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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

What Happens to Financial Support Given to VBP?

During the first few years of this ministry, there was not a lot of numerical growth with this church or with VBP. However, the man of God, who never became a full-time pastor but worked as a building contractor for his livelihood, knew what God had called him to do. So, in 1975, with nothing more than strong faith, he started Victory Baptist Church. Then

in 1984 he began the ministry of Victory Baptist Press. Now as we look back over the years of seeing millions of Bibles and Scripture portions printed and shipped to mission fields around the world, we realize that none of it would have ever happened without the vision, faith, obedience, and hard work of Dr. Thomas F. Woodward.

In 1991 Mary and I came to work with VBP as field reps. A short time later our son Tim and his wife Jennifer came on board and spent two years traveling from church to church raising financial support for this ministry. Soon after that Brother Woodward discovered he had prostate cancer, and on Wednesday, May 11, 1994, the Lord took him home.

Before Brother Woodward passed away, he asked Tim to come off the road and pastor the church. Then from his death bed, he dictated a letter requesting that the church call Tim as their next pastor. On Sunday, May 15, 1994, the twenty-four year old, who some would call a "kid preacher," was in the pulpit as the new pastor. I was then promoted to General Director of VBP, not because of my qualifications, but because I was the only one available.

In the fall of 1991, we started this regular, bi-monthly Newsletter but did not start archiving each issue until January, 2002. Since then we have published seventy-five different, eight-page issues, and we have approximately five thousand subscribers on our mailing list. This means VBP has put over three million pages of information, just through this Newsletter, into subscribers' mail boxes, and many more copies are distributed by our field reps in the different churches where they preach and represent VBP. In addition to the hard copies, we always send each issue in a PDF format to our entire list of email subscribers, which is currently a little over nineteen thousand.

Through the years we have gotten a lot of different responses from this simple publication. One pastor even admitted that when he

receives his copy he tears the back page off and preaches Pastor Tim Fellure's sermon notes in his church the following Sunday.

In addition to *The Newsletter*, we offer over seven hundred items in our online bookstore, and forty-three of those books are published exclusively by VBP. However, even though I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to be a part of the ministries mentioned, I am constantly aware that the primary part of the ministry has always been and still is the printing and distribution of the Scriptures.

Though I cannot report on every project we have done through the years, some stand out more than others. For example, when I looked back at that very first issue for January/February, 2002, right on the front cover it said:

"Uganda, East Africa—Victory Baptist Press has 300,000 John/Romans booklets and more than 12,000 New Testaments printed and ready to ship to Missionary Keith Stensaas in Masaka."

In addition to that shipment back in 2002, VBP has shipped two more full containers to Brother Stensas, along with other containers to other African countries. Our current project for Zimbabwe, Africa, is expected to ship within a few weeks.

The Lord has also opened the door for VBP to provide Bibles to the continent of South America which has a population of more than two hundred million people. In the last five years, Missionary Don Rich has distributed approximately seventy-five thousand Spanish Bibles printed by VBP to missionaries or national pastors in every Spanish-speaking country in South America, and if the Lord is willing, another 25,000 will be shipped to him later on this year.

Time and time again we have watched as the big trucks leave our property with containers full of the precious and powerful printed Scriptures headed for some shipping port where they are loaded onto a ship and sent to missionaries in a foreign country. Just about every week, orders for a few dozen or up to several thousand John/Romans booklets are shipped to churches in the US, and as we mention in just about every Newsletter, all the Scriptures printed by VBP have been provided without charge to those who receive them.

Hopefully, these notes will not seem like a brag sheet because when we look at what VBP is doing compared with what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us, we are ashamed that we have done so little. Also, when we compare ourselves with some of the other printing ministries, we are one of the smaller ones. Even so, this is an actual, honest overview of how we use the support money others send our way.

It seems so small, but all we can do is say, "Thank you for helping us help others."

Jim Fellure

Those who support Victory Baptist Press prayerfully and financially are helping send the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in its purest form, around the world.

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Things have been going well in the print shop, and we have been making good progress on the Shona John/Romans project for Zimbabwe, Africa. We want to thank our many volunteers who have either come to the shop to work or have taken some home to collate. Also, we give a special thanks to Seedline International in Brazil Indiana, and Walnut Avenue Baptist Church here in Pensacola for their

help. We have said it before, but it bears repeating. This is truly a work of faith—trusting God to not just supply the financial needs but also the workers for the actual work itself. We are putting ink on paper and assembling the pages in order, putting them in a container to ship half-way around the world to people we are not likely to meet in this life, all in the belief that lost people will learn the Truth of the Gospel and be changed forever. One day we will be able to meet them in eternity. I do not know if there will be any other eternal rewards for this work, but that is enough for me. We are hoping to send this container out by the middle of April so the John/Romans will get there and be distributed to various areas in enough time for the team that will be arriving later on.

