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## The Restoration of Humanity

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*As we continue our investigation into the foundational truths of our union reality, we look into how God regains His property—humanity stolen and deceived by Satan—both removing his infection from His created sons and restoring them to their destined sonship.*

We shall now turn to the subject of the restoration of us humans to our true being, to the condition in which the Living God, as love, is naturally operative in us and we are “without blame before Him in love,” as God originally intended (Eph. 1:4).

The first problem is our blindness. How can that be removed? A basic necessity is to recognize that the whole human family has always had its being in God. We were created in God’s image and likeness and are only Satan’s stolen property; and for that reason we all instinctively know that we should be living in the likeness of our Creator—people of love as He is, love which fulfills all law. We all know the law inwardly before we come to know it in its outer written form. Genesis tells us that Noah was “a preacher of righteousness” in the years when “the wickedness of man was

great upon the earth”—and this before the giving of any written law. Joseph, when tempted to commit adultery with Potiphar’s wife, answered her by saying, “How can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?” He, too, knew God’s law inwardly.

Glimpses of the reality of eternal

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law are in the writings of men of history like Lao Tse and Confucius of China; in the Vedas and Upanishads of India; in Buddha’s precepts; in Zoroaster and Jalal alDin of Persia; in Heraclitus, Socrates, and Plato of the Greeks; in Marcus Aurelius, Seneca, and Epictetus of the Romans, and countless others lost in the mists of time. Paul puts it in one word in

Romans 1: that all men “know in themselves” what may be known of the invisible God by His visible creation, but “have held down the truth in unrighteousness” and so are without excuse. All the great religions of the world legalistically demand that their followers adhere to certain standards by their own self-effort. This is a total impossibility, for it is in direct contradiction to man’s fallen, self-loving nature, the nature of that spirit of error

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in the children of wrath, “fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind” (Eph. 2:3). So whether it is by Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, or by Marxism or any other secular philosophy of life, we humans who know what we ought to be are more confirmed than ever in our blindness of heart by these self-effort religions and philosophies. We build up our own righteousness and call it the righteousness of God, while in fact it is only this same Satan-in-dwelt self-loving self-producing its convenient good-and-evil fruit of the fallen self.

### **The Mosaic Law**

In Romans 2, Paul mentions both “the law written in our hearts” and God’s external, written law given through Moses. What was God’s purpose in giving us the Mosaic law? It was to prepare a way by which man’s blindness can be removed. In that unfathomable wisdom of His, He uses the pronouncement of an outward law not to falsely establish fallen man in a phony self-righteousness (as though he might keep it—a slave to Satan keeping God’s law!) but for a totally opposite purpose. The law was given to expose the deceit of man’s self-righteousness, thus stripping him naked of any righteous grounds for standing before God, outside of grace. So the sending of the outer law by Moses was actually part of God’s approach of grace to man! Paul’s inspired understanding focused Mosaic law to this.

We will follow this through now, both in its preliminary effects on us and to its ultimate completion. This makes Moses the greatest of the law age, to be replaced, as he foretold, by one “like unto himself,” yet greater than he, as the

son is greater than the servant in the house. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

The outer law, given as a code of ethics on that mount to Moses, was not God coming in fullness of grace to His people, but was inserted as a necessary preliminary. God came to them at Horeb precisely as He eternally is—as the One who rescued them from bondage and brought them out “as on eagles’ wings” to be His peculiar treasure. But, even though they were His people, through the Passover and Red Sea deliverance, many of them were

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like carnal Christians today: they did not know the Lord in their inner consciousness as Moses did. These people, therefore, not yet realizing the exchange of deity in themselves, were wide open to the lying controls of Satan, their former indwelling deity, and thus “carnal, sold unto sin.” So to expose their blindness to their Satanic slavery, God added the necessary demand which is the purpose of the outer law. God said to them through Moses that they would be His special people if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant—the very thing they couldn’t do, but this they did not know. And so they gaily responded, “Of course we will keep it.” They had to respond like that, for this first claim

of the law on them was precisely to expose their still unrecognized and therefore uncrucified self-reliance, which was Satan's nature in them.

So the famous law followed on its tablets of stone...but significantly it was not given to Moses directly by the Lord Himself on the mount, but by angels (Gal. 3:19), because God Himself is the law lived as person and not in a demanding code with no power given to fulfill it. (It was later, in his second forty days on the mount, when Moses saw God's glory pass by, that the "merciful, gracious, longsuffering, forgiving" nature of the Lord was revealed to him in its full reality—and no wonder his face shone!)

