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“Necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me,  
if I preach not the gospel!”

(1 Corinthians 9:16).

The degree of the Apostle's (and the Church's) guilt involved in Paul's “Woe is unto me!” is a question only the All-wise can finally settle. But be sure He will settle it. That reckoning day is coming. However, there is little doubt that we have watered down that woe to suit our doctrinal preconceptions and to avoid our being discomforted or too seriously inconvenienced. Is it not remarkable, however, that every servant of God who has been mightily used to the winning of the lost has been fully convinced, not only of an eternal Hell, but also of his own bloodguiltiness—“murder by neglect”—if he fails to deliver his message?

—LE Maxwell

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## Editor's Notes



*Jim & Mary Fellure*

Greetings,

I have relinquished this space usually reserved for my personal notes to make room for our brand-new tract entitled *What Does the Bible Say?* We have tried to make the tract as thorough and easily understood as it can be in this very limited, available space. The two options at the conclusion will hopefully help awaken many unsaved souls to a realization of how serious it is to reject Christ. Admittedly, the options seem a little bit demanding and “pushy,” but as one older preacher answered when told that his boldness would drive sinners away, “They are already on the road to Hell: Where am I going to drive them to, Hell #2?” Several preachers who have reviewed the tract have concluded that the options add much strength to the invitation for sinners to come to Christ now.

Brother Al Berg will bring you up-to-date with print shop news in his notes on the next page, and I will be back with some personal notes in the next issue.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless your labor for Him,  
Jim Fellure

# What Does the *Bible* Say?

**A scriptural view of the origin of humanity's fallen, sinful nature and their deeds of iniquity, with the consequences and remedy.**



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Go to the end of the tract on page 6 for ordering information.

**“I may not be perfect,  
but I’m not that bad!”**

This statement has been uttered frequently by people who have formed their own opinion of themselves, using others as a standard. But 2 Corinthians 10:12 declares that “they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise,” and Proverbs 20:6 proclaims that “most men will proclaim every one his own goodness.”

**The only totally reliable source for  
diagnosing your spiritual condition is  
God’s Word, the Bible.**

God sees people much differently than they see themselves.

First, consider Isaiah 64:6—“But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags.” The Bible declares that Adam, the first man, disobeyed God and, through his disobedience, fell from a state of innocence to a state of guilt, sin, and death. Since then, every person born on Planet Earth (except Jesus Christ) has inherited that sinful, fallen nature from Adam. Romans 5:12 says it like this—“Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned . . .”

Next, we can find a very detailed and pointed description of man’s condition in the following words—

There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat *is* an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps *is* under their lips: Whose mouth *is*

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## Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,  
Over 370,000 Shona John/Romans have recently arrived in Zimbabwe. Romans 1:16 says that the Gospel “is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.” The Gospel is the most powerful thing on this earth. Governments and forces can force people to act in certain ways, but they cannot change the heart. The Gospel changes people’s behaviour from the inside out. As sharp

a sword as it may be, the Word of God is a lot like any other weapon—much of its effectiveness depends on the ability of the user. Romans 10:17 says, “So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” But if you step back a few verses, Romans 10:14b says, “and how shall they hear without a preacher?”

One of the more exciting things about this load of Scripture is that a team of six men will be going there in August of this year, not only to help distribute them, but to help train national pastors to be more skillful in their use of the Word. Victory Baptist Press is committed to the printing of the Word of God, but missionaries, pastors and skilled laymen are an essential part of getting the Word of God to lost sinners around the world.

When we completely obey God’s will, there is no telling what will happen.

Back in the shop, we are preparing to print a truckload of paper into Spanish Bibles. We already have the truckload in the shop. This load is planned to go to Don Rich in Peru, who will distribute the Bibles to pastors and churches all around South America. Also, we hope to print a second load, which will be split up between Paraguay, Mexico, and other places.

In our last Newsletter, I mentioned a used (new to us) four-color press. I had hoped we would have it in shape to print this newsletter, but Murphey’s Law is always very present in our print-shop. The previous owner/operator seems to have neglected some basic cleaning and lubrication on the press, and I have been dealing with those issues one by one. I am fairly confident that we can still make a nice press out of it. Bro. Jim Fellure was watching me work on it the other day and commented that I must have a lot of patience. I replied I must not, or God would not be giving me these trials! James said in his epistle that tribulation worketh patience. I don’t think I have ever prayed for patience, but if the Lord thinks I need some more, then I will not try to kick against it.

May God bless you,  
Bro. Albert Berg

### Dwight L. Moody (1837–1899)

A short biographical sketch of the man and his ministry

D. L. Moody was born on a small New England farm on February 5, 1837. When he was only four, his father, an alcoholic, died at forty-one years of age, leaving his mother (age thirty-six) to raise nine children. Dwight attended grade school for seven years in a one-room schoolhouse and then went to work on a farm. He never attended college.

