, I am writing these notes from my motel room in Birmingham, Alabama, where I am preaching the annual Missions Revival for Pastor Scott Justice and the Gloryland Baptist Church. I have witnessed to all of the motel staff several times, but I want to continually keep reminding them of how good God really is. When I made my first trip to the lobby for coffee early this morning, I was greeted by the staff cook with, "Good morning. How are you today?" My reply was, "I'm doing very well. Last night I proved that God loves me. The Bible says, 'He giveth his beloved sleep,' and last night I slept like a teenager."

It is sad to say, but it's easier to get some folks to talk about sports (especially football at this season) than the precious blood of Christ, salvation by grace, and an eternal home in Heaven.

The bottom line is that in addition to raising all the money I possibly can to keep Victory Baptist Press busy printing and distributing the Scriptures to as many places and people as possible, I plan to be a constant, verbal, public witness of the wonderful, saving grace of God.

May God be with you till we meet again,

Jim Fellure

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## Print Shop News

Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In our last letter, back in November, we were working very hard to get a load of Bibles ready to go to Peru, South America. We skipped the January issue of the *Newsletter* in order to get the Bibles done by the middle of January. I was not sure we were going to be able to make it, but the Lord sent us extra help that made it possible. By the grace of God, your prayers, gifts, and many volunteer hours of labor, we were actually ready a few days ahead of time. On January 18th we were able to send nearly 25,000 Spanish Bibles to Don Rich in Peru to be distributed all across South America. The more we send down there the greater the need becomes because as more people get them, the more there are that want them. Please pray that God will help us to meet the need.

On the home front there is good news. Many of you saw the email from our daughter, Sarah (who works here in the shop), asking for prayer for her health. She asked the men of our church to anoint her with oil as James 5:14-15 describes, and was willing to accept whatever outcome the Lord had for her. I am happy to report her health has improved greatly. She still has some problems, but she has much more energy and is able to eat almost any food. When she was diagnosed with Crohn's disease as a young teenager, I remember the doctor telling us this was an expensive, high maintenance disease, and if we did not qualify for Medicaid then, we soon would. Now, I have never taken a vow never to go on Medicaid, but don't really like the idea either. The Lord has been gracious and supplied all the needs so far. Much of the need has been met by pharmaceutical companies donating the medicine Sarah needs. These companies are often criticized for their selfishness, but I am here to tell you that at least one person has benefited from their generosity.

Thank you once again for your prayers and support. Remember that when you help Victory Baptist Press you become part of the miracle of the preservation of the Word of God. The Word of God is a seed that must be sown if generations to follow are to benefit from it. Seed kept in the barn may keep for a long time, but if some is not replanted, it will only feed a small number of people for a short time. I trust that you are sowing the seed both in your personal walk and in all your missions giving.

God bless you,  
Bro. Albert Berg

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## WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

by Jacob Fellure

The second in a series looking at the many wonderful words that describe salvation.

### Sanctification: Wholly Holy

The definition of sanctification is simply "to set apart." The first mention of any form of sanctification is in Genesis 2, where God set aside the seventh day for a holy purpose. The believer's sanctification is the act whereby God sets aside the believer for His own purpose, and it is the process by which the believer becomes what God wants him to be.

When we consider sanctification, we must consider carefully. Some fall into one of two errors concerning sanctification. On one hand, some would prescribe to the mentality of "Let go and let God." However, commands in the New Testament such as "*let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness*" are not compatible with simply "letting go and letting God." On the other hand, some would seem to teach trying to live for God to the exclusion of trusting God. A balance is necessary to properly understand sanctification.

### Positional Sanctification

Positional sanctification is an act that happens the instant a person gets saved. The basis for positional sanctification is the blood of Christ. A defiled sinner cannot be set aside for God's holy purpose. A sinner must be cleansed in order for sanctification to be possible. Because our identity is *in Him*, positional sanctification is possible. Your knowledge of Scripture with God does not determine whether or not you are sanctified nor does the sin you commit as a believer negatively impact your positional sanctification. It is completely dependent upon being found "in Him." **Practical Sanctification**

Positional sanctification is an act, but practical sanctification is a process. The process begins at salvation and will end when we receive our glorified bodies and the sin nature is eradicated. This practical aspect of sanctification is manifested in the growth of a believer. The longer a Christian walks with God the more he will become like Christ. We must beware of a misunderstanding here. Practical sanctification will not result (in this life at least) in sinless perfection. Sanctification does manifest itself in less sin, but we will not reach a point of being sinless. First John 1:8 says, "*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*"

So, how do we pursue sanctification? Our pursuit begins with a knowledge of our union with Christ. As Paul says in Romans 6, "*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him . . . that henceforth we should not serve sin.*"

Our union with Christ in death provides a way for the power of sin to be severed in our lives. Our union with Christ also gives us the ability to live holy through the resurrection power of Christ. We must reckon through faith this fact of union with Christ to be true. If we have been crucified with Christ and have been risen with Christ, we have the power to be victorious over sin! Our confidence does not rest in our human frailty but in the finished work of Christ!