### Sin is seen to be sin

Now the years were to follow in which a few always saw through to grace—many thousands more than the record shows, as we can surmise by the seven thousand who were preserved by God's enabling in the days of dark apostasy under Ahab. If thousands then, maybe tens of thousands in better days. But for Israel in general, sin was now exposed as sin by the law, and it is Paul who brings out the truth that "by the law is the knowledge of sin" and "sin is not imputed where there is no law." Under other dimmer codes, wrong might be recognized as against the doer and society. But only by God's law through Moses did wrong have its total exposure as *sin against* God, leaving man on the eternal deathroad unless there be some way back to total alignment with God. Only God's law through Moses makes human wrongdoing totally serious. How significant it is that in these our days, wrongdoing is never acknowledged or confronted as a

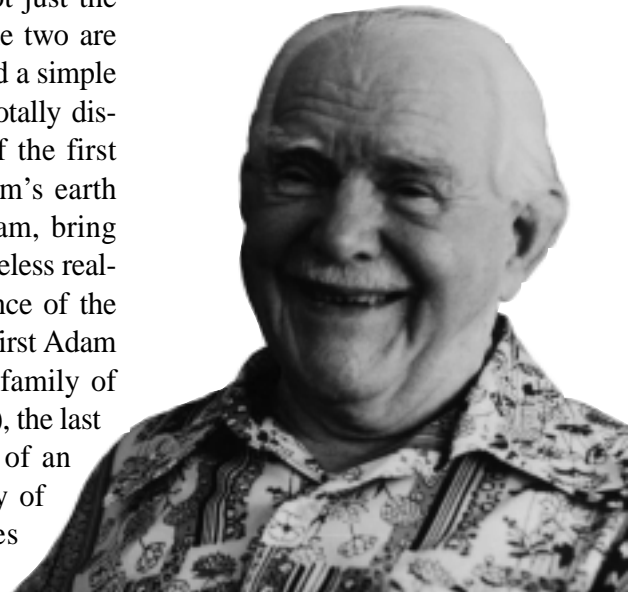
moral destruction, but only as a social inconvenience or human mistake. No secular nation calls sin by its true name, and that is why the only true light that can still come to our modern world is by the "holy nation," the church of the redeemed who still proclaim the total word of Scripture, and who are the only true nation there is.

### The Last Adam

But with the law of exposure comes the grace of restoration . . . the "first Adam" being replaced by the "last Adam" (Rom. 5:12-21, 1 Cor. 15:45). We all have been born in sin and all have committed sin, and the evidence is seen in us all being under the reign of death, with no escape from its sentence of condemnation. Yet this very reality of sin, condemnation and death, making its appearance in the first Adam was—for any who have enlightened eyes to see and who know the character of the Father of Love—the necessary pointing finger to the first Adam's replacement by the last Adam, who would blot out of existence this diseased condition of humanity. He would be the *last* Adam, not just the second Adam—as though the two are on a level with each other and a simple exchange made. He would totally dissolve the death-existence of the first Adam (and thus of us, Adam's earth family) and, as the last Adam, bring into being the ultimate changeless reality of the eternal life-existence of the heavenly family. Where the first Adam was the parent of a human family of "living souls" (selves for self), the last Adam would be the parent of an eternal, unchangeable family of "quickenings spirits" (selves giving life to others) (1 Cor.

15:45). And this would be the *last* family, with none ever subsequent to it—for Christ would be "the end of the law for righteousness." So in this sense the first Adam was only the shadowfigure of the last Adam (Rom. 5:14), this bright sun who would swallow up the shadow as if it had never been.

But with one tremendous difference. The whole human race is caught up from birth into the syndrome of sin and death. But the destined coming of the last Adam to transmute our living souls into quickening spirits was not a "had to be." It was a pure product of voluntary love. It only "had to be" in the sense that love by its very selfgiving nature is always a debtor, and needs a creditor (which was why Paul the missionary called himself a debtor to the Gentile world). Christ's coming was the spontaneous product of autonomous love, for He is love. So Paul, in this magnificent replacement declaration of the new creation for the old in Romans 5, continually repeats that what we have in our last Adam is "the free gift," "the gift of God," "the gift by grace," "the gift unto justification of life"; and cou-



pled with that, says again and again that all of this has “abounded” to many with “abundance of grace,” “grace that did much more abound.” Paul was caught by the *glory* of the grace manifested through our “one man Jesus Christ”... and so are we!

### Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ

So now we will take the first outward look into the details of this transition...which so totally solves the problems which prevent us from being real persons and living the real life we are meant to live.

I know I am writing to those who know the historical details of the coming into our spacetime world of the Son of God, taking flesh as Son of Man (His favorite name for Himself). He issued from the womb of a virgin mother, with a Holy Spirit father. His early years were under the outer regulations of the law of Moses, during which He profoundly studied, absorbed, and understood the Old Testament Scriptures. His commissioning was at His water baptism, accompanied by the coming of a dove (seen only by Him and John)—and with the dove, the word of confirmation: “Thou art My beloved Son.” His acknowledgement of that confirmation that He was the promised Savior, foreseen by the prophets in both His sufferings and glory, was by His public declaration of it in Nazareth. He was established as the unsullied pioneer of the eternal kingdom of Spirit, the kingdom of love—quite different from any earthly kingdom—by his rejecting, during forty days of testing, any self-centered life (Satan’s deathlife, with which he infected the first Adam). His years of

public ministry were of compassionate love combined with manifestations of the power of an unseen world in the visible form of healings, material provisions, counteraction of the force of gravity, and even of physical death itself. These He combined with His ruthless exposure of false, self-exalting presentations of the Living God under the guise of religious practices. He concentrated on training those whom He saw by faith to be His successors, constantly seeing them as what they would be by the coming of the Spirit, in place of their frequent displays of vacillating

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humanity. By faith He plainly accepted the known prophetic statements about the suffering Messiah, and recognized their truth in the obvious threatening clouds of opposition from the religious authorities which pointed to His coming death. In Gethsemane He took a final agonizing stand of faith: that though He should drink the cup alone, for us, His death would be surely followed by His physical resurrection. By faith—by a declaration which we may call a “word of faith”—He also plainly prefaced His ascension to the Father with a promise to His disciples of “another Comforter,” whereby He would make His abode with them in His true Spirit-reality. By faith He commissioned them by the Spirit at Pentecost, and thus equipped them to

be Himself...in His many body forms. Through their witness He has entered into millions of further disciples, making them also fellow sons by the Spirit and citizens of a new nation. These now await His personal return and the public joining of Head to body...then the marriage supper of the Lamb, Bridegroom with bride...and finally, His ultimate rendering up of the universal kingdom to the Father, who will then be seen to be what He actually always is to the seeing eye of faith—God the All in all.

All this is a mere repetition of glorious facts known to all of us. But these form the background, in outer fact and history, of what we must now see as *totally applicable to our own inner selves!*

### The First Stage of Restoration: The Precious Blood

We will now see the way by which this combination of the law given by Moses and the grace and truth by Jesus Christ is not only the Total Truth, but the Total Truth to me in my *personal experience*—see how it is the only answer with a totally workable application to every situation, whether mine or other folks—which makes it possible for me to say to myself, “Yes, *this is it,*” and then declare it to the whole world within my reach.

If this takes further digging into details (with Paul as our guide) to find out the total solution, we will be like a German pastor (quoted by Karl Barth in his *Epistle to the Romans*, p. 24) wrote:

God needs *men*, not creatures  
Full of noisy, catchy phrases.  
Dogs he asks for, who their noses  
Deeply thrust into—Today,

And there scent Eternity.

Should it lie too deeply buried,  
Then go on, and fiercely burrow,  
Excavate until—Tomorrow.

Some of us have been doing this for years. I could not stop. I must be satisfied. I must have the complete answer. It must be wholly workable in all of life. And we boldly say we have come up with the answer: not our own, but revealed in the Scriptures and confirmed by the Holy Spirit in personal inner revelation.

The law given by God to Moses in its outer written forms, underlining the outer standards of conduct such as the sins of stealing, lying, adultery, murder, malicious destruction of another's character, is obviously intended to produce outer responses. So it does, and for the simple reason that in our blindness we cannot penetrate into sin at its source, but can only recognize its outer products of committed sins. So the first purpose of the Ten Commandments is to pinpoint our guilt before God and produce in us a realization of His wrath, judgment, and our coming condemnation. This it effectively does by awakening in us "the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom." Most of us were stirred from slumber by some person or event alerting us to the reality of our condition as lost, guilty, and hopeless sinners—unless there be some means of pardon. At such a time we neither considered nor were concerned about our inner sinful condition, but saw only our sins and their fearful aftermath. Verily, for this was the law established—that by it "all the world may become guilty before God."

