



The Advent Missionary Command

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“In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people. Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the Master to give His message.”

– A Call to Stand Apart page 66.

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Prophecy News Alert!

Anti-Terrorism Laws

In a recent article entitled “Attacks By US Extremists Lead to Push For Anti-Terror Laws” by Andrew Selsky of Associated Press, the author points out that because of the recent mass killings Republican and Democrat legislators are drafting bills giving law enforcement the ability to charge Americans who are viewed as extremists with a crime carrying punishments that include the death penalty.

The article starts off with this statement: “A white man opens fire at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, targeting Mexicans and killing 22 people.” The shooter was characterized as a white supremacist and legislators are responding to deal with this type of domestic terrorism by introducing “anti-terror” laws.

As examples the article cites Sen. Martha McSally, an Arizona Republican, who intends to introduce legislation that would allow federal law enforcement to charge suspects with acts of domestic terror and add punishments for those crimes, including the death penalty. Also, Rep. Adam Schiff, a California Democrat, introduced legislation in August that he says,

“The goal is to put domestic terrorism at the same level of priority as ISIS- or al-Qaida-inspired terrorism, since Americans on American soil now are just as likely, if not more likely, to die at the hand of a domestic terrorist motivated by some hateful ideology like white supremacy”.

The article also pointed out that two Republican senators are calling for an anti-fascist movement known as antifa to be designated as a domestic terrorist organization. Antifa clashed with white supremacists in Portland, Oregon, which drew a tweet from President Trump suggesting domestic terrorism designation for antifa but not the white supremacists though such a designation does not currently exist. The article also stated that “As antifa activists prepared to square off against far-right demonstrators in Portland, Oregon, on Aug. 17, President Donald Trump tweeted that “major consideration is being given to naming ANTIFA an ‘ORGANIZATION of TERROR.”

The article also states that, “The Anti-Defamation League says antifa hasn’t been accused of any murders...”

“Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Oregon, said he doesn’t believe Congress should enable the executive branch to designate groups as domestic terrorists.

‘I wouldn’t trust this administration to exercise such power in an unbiased and judicious manner,’ Merkley said.”

These proposed bills sound similar to laws that will be passed during the mark of the beast crisis where God’s people will not be able to buy or sell based on their religious belief and will eventually receive the death penalty. “And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” - Revelation 13:15-17. These anti-terror laws seem to be a way to cause terror to people whose beliefs differ from the mainstream. As the article concludes, Jeanne Theoharis said, “It provides a way for the government to go after people whose politics they don’t like.”

- By Elene Rodgers

The Advent Missionary Command Newsletter’s Mission

There is a world perishing, in need of light. The mission of this newsletter is to inspire the members of the church to arouse and fulfill the commission given us by Jesus to go into all the world teaching and preaching the everlasting gospel. We must be lights for Christ.

The people are to be called to “behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world”, and accept His gift of salvation. God’s law is to be upheld, the Seventh-day Sabbath is to be clearly presented before the people. Babylon is to be revealed, and the people are to be called from it. This is the Three Angels’ Message of Revelation 14 that unites with the Fourth Angel’s message of Revelation 18.

This message must go to all the world. We hope this newsletter encourages you to go forward giving this message, seeking to save the lost!



The Editorial

The Missionary Command

By Elijah M. Rodgers

There was a time when our family was traveling on an evangelism tour and our GPS warned us that there was a large slowdown on the interstate with about an hour delay. At the time of the notification every thing was still moving easy and fast, especially because it was at night.

The GPS gave us another route that would save us time. But with the traffic moving so well we weren't sure if we should follow the direction given, or continue on and risk being stuck in traffic. The exit that we were to take at last came, and we decided to follow the directions. We ended up on a road that went parallel with the interstate which enabled us to see what the GPS warned us about. The interstate was jammed with vehicles.

Warnings are given to help you avoid the danger. When hurricane Dorian was seen heading for the Bahamas, the officials gave the warning to the people to seek shelter. This hurricane increased into a category 5 hurricane. A failure to heed the warning could lead to death. From these examples we learn the importance of heeding warnings.

We live on a fast-paced world. The population of the earth has grown largely to over 7 billion people, and is still growing. (That's more than our mind can comprehend!) In the world there are over 500,000 cities, towns, and villages.

There is a great work to be done in the closing times of this earth's history. There is a warning message to be preached to every living person on this planet. Just as the warning given in the Bahamas to seek shelter was a life or death message for many people, the warning we have to bear is even more crucial because it is for eternal life or death.

Do we understand our mission as a church? The missionary command was given by Jesus Himself to His church. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20. "Go ye therefore."

This command is personal and is given to all the members of the church. We should not preach our own ideas or men's philosophy but what Jesus teaches in His word.

With the many inventions in travel and technology, many of the people of our time think themselves "all set". God is forgotten and instead of God's word are the theories and the ideas of men.

Millions are dying without hope in Christ. These must be warned of the danger of continuing in sin, pointed to Christ, and instructed in the way of righteousness.

The importance of workers for Christ is shown in Romans chapter 10. God gives the promise of hope to all repentant sinners, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." But then the question is asked, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Then the answer is given, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Here we see the messengers that bring the glad tidings to the helpless. These messengers are represented as angels in Revelation chapter 14. The message these messengers are to carry to the world is the everlasting gospel found in Revelation 14:6-12. They not only know and understand the message, but they preach the tidings of hope and freedom to "them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," (Revelation 14:6)

The messengers are to call the people to fear God and give glory to Him. The people are to be warned that we

are now in the time of judgment. Have they found the grace of Christ and are their names written in the Book of Life?

The beast, his image, and Babylon are to be exposed. The danger of the mixing of church and state, and the enforcing of Sunday, the false Sabbath, as a national and universal day of rest must be brought before the people.

The faith of Jesus must be upheld. The great sacrifice of Christ for the sins of the world must be lifted up before the world as the way that "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." The hope of salvation, the righteousness of Christ must be revealed. The importance of overcoming sin in this present world is to be urged.

The Commandments of God are to be uplifted. God's Law of love and liberty, has been trodden under foot and declared void. Obedience to its precepts is ignored. The fourth commandment of the Holy Sabbath has been forgotten, ignored, or rejected by millions today, but now is the time to give the warning. These messages combined with the fourth angels' message of Revelation Chapter 18 to "Come out" of Babylon, are to lighten the earth with its glory.

When the question is asked, how far are we to preach the good tidings of salvation? Jesus then gives the answer, "Go ye... into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. Into all the world means that in every city, town, village; to every living person on the planet the message is to be proclaimed. "From town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message is to be proclaimed, not with outward display, but in the power of the Spirit, by men of faith." Evangelism page 19 paragraph 3. This is a big mission, how then can it be accomplished? Only by the power of the Holy Spirit working through humble missionaries for Christ.