In the midst of this Shona project, we also have put together a few thousand English John/Romans for churches here in the States. When we printed these English John/Romans, we did not put them all together so we could put personalized covers on them if requested. If you are interested in these, we have a patriotic cover we can put your church information on; or if you want to design your own cover, you can contact the print shop here for specifics on how to do that.

One of the things we have wanted in the print shop for a long time is a four-color press. We had a rather large one donated to us a few years ago, but we never could get it to run properly. We put a lot of effort into it, but finally had to admit defeat. We

already have a two-color press that my daughter Sarah has run some four color jobs on, and she did a good job, but it is very time-consuming and more difficult than it may sound. The covers for the Shona John/Romans were printed on that press, but we had it designed to use only two colors since we had to print 390,000 of them. It took a long time to print them with one pass through the press, and it would obviously have taken at least twice as long to run them through twice. However, we have recently purchased another four-color press, smaller than the one we had before. It is basically the same as our two-color press but with four heads on it instead of two. One of the added features it has is a computer ink control system so if we run the same job over again it will automatically adjust the ink levels which will help avoid some set-up time. Its one drawback is it uses 3.5" floppy disks to save the information. I am told they can still be bought, so that may not be a problem. We still use digital equipment for many things, but we hope to eventually do our Newsletter on this press, and next time we have a long run of covers, we can print them on it as well.

Please continue to pray for us as we do what the LORD has called us to do. There are many open doors for the Scripture, and we need guidance to know which ones to go through since we cannot go through all of them. Pray to the Lord of the harvest so that someone will be able to go through the doors we cannot.

God bless,
Bro. Albert Berg



MEMORIALS

Each contributor listed below, through their individual contribution, has helped provide 544 Bibles for the mission field.

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**"They who will
not follow are not
qualified to lead."**

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The Richburgs left a full-time ministry in South Carolina and became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in 1999. Brother Richburg now serves as our general field director.



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Evangelist Jason Kendrick and his wife Jody have been traveling in evangelism for more than twenty years. They now also represent VBP as they travel throughout the US holding revival meetings.

The Kendrick Family sings gospel music and has four gospel music CDs available in the VBP Bookstore.



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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the summers they would travel to recruit young men and ladies for college. Now they are traveling full time for VBP as representatives.

Benefits & Blessings

Mrs. Pam Leake

**"Pray ye therefore the
Lord of the harvest,
that he will send forth
labourers
into his harvest."
(Matt. 9:38)**

As I began to relate the Bible history of God calling Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and the 10 plagues that God sent upon the Egyptians, the interest and excitement on the face of my 10-year-old student was priceless. He suddenly interrupted me, asking me to pause while he went to get a stool which he promptly positioned right in front of me so that he could face me. He said, "This is fun! Now tell me where it is in the Bible so I can follow along while you tell me about it!" There is nothing quite like seeing a new Christian, especially a child, who knows very little of the treasures of God's Word,

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about it!"**

become so enthused about the events in Scripture and the mighty power of God shown through these events.

For the last couple of months, it has been my husband's and my pleasure to disciple a family that was recently saved. Once a week, in their home, my husband works with the mother and father while I spend time teaching the two sons. Neither of the boys has much Bible knowledge, hence I have had basically a "clean slate" on which to portray the magnificent characters and events of the Bible and

to present the power and might of a loving heavenly Father who is becoming more real to these two young men every day. I'm not sure who looks forward to it more—the boys or me!

The description of a newly saved person as a newborn babe, desiring the sincere milk of the word that he might grow thereby, has come to life through this opportunity I have been given. Having taught children for most of my life as a Christian, I never tire of seeing the Word of God come alive in the heart and mind of a child. It is not a responsibility to be taken lightly, but it is a great privilege to make an impact on a life that holds such potential for the work of God. At our next church service, this whole family will be baptized and become active, participating members of a church family. There is great excitement in the parents as well as the sons at what the Lord has done thus far in their lives, and also what the future holds as they begin their walk with the Lord. How can I not be excited with them?