### Replacement of Condemnation by Justification

Now comes the revelation by Paul of the *first* deliverance stage of the cross of Christ, the amazing but solid replacement of condemnation by justification, as if the sinner had never sinned—the overplus of grace by the shed blood of His crucified body. Paul speaks of Christ Jesus being "set forth" by God on that historic cross as a public, outward demonstration that He had *truly died*. That meant that as the penalty of sin is death, so He who "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" really died, having taken our place in death.

But bodily death is but an outer detail. The real meaning of death is not *body* but *spirit* destiny: Where do I, an immortal spirit, go? If lost, I shall be among "the spirits in prison"; if saved, among "the spirits of just men made perfect," Scripture reveals. So Peter proclaimed in his Pentecost speech (using David's prophecy in Psalm 16) that the Savior went to hell where we were destined to go. But hell could not hold Him, for Satan had no hold on Him, and so His "soul was not left in hell." But He could not rescue Himself, for He was there representing us in our lost sinfulness. He was "raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father."

So through the Lamb's shed blood, death, and pangs of hell, all that should come to us by way of guilt, condemnation, curse, and uncleanness has disappeared forever for all men. "God was, in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." So no man now goes to hell for his *sins*, but only because he has rejected the light of Christ as Savior—the light which has shone into the world. But until the Spirit does His

convicting work in us, we love our darkness rather than that light and refuse to come to it.

### The Final Stage of the Restoration: the Crucified Body

We now turn our attention to the area of *our daily living*. It has been wonderful to have the disturbing questions of our past and future settled, for, however the world may try to hide it, until we have that settled, it is true of all men that "through fear of death we are all our lifetime subject to bondage." However, we live not in the past or future, but in the present. Have we an answer for its immediate needs? Yes we have, we are boldly asserting, or we would not now be talking it over.

Paul puts it quite simply as he directs our attention from past to present needs. He asks the question, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?" In other words, what about our present condition? Let us get down to brass tacks about our daily lives. Have we a genuine one-hundred-percent life-level which matches the kind of statements scattered throughout the New Testament: "joy unspeakable and full of glory"; "peace that passeth understanding"; "having all sufficiency in all things that we may abound unto every good work"; "reigning in life"; "more than conquerors"; "out of our innermost being flow rivers of living water"; "perfect love"? Or is there only a hit-and-miss attempt at such standards, with more miss than hit? (And we all know there is more miss than hit.)

Paul does not shrink from a face-to-face tackling of such questions. He provides us with both a total answer and the basis for that answer. It is best given in his famous Romans 6-8 chap-

ters, into which I personally have never tired of digging further and further until I have at last come up with what I believe is the right understanding and application of what he is saying. It has taken me a long time to be simple enough to let into my head and heart what Paul is really saying, and not what I might *think* he is saying. The very fact that he adds these chapters to his completed new-birth presentation in chapters 3-5 shows that he realized the matter of full, present “total living” in our new Christ-relationship needed some more thorough examination and explanation—a further turning of the key in the lock—to establish us solidly in Christ as the *new person* we are.

He again hangs his answer round the final completion of the operations of Moses’ law on us. He explains how in our new-found sincerity, with a zeal to live consistently (as we should) on totally holy and righteous standards—walking as He walked, loving as He loved—we find ourselves in a struggle between flesh and spirit. We know the law and its commandments; we aspire and we strive; but we largely and disgustingly fail. What we should do, we don’t do; and what we hate, we do!

That, as Paul says, is because we have by no means yet been enlightened and experienced the “total exchange” which has taken place in our identification with Christ in His death and resurrection. First of all, we never had it clear about the totality of our former identification with that false deity who had stolen us as his dwelling place—that we were never anything but individual expressions of him, manifesting his nature, not our own. So our present confusion and ineffective living stems right back to that as its source. We have

always felt at home with the idea that we are “self-running selves”: that we ourselves are responsible for the good and evil in our lives.

Because we were blind to our condition, God in His grace first sent the law through Moses to expose our bondage and reveal to us the nature of the false deity expressing himself through us. In this first exposure, however, we saw no more than the sins we had committed—the breaking of outer laws—and by no means did we penetrate within ourselves to note the *sin nature*—Satan’s nature expressed by us.

What we did not know then (and were not within reach of understanding) was that this was no real salvation if it delivered us merely from the outer penalty of our sins but left us as “vessels of wrath”—still containers of the inner *sin-person*, that old serpent the devil, still reproducing his evil fruit by us.

Therefore our first response to the greatness of grace shown in our Lord Jesus Christ was simply to recognize our outer sinfulness, to believe that our guilt and curse had been removed by His shed blood, and to rejoice that God would remember our sins against us no more, as guaranteed by His resurrection.