Our Lord says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and

then shall the end come." Matthew 24:14.

Do you want to be a part of those giving this message? Our message is a life and death message. There are people perishing all around. Who will go out of their "comfort zone" and offer to them the hope? "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few". Matthew 9:37. Who then will join the forces?

The Lord is calling for decided workers who have a desire to save souls. As long as there is a mind to think, and a love for God and His truth, there is a work for you. We read in Testimonies for the Church volume 1, p. 261, "I was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place,--a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act; they must take hold of the work themselves, and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves. The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause

us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe." Do not wait to do what the Lord is calling you to do. The message to the church is; wake up and stand to our duty, for thousands are perishing without hope. "The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth." Testimonies for the Church, volume 6, p. 29.

To those that respond to the Lord's call for workers and say, "Lord, here am I, send me." God gives them the promise, "Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city", "and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Acts 18:9-10; Matthew 28:20.



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"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." - Luke 10:2



The Missionary Work

A World-Wide Message

By *Ellen G. White*

In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import--the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages.

There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention. The most solemn truths ever entrusted to mortals have been given us to proclaim to the world. The proclamation of these truths is to be our work. The world is to be warned, and God's people are to be true to the trust committed to them. They are not to engage in speculation, neither are they to enter into business enterprises with unbelievers; for this would hinder them in their God-given work. Christ says of His people: "Ye are the light of the world."

Matthew 5:14. It is not a small matter that the counsels and plans of God have been so clearly opened to us.

It is a wonderful privilege to be able to understand the will of God as revealed in the sure word of prophecy. This places on us a heavy responsibility. God expects us to impart to others the knowledge that He has given us. It is His purpose that divine and human instrumentalities shall unite in the proclamation of the warning message. So far as his opportunities extend, everyone who has received the light of truth is under the same responsibility as was the prophet of Israel to whom came the word: "Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast

delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 33:7-9.

Are we to wait until the fulfillment of the prophecies of the end before we say anything concerning them? Of what value will our words be then? Shall we wait until God's judgments fall upon the transgressor before we tell him how to avoid them? Where is our faith in the word of God? Must we see things foretold come to pass before we will believe what He has said? In clear, distinct rays light has come to us, showing us that the great day of the Lord is near at hand, "even at the doors." Let us read and understand before it is too late.

We are to be consecrated channels, through which the heavenly life is to flow to others. The Holy Spirit is to animate and pervade the whole church, purifying and cementing hearts. Those who have been buried with Christ in baptism are to rise to newness of life, giving a living representation of the life of Christ. Upon us is laid a sacred charge. The commission has been given us: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.” Matthew 28:19, 20, margin. You are dedicated to the work of making known the gospel of salvation. Heaven’s perfection is to be your power.

A Holy Life

It is not only by preaching the truth, not only by distributing literature, that we are to witness for God. Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling. Not all the books written can serve the purpose of a holy life. Men will believe, not what the minister preaches, but what the church lives. Too often the influence of the sermon preached from the pulpit is counteracted by the sermon preached in the lives of those who claim to be advocates of truth.

It is the purpose of God to glorify Himself in His people before the world. He expects those who bear the name of Christ to represent Him in thought, word, and deed. Their thoughts are to be pure and their words noble and uplifting, drawing those around them nearer the Saviour. The religion of Christ is to be interwoven with all that they do and say. Their every business transaction is to be fragrant with the presence of God. Sin is a hateful thing. It marred the moral beauty of a large number of the angels. It entered our world and well-nigh obliterated the moral image of God in man. But in His great love, God provided a way whereby man might regain the position from which he fell in yielding to the tempter.

Christ came to stand at the head of humanity, to work out in our behalf a perfect character. Those who receive Him are born again. Christ saw humanity, through the working of the mighty growth of sin, possessed by the prince of the power of the air and putting forth gigantic strength in exploits of evil. He saw also that a mightier power was to meet and conquer Satan. “Now is the judgment of this world,” He said, “now shall the prince of this world be cast out.” John 12:31. He saw that if human beings believed on Him, they would be given power against the host of fallen angels, whose name is legion.

Christ strengthened His soul with the thought that, by the wonderful sacrifice which He was about to make, the prince of this world was to be cast out and men and women placed where, through the grace of God, they could regain what they had lost.

The life that Christ lived in this world, men and women can live through His power and under His instruction. In their conflict with Satan they may have all the help that He had. They may be more than conquerors through Him who loved them and gave Himself for them. The lives of professing Christians who do not live the Christ life are a mockery to religion. Everyone whose name is registered on the church roll is under obligation to represent Christ by revealing the inward adorning of a meek and quiet spirit. They are to be His witnesses, making known the advantages of walking and working as Christ has given them example. The truth for this time is to appear in its power in the lives of those who believe it, and is to be imparted to the world. Believers are to represent in their lives its power to sanctify and ennoble.

Christ’s Representatives

The inhabitants of the heavenly universe expect the followers of Christ to shine as lights in the world. They are to show forth the power of the grace that Christ died to give men. God expects those who profess to be Christians to reveal in their lives the highest development of Christianity. They are recognized representatives of Christ, and they are to show that Christianity is a reality. They are to be men of faith, men of courage, whole-souled men, who, without questioning, trust in God and His promises.

All who would enter the city of God must during their earthly life set forth Christ in their dealings. It is this that constitutes them the messengers of Christ, His witnesses. They are to bear a plain, decided testimony against all evil practices, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world. He gives to all who receive Him, power to become the sons of God. Regeneration is the only path by which we can enter the city of God. It is narrow, and the gate by which we enter is strait; but along it we are to lead men and women and children, teaching them that, in order to be saved, they must have a new heart and a new spirit. The old, hereditary traits of character must be overcome. The natural desires of the soul must be changed. All deception, all falsifying, all evilspeaking, must be put away. The new life, which makes men and women Christlike, is to be lived.

Steadfast Adherence to the Truth

There must be no pretense in the lives of those who have so sacred and solemn a message as we have been called to bear. The world is watching Seventh-day Adventists because it knows something of their profession of faith and of their high



*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”
- Mark 1:3*

standard, and when it sees those who do not live up to their profession, it points at them with scorn.

Those who love Jesus will bring all in their lives into harmony with His will. They have chosen to be on the Lord’s side, and their lives are to stand out in vivid contrast with the lives of worldlings. The tempter will come to them with his blandishments and bribes, saying: “All this will I give thee if thou wilt worship me.” But they know that he has nothing worth receiving, and they refuse to yield to his temptations. Through the grace of God they are enabled to keep their purity of principle unsullied. Holy angels are close beside them, and Christ is revealed in their steadfast adherence to the truth.