Finally, we must fight the flesh. Paul says in Romans 6, "*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*"

We must resolve to sin less and live like Christ more. It isn't easy but it should be desired by everyone who recognizes how good God has been to them.

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## Benefits &amp; Blessings

*Mrs. Pam Leake*

**There is no trouble,  
no danger, no enemy  
that is greater than my  
heavenly Father!**

When our daughter, Carla, was about four years old, we traveled to visit some friends of ours who lived out in the country. We had visited them before, but we didn't know that they had acquired a new pet . . . a Great

Dane to be exact. Our friend, Steve, came to the door to greet us and Carla got out of the car, heading for the steps up to the front door. All of a sudden the dog, which was loose outside, but behind the house where we could not see him, bounded around the corner of the house straight towards her. We saw the dog, she saw the dog, and immediately she turned around crying, and, as fast as her little legs could carry her, ran for her daddy who scooped her up in his arms. There was no hesitation . . . she knew where to go for safety! The dog was only being friendly but looked really ferocious. From the security of her father's arms, Carla looked down at the dog as if to say, "You can't hurt me now!"

It was the love of a father and the close relationship between father and daughter that motivated her move toward him in time of fear and danger. There was no need to hesitate in doubt because

she knew that he was her security and protection. So it should be with the heavenly Father and His child. As a child of God I need to have such a close relationship with Him that no matter the time, place, or situation, I can run to Him and be able to trust in Him as my safe place. His Word has told me that He will never leave me nor forsake me. He says to me in Nahum 1:7, "The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." I have placed my trust *in Him* and He *knows* me! There is no trouble, no danger, no enemy that is greater than my heavenly Father. I love the words of Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe." The "scary" things I face may not be a giant dog chasing me, but fears that come from situations I find myself in or uncertain circumstances that are man made. And the truth is that I may never know (on this side of Heaven) all of the times that the Lord has protected me.

What a blessing and a comfort to know that I am loved by the Creator of the world! The day I accepted Him as my Saviour I was adopted into His family and given a secure place in His hand and, according to John 10:28, no man can ever pluck me out of His hand. He's my Abba, Father, to whom I can run in the face of my fears and find safety under His wings.

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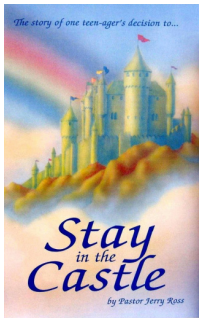
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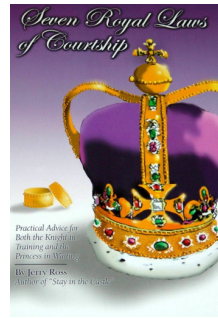




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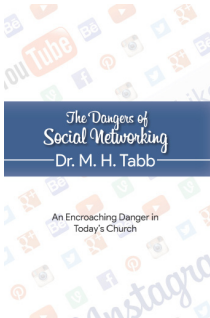
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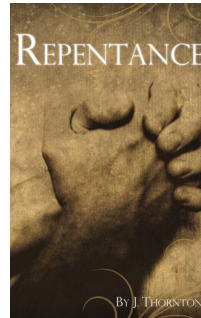


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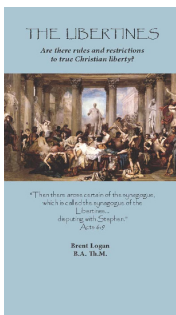


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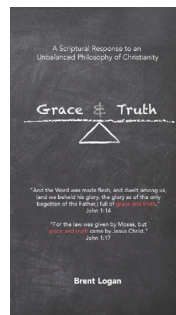


### **The Libertines**

by Brent Logan  
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consists of several groups, of which the preeminently named is the Libertines. Sadly, in this generation the flesh life abounds, and now, the carnal have resurrected an old doctrine of devils to promote their profaneness with a stamp of Christianity."

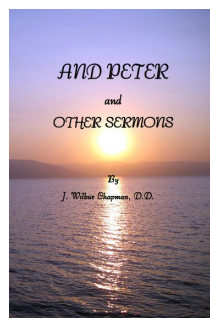


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by Brent Logan  
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A false Christian religion is nothing more than the works of men. An overcorrection of that misunderstanding is to say that Christianity is only about grace. To be in either ditch is to do a disservice to the claims of the Bible upon the lives of those who have been truly born again.

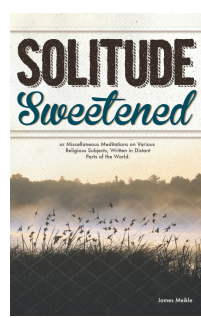
Christianity is about Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is about grace and truth. They must remain together. Christianity is not the philosophy of "Do to Live," but it is the reality of "Live then Do." To totally divorce the "Do" that should come after the "Live" is just as perverse as divorcing "Christ the Life" from "Christ the Righteous."