D. L. Moody received Christ as his Saviour on April 21, 1855, while working in a shoe store in Boston. He immediately became faithful in church work with a growing interest in the ministry.

He moved to Chicago in 1856 and worked with churches until starting his own Sunday school in the fall of 1858. The Sunday school, which began in a boxcar, grew to over 1500 students in less than two years. Moody married Emma Charlotte Revel in 1862, and he fathered three children by 1879. He started the Illinois Street Church with twelve members in 1864. He preached Sunday services at this church until another pastor was called in 1869. From 1866 until 1869, Moody also served as president of the YMCA, and in 1867 he held his first big revival campaign in Philadelphia.

Dwight met Ira Sanky, the man who became his famous song leader, in July of 1870, and he convinced him to come and help in the ministry in Chicago. A major turning point in Moody’s ministry was the great Chicago fire of 1871. He dismissed services one night, asking his congregation to examine their hearts and return the next Sunday to make a decision for Christ. They never regathered again. Many died in the fire, the church building burned, and Moody was devastated.

During this time Moody grew closer to God than ever. He began preaching in England and in the British Isles in 1872 and continued until 1875. Thousands came to Christ through the preaching and singing of Moody and Sanky. He returned to America in 1875 and began crusades in the States with an occasional trip back to England. He started the Northfield Seminary in 1879, the Mount Hermon Massachusetts School for Boys in 1881, and the Chicago Evangelization Society (now Moody Bible Institute) in 1889. Some estimates show that Moody was instrumental in bringing over 1,000,000 souls to Christ.

D. L. Moody went home to be with the Lord on December 22, 1899, and C. I. Scofield preached his funeral.

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**Benefits & Blessings**



*Mrs. Pam Leake*

My son-in-law was sharing with me the other day about his days in Sunday school class when he was a young boy and some of the memories he had of that time. One specific memory was that his teacher had suggested starting each morning with thanking the Lord for giving him another day and to be conscious of thanking Him throughout the day. She was striving to cultivate in her students a heart attitude of thankfulness, but also of starting each day

with a positive thought and being purposefully positive in their thinking through the day. My son-in-law said that even to this day he follows her advice and attempts to keep his thoughts positive rather than focus on the negative because, as he does so, his thoughts tend to be more easily corralled into the positive arena than the negative.

Negativity is nothing new—life is hard and filled with difficulties and there’s no shortage of complaints about it. We expect the world to be negative and complaining, but even God’s people fall prey to it. Unfortunately, that attitude becomes a hindrance to our witness of a loving heavenly Father and the great gift of salvation and abundant life that He offers. You don’t have to look any further than the Israelites when they left Egypt and spent 40 years in the wilderness

to see how easy it is to succumb to negativity and complaining in spite of the obvious blessings of God.

I have observed that a spirit of negativity can be *contagious*, spreading from one person to another as we lose sight of the goodness of God and focus on the doom and gloom of the world in which we live. It seems to be so easy to verbally proclaim how “bad” things are rather than proclaim how “good” God is and how very blessed we are. It can also be *caustic*—producing sarcasm, bitterness and scornfulness in a person’s life. No one really wants to be around that kind of attitude, but how quickly we can join in with the negative talk and lose sight of what we have in Christ!

I want to be positive in my thinking, and I want to promote a positive attitude in those around me, but I often need a reminder. Thankfully, I find help in the Scriptures where I am exhorted to, *“be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”* A good example of a believer will be positive! The exhortation to think on *those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report* also reminds me to keep my thoughts and attitudes moving in a positive direction.

When you consider all the blessings and benefits inherent in being a child of God, there really is no excuse to be negative, either in word or attitude, because to do so is an affront to a loving heavenly Father who works all things for good to them that love Him!

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...What Does the Bible Say? continued.

full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes. (Romans 3:10–18)

The conclusion to these few verses is that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And the result of sin is death—“The soul that sinneth, it shall die.” “For the wages of sin is death.” “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Ezekiel 18:20, Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27).

Sin, death, and judgment—what an awful indictment. And to make things even more frightful, when you come face to face with God on that final Judgment Day, if your sins have never been forgiven, you will experience a second death described as being cast into the lake of fire—“And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14–15).

Is there any hope?

Yes, there is hope! God doesn't want you to die in a sinful condition. In Ezekiel 33:11, He Himself said, “As I live, . . . I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?”

One day, a man named John the Baptist was preaching by the Jordan River in Israel. He looked up, saw Jesus Christ approaching, and proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). Then, just two chapters later, Jesus Christ said, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (John 3:16–17). Another verse declaring this great truth is Romans 5:8—“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.**” And Colossians 1:14 says, “We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”

Christ Jesus came to this earth and lived a perfectly sinless life for more than thirty-three years. He then shed His precious blood and died on a cross as a payment for sins that He had never committed. 1 Corinthians 15:3–4 tells us that “**Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

Now the blessing of having your sins forgiven can be a reality, but only as the Apostle Paul preached through “repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). And the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said, “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

One great American preacher was asked if sinners needed to repent. His reply was, “It depends on where they want to go.”