### Total Salvation

But what we did not know then (and were not within reach of understanding) was that this was no *real* salvation if it delivered us merely from the

outer penalty of our sins but left us as “vessels of wrath”—still containers of the inner *sin-person*, that old serpent the devil, still reproducing his evil fruit by us. Complete salvation must rid us of producer as well as product, cause as well as effect, sin as well as sins.

This *total salvation*—the totality of Christ’s cross-redemption—is the *deeper* discovery which Paul himself didn’t see in its full implication until he lived three years in Arabia. This is what he speaks of in his Galatian letter as the gospel which “I neither received of man, nor was I taught it, but [I received it] by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” That revelation was centered around not the blood but the physical body of Jesus on the cross. And what is the importance of that? It is because a *living body is the dwelling place of the spirit, and therefore when a body dies, the spirit is no longer in it.*

Therefore Paul (when writing to the Corinthians for whom he was an intercessor, and thus having insight into the full meaning of the Savior’s intercession for the world) opened up its total significance as no other did. “We are convinced,” he in effect wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, “that when the Savior died on our behalf it was a *body* death, and this means that if He died for all, then we all died.” And what did His body represent before God? Paul tells us in verse 21 that “God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us.” Please note: *sin* is not *sins*. By His shed blood He “bore away our sins,” but in His crucified body He “was made *sin*.” This is fantastically deeper than “bearing our sins,” wonderful though that was. “Made sin” is almost unthinkable; for sin is Satan’s label, just as we might say love is God’s. Satan is, as it were,

Mr. Sin, the spirit of error. Where does the spirit of error live? In human bodies, ever since Adam and Eve partook of that forbidden fruit. So when Jesus in His body hung on the cross, “made sin,” that body represented all the bodies of humanity, which are all containers of sin. Yes, He *in His body on the cross* was made the representative for all the bodies of the human race having Satan, sin’s originator, living within.

There that body died and was buried. When a body dies, the burial is to make it plain that no spirit remains in it. And so it is that Paul can so authoritatively state in Romans 6: “... in that He died, He died unto sin once”—not, in this context, died for our *sins*, but died *unto sin*. (That is why the blood is not mentioned by Paul after Romans chapter 5. From there onward the subject is His *body death*.) Christ’s burial was to signify in plainest terms that no spirit remained in it.

So now Paul just as boldly states that we believers, being *buried with Him*, are “dead to sin”—a truth way beyond being only cleansed from sins. *We are no longer containers of sin* (the same thought as being containers of Satan), and we are to state this truth and affirm it as completely as we state and affirm that we are justified from our sins. “The body of sin” is “done away with” (Rom. 6:6 NASV), meaning that our bodies are no longer sin’s dwelling place. And we are to reckon this as *fact* (Rom. 6:11).

Many of us commonly use “reckon” to imply uncertainty. If, with a book in his hand, someone says to you “I reckon I have a book in my hand,” he is likely implying to you that though he *believes* it is a book, yet he is not absolutely *sure*. Were he sure, he would just say “I have

a book.” But in the Bible, reckoning means *considering as actual*. To reckon a thing to be so, to count on it as fact, is the first stage of faith that affirms. And “reckoning” will later become “realizing”—which is faith confirmed. But we must start with the reckoning!

### Dead to Sin

But to consider myself *dead to sin* is no light thing, especially when I do not yet appear to experience it. We hesitate to declare “I am dead to sin,” because we are thinking about how often sin still seems to turn up in us. But the issue is plain. Will we obey God’s Word? In this same chapter, Paul says that we have “obeyed from the

The man, our human self, has not changed. But the old indwelling deity, of whom the man was but the expression, has been totally replaced by Another.

heart that form of doctrine which was delivered unto us.” Have we, really? So let us “go to it” and be sure we boldly affirm and declare what His Word says we are. Let us not compromise (as many folks do—even teachers of the Bible) and seek to get around this by saying it is our “position” but not yet our “condition”—a lovely little evangelical wriggle. Let us rather obey, and declare what we are told to *recognize, attend to, and say*. Then let us go further, after our word of faith and obedience, and find out how this *is* a present fact in condition as well as position.

But if it is a fact that we are *dead to sin*, then it is also a fact that we are

## Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this magazine is to further the great high calling of the Lord Jesus to carry His Gospel to the whole world. This calling is known in the Christian world as the Great Commission. Our interpretation of the Gospel is that Jesus Christ was the second member of the Trinity, fully God, made manifest in the flesh. He was tempted in all points as we are, but totally without sin. He was crucified for the sins of the world, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He gives the power to become the sons of God to all who receive Him.