They are Christ’s minutemen, bearing, as true witnesses, a decided testimony in favor of the truth. They show that there is a spiritual power that can enable men and women not to swerve an inch from truth and justice for all the gifts that men can bestow. Such ones, wherever they may be, will be honored of heaven because

they have conformed their lives to the will of God, caring not what sacrifices they are called upon to make.

A World-Wide Message

The light that God has given His people is not to be shut up within the churches that already know the truth. It is to be shed abroad into the dark places of the earth. Those who walk in the light as Christ is in the light will cooperate with the Saviour by revealing to others what He has revealed to them.

It is God’s purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred and nation and tongue and people. In the world today men and women are absorbed in the search for worldly gain and worldly pleasure. There are thousands upon thousands who give no time or thought to the salvation of the soul.

The time has come when the message of Christ’s soon coming is to sound throughout the world. Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The warning is to be given in certain tones. The way must be prepared for the coming of the

Prince of Peace in the clouds of heaven. There is much to be done in the cities that have not yet heard the truth for this time. We are not to establish institutions to rival in size and splendor the institutions of the world; but in the name of the Lord, with the untiring perseverance and unflagging zeal that Christ brought into His labors, we are to carry forward the work of the Lord.

As a people we greatly need to humble our hearts before God, pleading His forgiveness for our neglect to fulfill the gospel commission. We have made large centers in a few places, leaving unworked many important cities. Let us now take up the work appointed us and proclaim the message that is to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

If every Seventh-day Adventist had done the work laid upon him, the number of believers would now be much larger than it is. In all the cities of America there would be those who had been led to heed the message to obey the Law of God. In some places the message regarding the observance

of the Sabbath has been set forth with clearness and power, while other places have been left without warning.

Will not those who know the truth awake to the responsibilities resting upon them? My brethren, you cannot afford to bury yourselves in worldly enterprises or interests. You cannot afford to neglect the commission given you by the Saviour. Everything in the universe calls upon those who know the truth to consecrate themselves unreservedly to the proclamation of the truth as it has been made known to them in the third angel's message. That which we see and hear calls us to our duty. The working of satanic agencies calls every Christian to stand in his lot.

The Kind of Workers Needed

The work given us is a great and important one, and in it are needed wise, unselfish men, men who understand what it means to give themselves to unselfish effort to save souls. But there is no need for the service of men who are lukewarm, for such men Christ cannot use.

Men and women are needed whose hearts are touched with human suffering and whose lives give evidence that they are receiving and imparting light and life and grace. The people of God are to come close to Christ in self-denial and sacrifice, their one aim being to give the message of mercy to all the world. Some will work in one way and some in another, as the Lord shall call and lead them. But they are all to strive together, seeking to make the work a perfect whole. With pen and voice they are to labor for Him. The printed word of truth is to be translated into different languages and carried to the ends of the earth.

My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. Ere long we shall understand what that night means. The Spirit of God is being



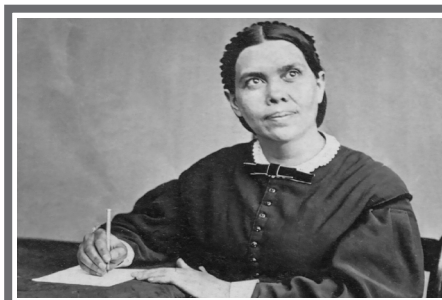
"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." - John 9:4

grieved away from the earth. The nations are angry with one another. Widespread preparations are being made for war. The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work.

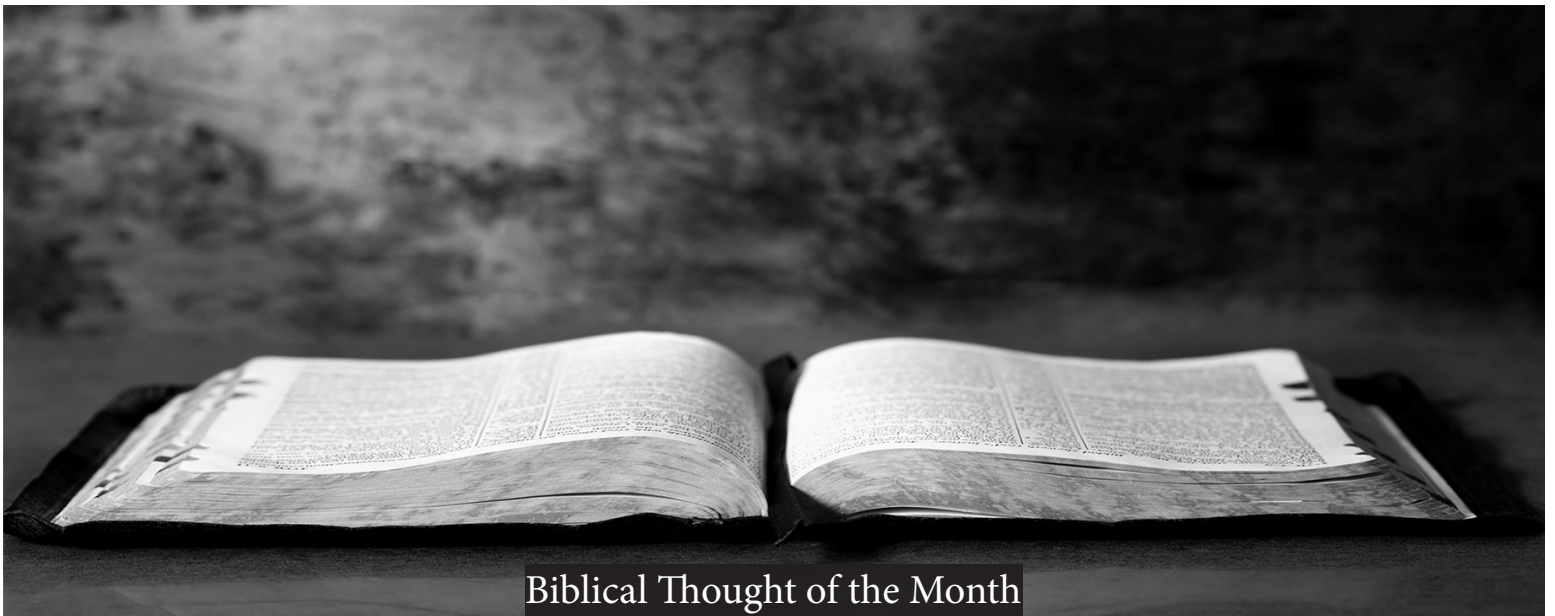
Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message. Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. What are we thinking of, that we cling to our selfish love of ease, while all around us souls are perishing? Have our hearts become utterly callous? Can we not see and understand that we have a work to do in behalf of others? My brethren and sisters, are you among those who, having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not? Is it in vain that God has given you a knowledge of His will? Is it in vain that He has sent you warning after warning of the nearness of the end? Do you believe the declarations of His word concerning what is coming upon the world? Do you believe that God's judgments are hanging over the inhabitants of the earth? How, then, can you sit at ease, careless and indifferent? Every day that passes brings us nearer the end. Does

it bring us also near to God? Are we watching unto prayer? Those with whom we associate day by day need our help, our guidance. They may be in such a condition of mind that a word in season will be sent home by the Holy Spirit as a nail in a sure place. Tomorrow some of these souls may be where we can never reach them again. What is our influence over these fellow travelers? What effort do we make to win them to Christ?

Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration. Oh, I am so full of this subject that I cry to God: "Raise up and send forth messengers filled with a sense of their responsibility, messengers in whose hearts self-idolatry, which lies at the foundation of all sin, has been crucified."



Ellen White (1827- 1915) was one of the founders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Filled with the gift of prophecy, she wrote over 100,000 pages of warning, instruction, correction, and hope for the church. Though she has been dead for over 100 years, her writings live on for the church in these last days.



Biblical Thought of the Month

The Expression of True Compassion

By *Elene Rodgers*

You may be familiar with Jesus showing compassion as He went about doing good; healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, giving eyesight to the blind, casting out devils, and raising the dead. All of these examples were for the purpose of understanding His greatest expression of compassion in which the conditions are stated in the Everlasting Covenant as God's promise to have mercy on repentant sinners providing a way for them to be saved from sin in order to receive the blessing of being reconciled with God and have everlasting life. Compassion is a part of the glorious character of God as revealed in Exodus 34:6,7, "And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful [full of compassion] and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, 7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." This is similar to the 2nd commandment in Exodus 20:5,6

where God says, "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Notice that God has mercy on the obedient and punishes the disobedient. "Who will render to every man according to his deeds: 7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: 8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath," Romans 2:6-8. God's compassion is offered to all humanity, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:23-26. This is the greatest expression of true compassion and Jesus wants us to understand it; "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Matthew 9:13.

In order to learn about God's mercy we should behold it in action. After David's sin, we see compassion that leads to repentance in Psalms 51:1-4,7,10,13,14. "To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness." Out of compassion God gave the call to repentance, and David went through the process of salvation that God offers. David did not attack Nathan, God's servant, who reproved him by giving the message to convict him of his sin. David was guilty but he did not try to excuse his sin. He humbled himself and acknowledged his sin and asked God to cleanse him from it. Also, David asked God to reform His character by creating a new heart within him so he would not repeat the sin.

In contrast, when the Northern

Kingdom of Israel was about to go into captivity because of their rebellion, God out of compassion sent them the call to repentance but they had a different result. 2 Kings 17:12-18 “For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. 16 And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.”

Later Judah rebelled also. 2 Chronicles 36:13-18 “And he [Zedekiah] also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and

sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: 16 But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. 17 Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon.” Notice that those who reject God’s greatest expression of compassion do not receive it.

It is because of His compassion that God desires to help those in need of His mercy. His compassion never left people in the same condition that they were in before; “The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” Matthew 11:5. God called His servant Isaiah to give this invitation of mercy to the children of Israel. “Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for

the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.” Isaiah 1:4, 18-20. With the condition for mercy so clearly stated and generously offered, we have no excuse if we do not receive God’s compassion. “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” Hebrews 2:3

It is because of compassion that God made a provision for man to be saved from sin. Sin had separated man from God and the wages of sin is eternal death. Because of love, God sent His only begotten Son so “that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” Yes, we all have sinned but God has offered us His mercy. His Plan of Salvation is perfect. 1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” God can transform a repentant sinner into to a righteous child of God BUT if someone does not go through this process of salvation and continues in their wicked ways, they will be condemned by God.

When we understand God’s abundant compassion, it should lead us to repentance, confession, forgiveness and cleansing from sin. As we understand His “Amazing Grace” that has transformed us we should, as His servants, have His compassion and seek to save the lost, calling sinners to repentance in order to be saved. Psalms 145:8.9 says, “The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. 9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”



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The True Health Work

The Method of Christ's Ministry

By Carlene Rodgers

“And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.” Matthew 9:35. When people came to Jesus for healing He sought to save their sin-sick souls. Often times multitudes suffered as a result of the violation of God’s law. They longed to go to Jesus and He forgave their sins and healed them. Wherever Jesus went He brought health, peace, and joy. “And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14.

When Jesus healed the sick He never used drugs. He sanctioned the used of natural remedies. When Jesus saw a blind man He made clay and anointed the eyes of the blind and commanded Him to wash in the pool of Siloam and the man came seeing (John 9:6,7). Isaiah said take a lump of figs and they took the lump of figs and laid it on the boil and Hezekiah recovered from his sickness (2 Kings 20:7).

Following Christ example we should never use drugs for diseases. We should use natural ways of healing. Bring the sick out in the fresh air of the country amid trees. There are trees such as the pine,

fir, and cedar that diffuse the air with healing fragrance. The sick need to drink plenty of water. Pure water eliminates impurities and helps to resist disease. Water treatments also are excellent for the sick. Warm baths opens the pores letting out impurities and increases blood circulation. Cool baths is a great tonic. Invalids should not stay inactive. Exercise strengthens the body, and fights against disease. Bring the sick outside in the fresh air and sunshine and give them a task to do such as take care of the flowers or work in the garden. In some cases the very ill need a period of rest, but still bring them outside to lay or sit in nature. Being out in nature uplifts the mind from themselves to the things of God. The flowers are like little messengers declaring God is love. The songs of the bird, the lofty mountains, the orchards and vineyards will bring to mind the Heavenly home God has prepared for those who love Him. The diet of optimum health is fruits, grains, nuts, and veggies. These things promote heart and artery health, fight against cancer, prevent diabetes, lower high blood pressure and more! On the other hand, meat and cheese cause cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and more.

(Read Ministry of Healing by Ellen White for more details on God’s way of healing.)

In ministering to the sick we should lead them to Jesus who is the healer. Psalms 103:2 & 3 says, “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;” Encourage the sick to have faith in Christ as their Healer of both body and soul. Present the gospel to them. Tell them that Jesus came to save us from our sins. Isaiah chapter 1 describes how terrible sin is and God’s desire to save us from it. 1 John 1:9 says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Jesus not only wants to heal our diseases but He seeks to save us from sin so we can one day soon dwell with Him where the “...inhabitant shall not say, I am sick...” Isaiah 33:24. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Revelation 21:4.

The Conclusion

Jesus used healing as a method of leading people to Him who can also heal their sin-sick soul. Jesus is our example and we should follow His way.