I never want to take for granted the blessings that the Lord bestows in my life through opportunities such as this. It would be easy to say I just don't have time to do it, or that they can just get what they will in the Sunday School class or pastor's sermons, but if I can personally relate to them Who the Savior really is and what He desires to do with their lives at this early age, perhaps they will be less likely to be drawn away by the world and the devil, instead choosing to grow and mature as a child of God, especially as they "behold wondrous things out of thy law." And, yes, I am praying to the Lord of the harvest, that He might call them to be laborers in the harvest field!

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



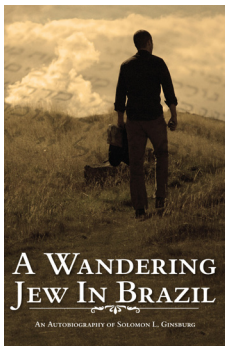
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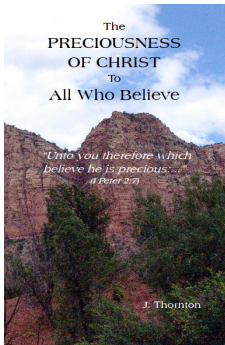
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A Wandering Jew in Brazil

by Solomon Ginsburg
220 pages
\$13.95

Solomon was born into the home of a Jewish Rabbi and trained to be a Jewish teacher. However, as a young man Ginsburg was confronted with the glorious Gospel of Christ by another converted Jew. Within a few months of his first encounter with the Gospel he was saved. Soon after his conversion, persecution by friends and family and even attempts on his life began. God overruled, though, and used him for thirty-five phenomenal, fruitful years of service as a missionary in the country of Brazil.



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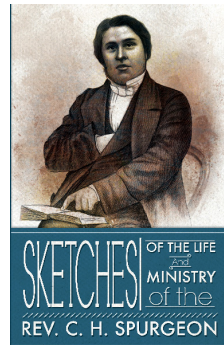
Other than knowing that John Thornton lived near London, was in the Church of England, and was very evangelistic, there is very little information on record about his personal life. However, his contribution to the cause of Christ and his church through his classic work on repentance and this work on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



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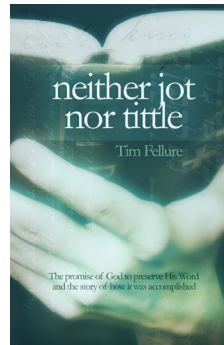
Our world desperately needs to rediscover a respect for and submission to duly-appointed, God-ordained authority. If we are to have unity in our churches, peace in our homes, security in our communities, progress in our schools, and productivity in our places of employment, then someone must be in charge.



Sketches of the Life and Ministry of Rev. C. H. Spurgeon

by George John Stevenson
130 pages
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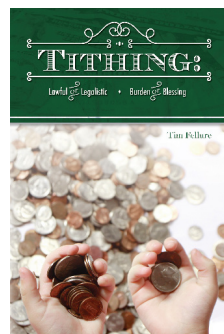
Though *Sketches of the Life and Ministry of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon* only covers the first few years of his ministry, it gives ample evidence that Mr. Spurgeon was a man raised up and specially trained by Divine Providence to accomplish a great moral and spiritual work by promoting the well-being of both the bodies and the souls of the multitudes who almost daily thronged to hear him.



Neither Jot Nor Tittle

by Tim Felleure
191 pages
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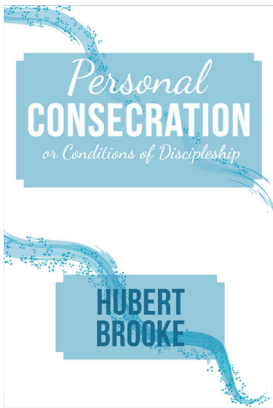
Now more than ever, there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages on. *Neither Jot Nor Tittle* is about the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.



Tithing: Lawful or Legalistic? Burden or a Blessing?

by Tim Felleure
32 pages
\$3.00

The first question that comes up when considering the tithe is whether the tithe is expected of New Testament Christians. Is tithing a New Testament principle or just an Old Testament law? This booklet answers the questions in layman's terms.



Personal Consecration or Conditions of Discipleship

by Hubert Brooke

112 pages

\$10.95

There is a large portion of God's promised blessings as yet unclaimed by the Church of Christ; and the door that leads in to them is labeled "personal consecration." Some things have to be left behind by each soul who means to enter; but far grander things lie waiting to be possessed on the inner side. We may well say of this good land what Pharaoh said of rich Egypt in comparison with famine-stricken Canaan: "Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt *is* yours" (Genesis 45:20).