Beyond this forgiveness of sins, *The Intercessor* is committed to proclaiming to every creature the mystery of the Gospel, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27). The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at Pentecost means that Christ has joined Himself to us as one spirit (1 Cor. 6:17). Thus we see that Christ has reproduced Himself in our flesh, and we Christians are really Christ living as us (Gal. 2:20).

Therefore, there is not only the forgiveness of sins but also a life in Christ of knowing we are dead to sin (Rom. 6). Furthermore, we are dead to the Law (Rom. 7), since the power of sin is through the Law. Christ is the only Lawkeeper (Rom. 8), and there is no independent human nature that can keep the Law, though we are continually tempted to believe so.

Belief in an independent human nature is Satan’s lie and the root of sin. Non-Christians are really Satan-indwelt, expressing his lusts (John 8:44), just as we have come to learn that Christians are Christ-indwelt, expressing His righteousness (2 Cor. 6:16). Humans have no moral nature of their own, meaning that we are simply expressions of the indwelling deity nature, either of Christ or Satan (the fallen created being who is the spirit of error). Sin in a Christian is a result of believing again Satan’s lie that there is a human nature which can do good or evil.

Our full restoration, then, is to see ourselves as Christ in the world and to labor and travail to see Christ formed in others according to the mighty working of the Spirit. This is “intercession,” the definite laying down of our lives to present every man perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28). *The Intercessor* is committed to this great and thrilling commission, the cost of bringing it about, and the resurrection joy of reaping the harvest!

“*alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (6:11 b). As the spirit of error (Jesus “made sin”—2 Cor. 5:21) went out of that representative body when Jesus died, so also the Spirit of truth entered in three days later—and therefore the Spirit has entered us through Christ’s bodily resurrection. We see the vastness of the implication of that because, for that reason, we who were called the “old man” because of the “old” spirit of sin in us, now are called the “new man” because of the “new” Spirit of the living God in us. The man, our human self, has not changed. But the old indwelling deity, of whom the man was but the expression, has been totally replaced by Another. And thus—with our whole self totally and solely at His disposal—we joyfully recognize our new Owner. Because of *His* new management within us, the old owner, Satan, has no control over us. He can shout at us from without, but he has no further place within. We have changed bosses! We are in the employment of a new Firm!

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## Editor’s Note

In this issue we continue to examine the basic tenets of our Galatians 2:20 truth. In “The Restoration of Humanity” Norman Grubb begins with a discussion of the outer Mosaic Law, which exposed man’s self-righteousness and pinpointed his guilt before a holy God. Only after this exposure was man prepared for the final restoration to his Creator, the coming of Christ—the last Adam. Norman’s presentation of this “total salvation” through Christ’s blood and crucified body is clear and compelling. A more condensed version of the same dual deliverance is found in “Two Problems Solved,” where Norman puts “the key to everything” in a nutshell.

The second and final part of Page Prewitt’s “Alphabet Soup” tackles the crucial difference between soul and spirit. Discerning that difference led Page to an understanding (or revelation) of the lie of independence. Don’t miss Page’s marvelous illustration of our feelings as impulse receivers—you won’t forget it. We again include Norman’s superb foreword, as he stresses the importance of Page’s clarity to anyone who is serious about living the Christian life. A companion piece is Janie Prewitt’s tape review of Page’s “Pinhole of Light”—a powerful and personal testimony to Page’s own search for answers and her journey toward discovering the meaning of her union with Christ.

Two more Prewitts—Page’s sons Scott and Steven—contribute excellent articles aimed at our young adult readers, but invaluable for everyone. Steven shares an intensely personal letter to a

Christian friend from college confessing his heartache over his past sin and rebellion and his deep concern for young people making the same Satanic choices that he made. His friend’s response and Steven’s letter to a young woman both encouraging and warning her to stay on the straight and narrow course complete this outstanding series of letters. We strongly encourage any young adult struggling through the mine fields of temptation to read this article. In the same vein, we include a series of emails between Scott and a younger friend whom Scott has mentored. Another friend is Elliot Coatney, who is in turn passing on his own testimony to another in “Letter to a Friend.”

Passion was no stranger to Norman’s mentors, C.T. Studd and Rees Howells, both of whom spent their lives trying to rouse a complacent world to “fight the good fight of faith.” “Worldwide War—Real or Sham,” and “Ezekiel” demonstrate what God can accomplish through a vessel totally sold out to Him, willing to sacrifice even his life. Brett Burrowes takes up the theme of warfare and conflict, proving that “True Peace” can only come when Christ Himself is our peace, whether on an international or personal level.