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A part of the Seventh-Day Adventist message is health reform. We have been bought with the price of the blood of Christ. We must learn to treat our body as the holy temple of God. If you are wondering how to cook foods that glorify God, here is the recipe of the season!

Cooking With Lentils

MAZIDRA RECIPE

(Basic recipe for lentils)

Look, sort, and wash 1 bag of lentils

Then add them to a pot of boiling water (about 6 cups of water)

You can also add 2 bay leaves for added flavor

Reduce heat and simmer on lowest setting about 45 minutes until lentils are tender

Then add:

2 tsp. salt

1 tbs. olive oil

(Optional ingredients)

1 tsp. sweet basil

1 tsp. onion powder

1 tsp. garlic powder

Meanwhile, prepare brown rice (Basic recipe for brown rice)

(I use 5 cups of water with 1 ½ tsp salt and let it boil then I add 3 cups of brown rice and let it simmer about 50 minutes)

(Optional ingredients)

1 tsp. turmeric (for yellow color)

1 tsp. sweet basil

1 tsp. onion powder

1 tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. olive oil



The Mazidra

While the lentils are cooking, you can cut the veggies and prepare the additional toppings.

Baked Onion Rings

2 onions (sliced in ring shapes)

1 tsp. salt

1 1/2 tsp. paprika

1 1/2 Tbsp. honey

1 Tbsp. olive oil

Mix all of the ingredients in a baking pan and bake in the oven at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

Ranch Style Dressing

Blend

1 cup. soy milk

3 tbs. lemon juice (fleshly squeezed)

½ tsp. garlic powder

1 tsp. onion powder

1tsp. salt

½ c. cashews

Optional then add

1 tbs. dill weed

1/8 tsp. sage

¼ tsp. basil

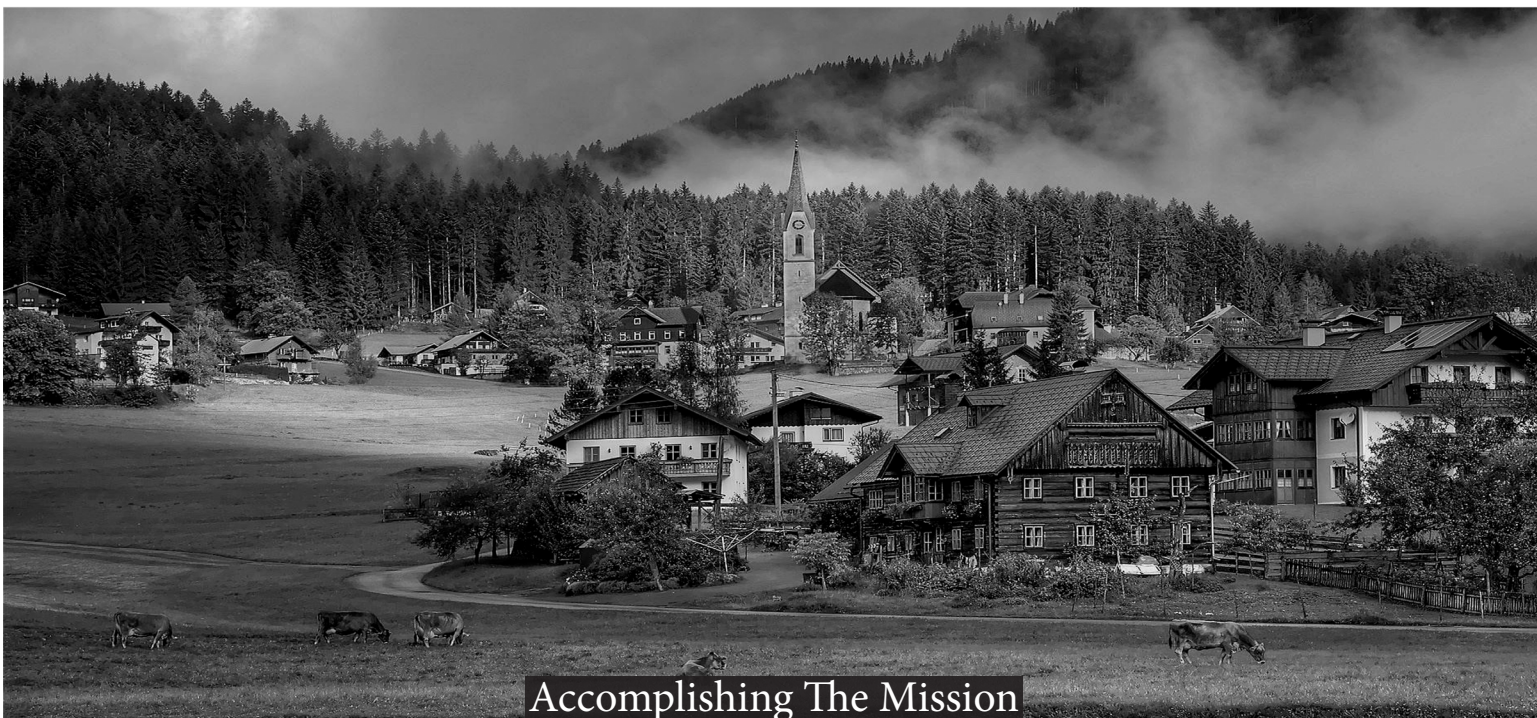
¼ tsp. oregano



After the ingredients are blended well in blender then add the herbs.

Putting it all Together

When the lentils are ready remove the bay leaves and layer the mazidra like this: (1) Cooked brown rice (2) Cooked lentils (3) Shredded lettuce (4) Diced tomatoes (5) Diced cucumber (6) Baked Onion Rings (7) Black olives (8) Sliced green onion (9) Ranch Style Dressing... And enjoy this delicious meal!



Accomplishing The Mission

True Missionary Work

By Elijah M. Rodgers

Many Lines of Work!

“The harvest truly is great”, says Jesus. Harvesting grain, especially in the times of old, was a lot of work. So this spiritual great harvest of soul for the kingdom of God will involve a lot of effort on the part of the laborers.

In this work there are many lines of work for all! We read in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, “Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.” All the different lines of work are done for the accomplishment of one purpose, to save souls from the bondage of sin to become servants of God. All this is accomplished through the same power, the Holy Spirit.

Of the diverse lines of work, the apostle Paul says, “And God hath set

some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” 1 Corinthians 12:28-31. The church is to be as one body, with many members of different functions. The combined efforts of the workers bring the gospel to the world.

Where do I begin?

The instruction is given that “We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are. When the word has been preached in the pulpit, the work has but just begun. There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them.” Christ’s Object Lessons, page 229. Not all are called to go forth to foreign fields, but there are many people within our reach that are in need of a Savior. These must be reached. First begin with our neighbors and the people you know.