The entire human race is traveling one of two roads, and all are headed for one of two destinations—the Lake of Fire, to suffer for all eternity, or Heaven, to live eternally with Christ who loved us and gave Himself that we might be saved.

My friend, please don't delay—trust Christ today and have the joy of knowing that your sins are all forgiven.

If you have read this tract in its entirety, with all the Scripture references, and would like to express your thoughts to others, we have included two options for your convenience. Hopefully, you will bypass the first option and honestly subscribe with all of your heart to the second option.

Option #1

I believe the Bible could have been written by some man and, therefore, is not totally reliable, and **I really don't think I am that bad.** I, for the time being, choose to take my chances of going to Heaven by my own righteousness.

Should I pass away before I change my mind, I give my permission for the ones officiating my funeral to inform my friends and family of my decision.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Option #2 (recommended)

I confess that I am guilty of all that God has said about my sinful condition and actions. I now, to the best of my understanding, repent of my sins, believing that Christ loved me and shed His precious blood on the cross to pay for my sins. I am calling on the Lord Jesus Christ to forgive me and save me, and to give me the power to live in such a way that will be pleasing to my Lord and Saviour.

I also request for those officiating my funeral to inform my friends and family of my decision. And, if they never come to a place of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, we shall never meet again.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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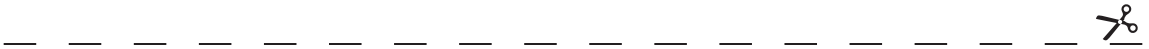
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## The Pastor's Page



Tim Fellure

## Every Word

Matthew 12:33-37

*“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”*

That is a strong statement! You may have heard it said, “Your words may come back to bite you.” But in our text, the implication is much stronger—your words either justify or condemn you; your words determine

your eternal destiny.

Just a few verses before this, the Pharisees had accused Jesus of casting out devils by the power of Beelzebul. Jesus responded by saying their accusation was blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. If they had repented and expressed faith in Christ, they would have been justified, but they spoke words of unbelief and blasphemy, and by their words they were condemned.

It is not saying here—if you let certain words out of your mouth, they will become a curse to you and you will be condemned, but rather, your words reveal your heart. Your words are an expression of the corruption inside you, and that is what condemns you.

There was no better example of this than the Pharisees. They were self-righteous, and they wanted everybody to know they were righteous. So, the Pharisees made no pretense of hiding their religious actions. They gave openly; they fasted openly; they prayed openly. And when they expressed their unbelief in Christ, it exposed them. So, Jesus took this opportunity to teach a valuable lesson: you may disguise yourself before men, but you cannot hide yourself from God.

**1) Consider Who You Are (12:33)**

*“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.”*

If the tree is good it will have good fruit; if the tree is corrupt it will have corrupt fruit. The tree and fruit will agree—and you can always tell the tree by examining its fruit.

The Pharisees had judged Him to be evil, but He was doing good. But how does good come from evil? Is it good to heal the sick; is it good to give sight to the blind; is it good to cast out devils? How could they say He was evil?

If we judged your life by its fruit, what kind of a tree would we judge you to be? I am not qualified to say if you are saved or not, but I watch all kinds of people who claim to be saved and do not show one bit of evidence of it. Do you have any love for Christ and any pursuit of holiness? Or, do you love the world, and yet pursue self-gratification? The fruit of your life reveals the nature of your heart.

**2) Consider What You Say (12:34-35)**

*“O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.”*

Jesus was kind and gentle, but He was not afraid to call the Pharisees what they were. He held no reservations in calling out the false shepherds of Israel. Jesus called them vipers because the false accusations that came from their mouths were similar to that of poison spewing from a snake's tongue.

*“How can ye, being evil, speak good things?”*

Jesus said it would be a shock to hear good come from the mouths of those who are evil, and it would be a shock to hear evil things from those who are good.

*“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.”*

When the heart gets full of something, it has to come out somewhere, so it comes out of the mouth.

Jesus said in Matthew 15:18, *“But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.”*

Consider what you say because it reveals who you are. The greatest indicator of the nature of a man is his words.

**3) Consider Where You Are Headed (12:36-37)**

*“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”*

Obviously, we do not believe this negates faith and grace. Man is still saved by grace through faith, and Jesus is not cancelling that out and saying there is another way to be saved. But faith is demonstrated through what you say and how you live.

There is a day of judgment coming, and the words of a man are the objective evidence of how a man will be judged. Take heed that you will give an account for what you say.

*“Every idle word—”*

How many times do we speak with no care for the harm those words cause? Or, how many times do we speak words of no value and no purpose?

Paul said in Colossians our speech should be *“always with grace, seasoned with salt.”* Salt prevents corruption, so we should not let corrupt things proceed from our mouths. If you could open the books you have written so far with your words, I wonder if you would find words you would like to cross out. Consider who you are—consider what you say—consider where you are headed.