Finally, we are pleased and proud to tell our readers that Norman Grubb’s *God Unlimited* has been republished by Zerubbabel Press and is now available from the book ministry. Tommy Prewitt reviews this excellent work which has been out of print for some time. We are so very grateful that we have had the opportunity to participate in passing on Norman’s profound understanding of the deep things of God.



# A Look at a Book

by Tommy Prewitt

## BOOK REVIEW:

### *God Unlimited*

by Norman Grubb

Norman Grubb's *God Unlimited* reads as several different books bound in one jacket. Scattered throughout its pages are a seminal Christian theological treatise, a personal testimony, an Idiot's Guide to Living, a gentle letter of advice, a recount of a spiritual journey with a close friend, and a daily journal of a serious Christian forever searching for God's "Ultimate Reality." Each page contains theses nuances, and I am sure affects each reader differently. Whatever their impact, Norman's words are those of a sure-footed Christian veteran who has cared enough about his personal spiritual life to search both the Scriptures and his own heart for the secrets to living a life in Christ.

*God Unlimited* is not a basic Christian primer for one who does not know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Make no mistake: the basic gospel of evangelical Christianity is clearly enunciated here. Because of sin, we are separated from God and condemned to an eternity in Hell, and only through repentance of our sins and acceptance by faith of the shed blood Jesus Christ on the Cross is our eternal relationship with God restored.

*God Unlimited* is for the more mature Christian. The prevailing

thought in 21st century evangelical Christianity is that since Jesus Christ died for us on the Cross and we accepted Him as our personal Savior, it is then up to us to live a "good Christian life." This is where many Christians experience a second crisis, knowing that they are not living up to their end of the agreement. This book is for those Christians who have reached this second crisis. The truth is that because we have died and risen with Christ, he lives His life through us. This is the message of *God Unlimited*, and the refinement and propagation of this truth was the unrelenting life work of Norman Grubb.

The content of *God Unlimited* will be familiar to those who have read any of Norman's other books. This book was published in 1962, some years after *The Law of Faith*. Norman was 65 at the time, what he describes as "old age." He went on to live to age 98, writing, traveling, and teaching almost up to the very end. He wrote *Who Am I?* and *Yes, I Am* in those later years. Many of us knew Norman at the time these latter books were written, perhaps explaining their more widespread popularity. Out of print since the late 1970's, *God Unlimited* has recently been republished by Zerubbabel Press and is currently available for purchase through *The Intercessor*.

I have found this book to be quite readable, perhaps more easily so than

some of Norman's other works. Those close to Norman say that a different, stricter editorial process was applied to *God Unlimited* when it was originally published. This may have resulted in a style that is more familiar to American readers.

This book deserves a place on every bedside table and a reading at every Bible study. The message is important, and the impact is life-changing.

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## Pass It On?

Do you have a friend or acquaintance, or even a group with whom you would like to share *The Intercessor*, but hate to give up your copy? If there is any reason you could use multiple copies, please let us know and we will be glad to accommodate you.

# A Confession

Steven Prewitt to Lee T.

*This "Confession" correspondence is an email I sent to a college friend of mine. I haven't spoken to him in 12 years...until recently. I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to contact him after seeing some college-aged young adults I know make similar sin choices to the ones I made when I was their age. I am blessed to have the opportunity to confess, repent and make restitution for my sins. My friend is now an attorney for the university we went to, and he teaches in the business school there as well. Following is my friend's reply as well as a short letter I wrote to one of the young adults I was concerned about.*

April 17, 2002

Dear Lee,

Over the years I have had periods of deep remorse and sadness over my choices, actions, and way of life while I was in college. I feel sadness today as deep and real as ever. I am deeply sorry, Lee, for my sin-filled life choices while we were together at college. I weep and regret the influence my satanic way of living had on you. It was wrong, I knew it was wrong, and I did it anyway. I am sorry. I repent and I humbly ask your forgiveness.

I started drinking when I was 16; spring break my junior year in high school. I was hiding, deceiving my parents, and leaving my Christian friends from my church. I knowingly went against the Christian values I knew to be right. It was sin. I am sorry. Instead of facing all those high school hurdles (both hard and easy, difficult and fun) like a Godly young adult, I padded the brunt of them with alcohol. Instead of enduring and enjoying most social activities my senior year in high school, I headed to the college fraternity parties. In the parable of the sower and the seeds, mine was the seed choked by the thorns of sin and deceit.