In Gospel Workers, page 193, we read, “To all who are working with Christ I would say, Wherever you can gain access to the people by the fireside, improve your opportunity. Take your Bible, and open before them its great truths. Your success will not depend so much upon your knowledge and accomplishments, as upon your ability to find your way to the heart. By being social and coming close to the people, you may turn the current of their thoughts more readily than by the most able discourse. The presentation of Christ in the family, by the fireside, and in small gatherings in private houses, is often more successful in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons delivered in the open air, to the moving throng, or even in halls or churches.” This is the personal work of bringing the truth close to the people.

This is the work that Jesus did. While He spoke the truth to the multitudes, He also would personally speak words of life to the sincere heart, as He spoke to the woman at the well. We are to follow His example. The gospel mission is not just done by preaching, but also by the personal

work of revealing the truth to the people you come in contact.

“By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearying patience, and a deep love for souls.” – Testimonies for the Church, volume. 9, page 41. This is a work that must be done.



“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” - Ephesians 6:12,13

You can begin by giving literature to your neighbors, then talk to them of the matters that were presented. Pray with them. Constantly point them to Jesus as the Savior who died to take away the sins of the world. Reveal the Bible as the Word of God, and the importance of heeding its commands.

The True Missionary

But what effect would you have on the hearers if your life was not in accordance with the Biblical standards? In order to be a true missionary for Christ, we must have the character of Christ. Does our character, and dress, glorify Jesus whom we represent? When we live the life of Christ, our life will be as a written book before the world that the words of life spoken is not just a theory, but truth. This will be a convening evidence to the sincere listener. This is being a true missionary.

More Effort

People are very faithful to their work in secular employments. They

may get up at 7 o'clock to be ready for work. They may get to work at 8 o'clock and continue their work for eight hours. This they continue from week to week, but when called to work for the Lord, they wish to be excused. Knowing we are at the end of time, we must put more effort in the work for the Lord! The end is near! Satan is trying to destroy as many souls as he can. He is making so many distractions to engross the minds of the people from the truth that would give them life. The forces of Satan are trying to fortify the kingdom of Satan and keep their hold on the millions of today. But we as the soldiers of the cross must arouse and “turn the battle to the gate” of the kingdom of Satan and plant the banners of truth!

“In this closing work of the gospel there is a vast field to be occupied; and, more than ever before, the work is to enlist helpers from the common people. Both the youth and those older in years will be called from the field, from the vineyard, and from the workshop, and sent forth by the

Master to give His message. Many of these have had little opportunity for education; but Christ sees in them qualifications that will enable them to fulfill His purpose. If they put their hearts into the work, and continue to be learners, He will fit them to labor for Him.” – A Call to Stand Apart page 66.

And at last we read in Testimonies for the Church volume 9, page 171, 172: “You cannot afford to spend years in preparation. Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications and talking of the truth to those they meet. Let them pray for the sick, ministering to their necessities, not with drugs, but with nature’s remedies, and teaching them how to regain health and avoid disease.” This is our mission!



Sinnerholics & The Devil's Toys

By Pastor Cary Rodgers

Life is short on this planet and it is totally empty and void without Christ. James 4:14 says, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

You only have one lifetime on this earth to get it right. Only what you do for Christ will last, everything else will fade away as meaningless and worth nothing. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." - 1 John 2:17.

Your probationary trial of life is almost over. Probation is defined as "the process or period of testing or observing the character or abilities of a person in a certain role." - Google Dictionary. Jesus is observing and judging our characters to see if it measures up to His holy and righteous character. He is urgently letting you know that the period of testing and observing your character is almost over. What will be the result? Character is the dynamic sum of a collection of the repetition of your thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and habits - in that order. Is your character like Christ or Satan? Remember, Jesus is judging your character, NOT your intentions. Intentions are not relevant in the courts of Heaven. They are empty. Your character must be just like the character of Jesus

Christ, holy and blameless without sin.

The rapid fulfillment of Bible prophecy in our present time reveals that we only have a short time left. The promise of our great deliverance from this sin filled place of sickness, pain, misery, and death will soon take place! Jesus is coming again! Do you really believe in this promise? Does the fruit of your character reflect this reality or are you consumed with the cares, worries, and distractions of this present world? In order to make it from earth to the everlasting Heavenly kingdom, not one dust particle of sin can be a part of your character.

This is very serious. You must have total and complete victory over sin! Praise the Lord, this is the reason why Jesus came! He came to this sinful planet on a search and rescue mission to save you! Why? His love is deeper and wider than space!

Sin is like a very deadly disease that eats away the vitality and strength of your soul. Sin makes no apologies nor weeps after the death of its victim. Sin is our main problem as soon as we are born! Psalms 51:5 says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Sin is etched in our characters. We are all born "sinnerholics" with a natural addiction to sin. Sin is the disobedience of God's law (1 John 3:4) and the standard for righteousness (Psalm 119:172). Sin is like a two thousand ton boulder that keeps the sinnerholic hopelessly trapped under its weight.

When sinnerholics looks at the law of God it reveals to them that they are fatally

trapped and its standard of righteousness is too high to reach! Its standard is like a 350 mile high mountain. Trapped under a two thousand ton boulder with a 350 mile high mountain to climb this is IMPOSSIBLE for the sinnerholic! They can try to reach the standard by themselves, but they will NEVER be able to do it alone no matter how many times they try.

Jesus is the only one qualified and strong enough to lift that boulder of sin and help you reach the top of His mountain of righteousness. He will take you from a sinnerholic trapped with sin to a former sinnerholic that reflects the character of Jesus Christ, no longer trapped with the weight of sin! Sin is addictive, habitual, and will keep you drunk with pride, lust, cares of this world and its Babylonian wine of lies! Sin pleases the flesh with temporary excitement and pleasure then takes you low like an alcoholic going through withdrawals. Jesus wants to take you from sinnerholic to former sinnerholic. We must become former sinnerholics in order to be in the kingdom of righteousness. "Know ye not that the unrighteous [sinnerholics] shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you [former sinnerholics]: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." - 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Sinnerholics are not only addicted and drunk, but they are also BLIND! Blindness and drunkenness are a bad combination that will lead to self destruction. How

far will a blind and drunk alcoholic go when trying to cross a busy highway? He will stumble to his sure death!