As the pages are read, may the reader's heart be led to a growing conviction of what personal consecration means and to a final decision to respond to the call, which was given in the words of David to Israel: "And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?" (1 Chronicles 29:5).

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The Pastor's Page

Tim Fellure

How Real Is Your Religion? Zechariah 7:1-14

The book of Zechariah begins with eight visions the prophet had in one night (chapters 1-6). By the time you come to our text, two years have passed since that night. The remnant that had returned to Jerusalem from the Babylonian captivity had been encouraged by Zechariah's visions and were back to work on the Temple.

But now the Lord gives Zechariah a new message for the people—*As you complete the Temple and reinstate the rituals of Temple worship, remember your worship must come from the heart.*

In both testaments there are numerous warnings against hypocrisy in our worship (Isaiah 1:11-18; Malachi 1:6-8; Luke 18:9-14). A hypocrite is someone who dons a mask and pretends to be what he is not. And these passages all tell us that you may be able to mask your face, but you cannot hide your heart from God. God requires that we come to Him in sincerity and truth, and that our lives match our worship. That is the message in Zechariah 7. Are our rituals enough, or does God require more?

1) The People Ask (7:1-3)

A delegation from an outlying town had come to Jerusalem to seek an answer to a Bible question. The question was, *"Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?"* What they were referring to was a fast they were keeping once a year in the fifth month, but were they still required to observe it? The interesting thing about this fast is that there was no fast in the fifth month ever prescribed in the Old Testament. In fact, the only annual fast God instituted for Israel was on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:37). There were other times they fasted voluntarily or in times of distress, but only one fast that God said put it on your calendar and the entire nation is to fast on this day every year. But over the centuries the elders of Israel had added required fasts to the Jewish calendar. Whenever some great event would happen, the elders would say, we need to commemorate that and would institute a national fast on that particular day. And somewhere along the way, they had decided to have a national fast-day in the fifth month. This particular fast was ordered to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem, which was such a shattering experience to the people that the priests didn't want them to forget it. So while in captivity they had instituted this fast. It would be like us remembering the fallen towers on 9/11, and every year having some kind of service or memorial in remembrance of that event.

There was nothing wrong with that, but the problem was that then they weren't in captivity, and Jerusalem wasn't in ruins

anymore. The captivity had been over for years now and Jerusalem was being rebuilt, but they were still keeping that fast. So the people in one town wanted to know if the fast was still required. They were tired of doing it, and it had lost its meaning now that their situation had changed. They held the fast but they didn't weep and they didn't mourn. It had meant something when they were in Babylon longing for the homeland, but it didn't mean anything now. It was just one more ritual to drag themselves through every year.

2) The Prophet Answers (7:4-7)

Zechariah doesn't answer the question they asked; he answers the question they should have asked. The proper question was not do we have to; the proper question should have been why are we. These people had been steeped in idolatry, and all idolatrous religions are heavy in ritual and formality. And though Israel would never again turn to idolatry, they had a tendency to turn their religion into nothing more than a code of rituals. They were very comfortable with doing what was prescribed, but often missed the heart that God desired.

So the answer the Lord gives is—Were you ever doing this for me? When you kept this fast those seventy years in Babylon, was it ever real or were you just going through the motions. Whether you fasted or feasted, wasn't it just a social get-together that had nothing to do with worshipping me? And we should ponder the same question for our own religious activities. When you go to church on Sunday, is it to worship or is it because you feel obligated to? When you observe the Lord's Supper, is your heart moved or is it just a formality? When you have your daily devotions are you just checking it off the list so you can be proud of yourself, or did you really want to hear from God from His Word?

"Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the south and the plain?" Do you want to know what you ought to do? You ought to listen to the prophets and preachers who have stood in your midst and preached the Word of God. What God desires is not ritual, but obedience.

3) The Lord Appeals (7:8-14)

They had come inquiring about a fast, essentially asking does God want us still doing this? We will if it is required, but we're tired of it, and we want to know what we have to do. What is our religious duty? And the Lord's answer is that your religious duty is to do right and be real. Your rituals and fasts don't override the sin you're living, so there's no use to keep on in your fasts if you're going to live like the heathen all the other days. Execute true judgment. Shew mercy and compassion. Oppress not the widow. Do you get the point? Is God as pleased with your living on Monday as everyone else is as impressed with your religion on Sunday? Is your religion real?