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by J. Wilbur Chapman  
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Dr. Chapman led several churches prior to entering full-time evangelism work in 1893, preaching with D. L. Moody and conducting many meetings on his own. *And Peter* is one of the many great classic sermons by Chapman. This book also contains seven other of his great evangelistic sermons.



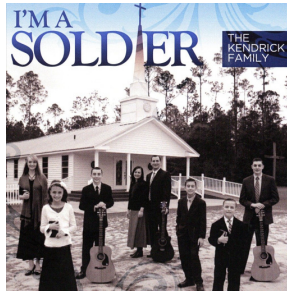
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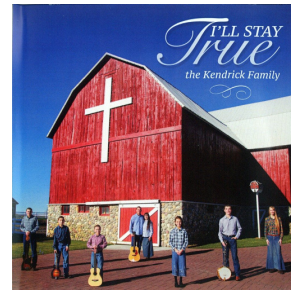
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## The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure**Salt Life***Matthew 5:13-16*

A couple of years ago I started noticing a decal showing up on vehicles here in the Gulf Coast area advertising *Salt Life*. I had no idea what *Salt Life* was but just assumed it was some rock band or coded liberal message. Like a good Baptist preacher, even though I didn't know what it meant, I was sure I was against it and began

researching it with plans of preaching against it. Much to my surprise, I discovered *Salt Life* just meant you lived by the ocean and you enjoyed the beach. Quite harmless.

In the first eleven verses of the Sermon on the Mount, we are given the Beatitudes, and these next verses give us Similitudes—two metaphors of what the Christian is to be in the world. The Beatitudes are about inner character; the Similitudes are about outward influence. The Christian's relationship to the world should be, that even though we are in the world, we are not of the world, and we should influence the world. The reason this is so important is because there is no influence for Christ in this world beyond the Church. The world may hate us (vv. 10-12), but they desperately need us. Who else is going to stem the tide of corruption and sin? Who else is going to preach the Gospel that can save them?

So, we are to have influence in this world, and that influence is spoken of in the two metaphors of salt and light. The first lesson in the metaphors is that there is a marked **difference** between the world and the Church. When you sprinkle salt on food, you immediately notice it; when you turn on the light in a dark room, you immediately notice it. This is because salt and light are so different from the food or darkness they influence. The second lesson is that there is a marked **improvement** upon the world by our influence. Salt makes the food taste better; light dispels the darkness; Christianity improves society. A society that has had Christian influence to shape it has always been a better place to live than one that has no Christian influence.

**1) The Presupposition**

For us to be salt and light, it is presumed that the world needs salt and light. Salt presupposes decay, and light presupposes darkness. One of the most ridiculous ideas people talk about is that the world is getting better. It can't get better because it's not good to start with; it's bad and getting worse (2 Timothy 3:13). Sure, we're smarter and more sophisticated, but we're certainly not better than the generations before us. All culture does is create more sophisticated ways to display and exhibit its corruption.

The Bible points us back to the days of Noah and Lot as signs

of what it will be like in the last days. The days of Noah were so corrupt, God destroyed the earth with a flood, and the days of Lot were so corrupt, He destroyed two cities with fire and brimstone. It seems the Bible looked for the two epitomes of corrupt societies to say how the earth will be when Jesus comes. And we are certainly living in those days.

**2) The Plan**

The plan is to place believers in the midst of this dark and corrupt world and have them influence the world for truth's sake. I believe the Church is what keeps the world from going completely corrupt. The reason I say that is because one day, when the Church is raptured out, it is going to get very bad, very fast. For only ten righteous people God would have spared Sodom. Our lives ought to have a sanctifying influence on others. The boys and girls in my church ought to have a presence of holiness about them so that other boys and girls either don't want them around or are compelled to clean up their own act.

The story is told of a Christian girl named Helen Ewing who lived in Scotland in the 1700s. She got saved at a young age and began to live for Jesus. She wanted to be a missionary, but she died at age twenty-two. She never wrote a book or a song, never preached a sermon, and never traveled more than two hundred miles from her home, but everywhere she went she left a sense of the presence of God. She was known to rise at 5:00 every morning and pray for missionaries, and she saw many people come to Christ through her witnessing. Her influence was so strong that if people were telling dirty jokes they would stop until she passed by. That is the plan. You and I are to be that kind of influence.

**3) The Problem**

The danger is that the light is hid, and the salt loses its saltiness. Non-salty salt has no use, just like a light that is burned out is of no good. Some substances can become useless for one thing but useful for another. Grapes can go sour but then can be turned into vinegar. Even scraps of food can be used for compost, but there is no use for salt that has become unsavory. Jesus is not saying you can lose your salvation, but that you can lose your influence. If sin is in your life, you will have no influence. You can't retard the corruption around you if you're part of it.

**4) The Purpose**

*"And glorify your Father which is in heaven."* There is nothing glorifying to God about a life that is contradictory to the Gospel. There is nothing glorifying to God about a life that displays no real change since conversion. There is nothing glorifying to God about salt that has lost its savor, or a light that has gone out. The message then is to examine your life as a Christian: is it Gospel-worthy? Are you living the *Salt Life*?