The end of all things is a hand. Jesus says, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." - Luke 21:36. Jesus is pleading with His people to watch and pray! If you are still a sinnerholic, today it is time to go through the detox program of Jesus Christ. He will sober you up, thoroughly clean you up, and heal your blindness. He will take you from guilty to not guilty, sinner to saint! Sin and its devices that please "the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," (1 John 2:16) keep the sinnerholic drunk, blind, and addicted to sin! These are Biblical facts that God's professed people looking for the second coming of Jesus must understand clearly. Sin is nothing to play around with nor take lightly. We cannot make ANY provision or way for sin to enter in our spiritual experience with Jesus Christ. Once you are truly in Christ, your old sinful habits, drunkenness, and blindness should pass away. All things in your character must be totally transformed in the likeness of Jesus. (read 2 Corinthians 5:17). You are no longer who you used to be. Your thinking, feelings, behavior, and habits have all been changed by the power of God.

In our fast-paced world full of attractions, distractions, and entertainment, the majority of professed Christians today have been mesmerized and deceived by Satan. They believe that they can go to the Devil's toy box and play with his toys while at the same time drink from the pure fountain of God's truth and be saved. This is as fictional and delusional as Hollywood's movies! Can you mix pride and humility and have humility? Can you mix corruption and holiness and be holy? Can you have sin guilt, but still remain righteous? No. No. No. Impossible! 1 Corinthians 10:20-21 says, "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye CANNOT drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils."

No matter a person's profession, denomination, affiliation, or the longevity of their church membership, if they are playing in the Devil's toy box trying to mix the holy with the profane, the truth with lies, righteous with worldliness, they are still sinnerholics! They are blind, drunk, and addicted to sin! Think about it, do you think you can drink the wine of Babylon mixed with the pure water of truth and NOT get DRUNK? That is like mixing vodka and pure water and not expecting to get drunk! What will you get if you mix truth with lie? Deception! "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh." - James 3:11-15.

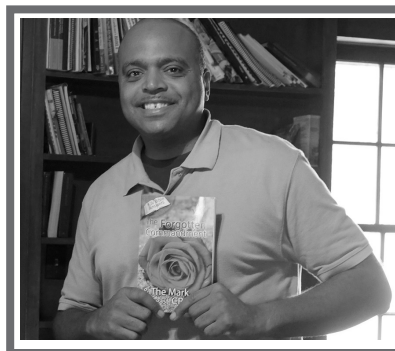
The Bible is abundantly clear, but many professed Christians try mixing it anyway! This is extremely foolish! Let us make it real and practical. They think it is okay to watch Netflix movies as long as they read some portions of the scriptures that day. They feel comfortable spending countless hours cheering on their favorite NFL or NBA team as long as they had prayer and Bible study. They say they practice God's health message but take the poisonous pharmaceutical drugs of Babylon! These are straight deceptions from the Devil that feed the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life.

Someone may be saying, "What? I cannot watch my NFL or NBA team and be a Christian too?" Question, what does the NFL and NBA promote? Competition, lust, sex, alcohol, and a waste of time. Do not be fooled because some players pray on the field before they play. God is not in it. He is in the soul saving business, not the Super Bowl; that is the devil's playground. What about Hollywood or Netflix movies, TV programs, and video games? They

promote sex, lust, lies, alcohol, big pharma, violence, and a waste of time. Can you mix the jazz, rock, rhythm and blues, and rap with the gospel and glorify God? No. All these things are the toys of Satan. They are provisions of the flesh that intoxicate and blind sinnerholics. Can someone who is trying to recover from alcohol go to the bar? The same is true spiritually, sinnerholics who drink from Satan's cup will relapse and get trapped once again in sin. Philippians 4:8 must be our guiding principle, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." This is pretty straight. If it is not true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of a good report, if it has no virtue, nor any praise, CUT it off, cancel your subscription, delete it, and let it go! Again, life is too short to hold on to things that will destroy your life.

What are God's explicit instructions for those who are still trying to mix it? "And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." - 2 Corinthians 6:15-17

We are living at the end of God's judgment hour. Your probationary time of building your character in the image of Christ or Satan is almost over. When your probationary time is over, what will the Judge, Jesus, say about your case in the end? Sinnerholic or righteous?



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The Missionary Story

Descending Upon Colorado!

From the Rodgers Family

For the past two and a half years God has greatly blessed our family to personally share about 80,000 books of the “Forgotten Commandment and the Mark of Beast Crisis” in all forty-eight states, in cities big and small. This book begins with the importance of the Ten Commandments then reveals the importance of the forgotten commandment, the seventh-day Sabbath. It then advances to Bible prophecy, and studies the three angels’ message of Revelation chapter 14 and the fourth angel’s message of Revelation 18.

In one of our evangelism book tours out west we decided to begin in Denver, Colorado. The Lord blessed us to arrive in there safely and without any problems. It was late when we arrived at the hotel. While in a very deep sleep, the hotel alarm went off around 3:00 in the morning. This alarm was accompanied with a voice telling the people to evacuate the hotel. So we along with other awakened hotel guests evacuated to the hotel’s parking lot. There was no sign of a fire or anything of danger, but when the fire trucks arrived the firefighter would not let us enter back into the

hotel until they were complete with their investigation. Since many of the books were in our minivan rental in the parking lot, the Holy Spirit inspired us to share the books in the parking lot. To our surprise many accepted the book even at this unusual circumstance. After we were able to offer and share the book to people in the parking lot we returned to our room. We never found out why the hotel’s alarm started, but we believe God had the alarm go off so early in the morning so that people could receive the books! This was an awesome way God started our western tour.

While in Colorado Springs, CO after a few hours of walking the streets of the city we were able to share hundreds of books. Just when we were ready to

leave a large storm clouds began to billow across the sky. We all began to head back to the minivan and as we were getting in the vehicle it began to rain and hail. But the hail at that time was not so large as to break the windows. As we began to drive, the storm continued. We saw a large group of people under a shelter at a city park. Instead of hitting the highway at that point we were inspired to turn around and give the books to those under the shelter. The Lord blessed and many accepted the book. After this stop we again started back on the road. When we got on the highway we saw many cars on the side of the highway with broken out windows from the large hailstorm. Old and new vehicles were damaged, the hail did not discriminate. We could still see the large hail on the sides of the road. We went to a gas



Damage from Colorado hail storm of August 6, 2018

station and there was large hail on the ground there also. Many cars had their windows cracked or busted. The hoods of some cars were dented. It was a very bad storm. We thank God for delaying us to share the books to those under the park shelter before getting on the highway. If we would have gotten on the highway without going back to the park shelter, our rental minivan would have been hit by the large hail busting out windows and putting large dents in the van. This would have greatly delayed our trip to the next city. For that blessing, we thank the Lord!

Continuing the Journey!

After the adventure in the storm in Colorado Springs, we continued our journey toward Santa Fe, New Mexico! Santa Fe means "holy faith". This city attracts a lot of tourists, obviously because of its unique culture, and adobe style buildings. Many people in this city received the books, even two Catholic street preachers. After sharing the books in Santa Fe, New Mexico, we went to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Many people in this city also received the book. After sharing the books in Albuquerque, New Mexico, our next major stop was El Paso, Texas. El Paso is a border city between the United States and Mexico. El Paso has a population of about 682,000 people and a metropolitan population over 1 million. This city recently has been the scene of a sad mass shooting at a Walmart in which many people lost their lives. But when we shared the books in this city, hundreds of people received them. The Lord greatly blessed. From El Paso we went to Tucson, Arizona. From Tucson we went to Yuma, Arizona and shared some books. From there we made our way towards Los Angeles, California. We handed out many books in Los

Angeles, and the LA area. After this we headed up to Salt Lake City, Utah. First we stopped in Provo, Utah and gave many books there. Then we went to Salt Lake City and shared the books with many people. Even some Mormons received the books. From Salt Lake city the next major stop was Boise, Idaho. Boise is the capital of Idaho. Many people received the books when we were there.

After God greatly blessed the evangelism in Boise, Idaho, we continued up north. Next we went to Walla Walla, Washington. From there we went to Spokane, Washington. At the time we were there, there were many fires which caused much smoke in much of Washington. But even though it was smokey, the Lord blessed that many people got the books.

From there we went to Seattle, Washington. This is a big city with streets full of people. (Also Seattle now has a large homeless problem.) God blessed many books to get out in the city of Seattle. From Seattle we went to Portland, Oregon. The Lord blessed many books to go out in Portland. We also met a man there who was kind of familiar to our county back home, because years ago he was an inmate at a prison there. He still comes to North Carolina from time to time. He gladly received the book. We flew back home from Portland ending this tour, but we did not stop there. The Lord greatly blessed our efforts on this evangelism tour! We hope this will inspire you to begin to fulfill the commission Jesus has given. Why not begin today to sharing the gospel to those around you?"

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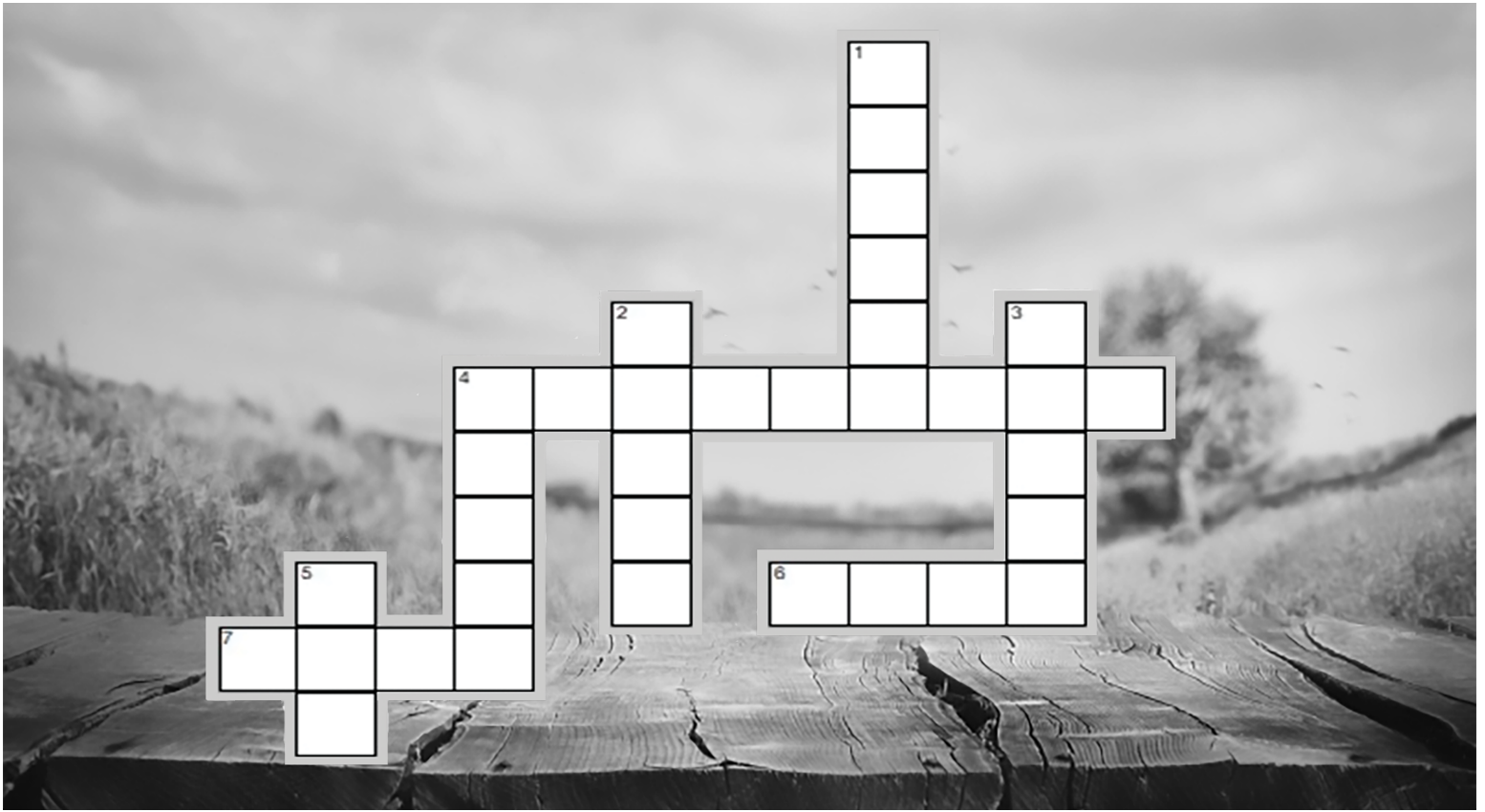
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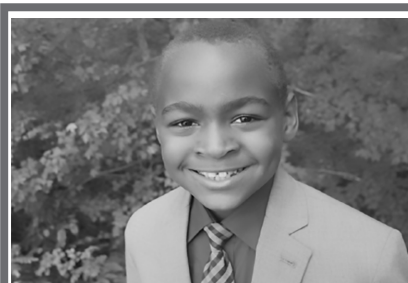


Across

4. Psalms 27:1 "The LORD is my light and my _____; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"
6. John 14:15 "If ye _____ me, keep my commandments."
7. John 7:37 "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him _____ unto me, and drink."

Down

1. Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, _____: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
2. Revelation 14:7 "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give _____ to him; for the hour of his judgment is come..."
3. The everlasting gospel is to be proclaimed with a loud _____.
4. We need to _____ this message with others.
5. Luke 15:7 "I say unto you, that likewise _____ shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."



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