Fast forward to my sophomore year off at college. When I met your sister, Suzan, I knew she was someone any Godly man would dream to have as a mate. I knew I offered zero in return. Not only zero; I was living a Satan-filled Satan-chosen life. I now see how you and Suzan were examples of ultimate integrity...and I had none! I should have been the same for you. I could have been the same for you. I could have (at any moment) chosen to stop sinning. Repent. Ask Forgiveness. Then live as Christ intended I live, spontaneously giving His Love through

me to other people. I did not and I am sorry. I am also sincerely sorry my sin-life affected Suzan in any way. I deeply regret, Lee, that as great as a friendship you and I shared, how much more it could have been if I had not been in sin. I hate that I took Christ living in me through every drunken moment of it.

I thank you, Lee, for your Christian witness of integrity, hope, fun, humor and love. Your example will always be with me and I am grateful. When I think back almost 20 years, I am deeply saddened and weep when I think of Mary Lacey. She and I dated off and on my last several months at school. I knew her as someone that needed help and direction. More than that she needed Christ's hope, love and salvation! I did not offer Him. I could not share Him with her because I had left Him back at high school somewhere. I weep as I imagine seeing her sister, Beth. I weep to think of embracing Beth and saying that I am sorry your sister died and I did nothing to show her Christ's Love or tell her about Christ and His eternal Saving Grace. I want to be able to ask Beth for forgiveness even though there is nothing I can do now to help Mary find Christ. She died a couple of years after I last saw her so I do not know that she died lost or saved...that is not my point. I know I did nothing for her and it hurts me greatly.

Lee, my staff at Back Yard Burgers is mostly high school and college-aged people. I strive daily to show them care and love. I know it is Christ's love through me. I want the best for them. The best choices. The best opportunities. With humility, I now see that mine can be the seed sown in the fertile soil and I can reap a harvest for Christ. I pray daily for a chance to openly share Christ's hope, love, salvation, and grace that is available as He is always knocking at the door of their hearts if only they will repent, open, and let Him in. Again, I weep as I know some of them have Christ in their hearts already, yet choose similar sin choices as the ones I made 20 years ago. I am deeply saddened for those who will have the same regrets about their young adult years as I do for mine. Unfortunately, some of them also are missing opportunities to live examples of Christ's Love to the people around them and it saddens me greatly to see them do what I did.

Thank you for listening. I thank God for you that I could always count on you, brother!

Love Always. Steven

The story of the sower and the seed is in Luke Chapter 8 verses 4-15.

Here I am. I am always available!

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### Lee's Reply

April 17, 2002

Steven,

Thank you for your thoughtful and encouraging letter. I am not sure that you needed to ask my forgiveness. I do not recall that you had sinned against me. But to the extent that you did, I gladly extend the grace to you that God has extended to me, and I rejoice to call you not just my friend, but my brother.

Even if asking my forgiveness was not necessary, repenting of sin and asking God's forgiveness is certainly what God commands us to do, and confessing your sins to a brother in Christ is both consistent with that command and the fruit of true repentance, as is godly sorrow for sin. And in that regard your letter is both encouraging and convicting. I do not sorrow over my sin as I ought. I am not always sure that I understand what biblical repentance is. And I do not confess my sins to other believers as I ought. So thanks for your letter, and I pray that God would use it in sanctifying me.

And while your remorse over you sin is plain, I encourage you that the love of Christ and His death is sufficient to cover all of your past and future sin! It is only by knowing the depths of our sin that we can fathom the richness of Christ's love and the meaning of forgiveness! So I hope that your remorse and mourning over your sin has borne the fruit of that peace that passes understanding.

I look forward to corresponding more!

Lee T.

*This letter was directed to a young adult friend who had made similar sin choices to the ones I had made when I was her age. My deep concern made me think back to when I was her age (almost 20 years) and the sin choices I had made then.*

Dear Dorothy,

Remember what Jesus says in Mathew 7: "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it." Also find the Matthew Henry Commentary regarding this passage. Matthew Henry is the most-used Christian commentary in helping people understand what they read in the Bible.

I want to encourage you to continue to follow the strait

path! I pray for you constantly. I know from my own experience that Satan is very upset with your decision to follow the Godly path. He will try to do everything to tempt you and deceive you and discourage you. (Be encouraged!) Satan will constantly want you to think you are missing out on fun, excitement, friends, and an easy life in general by not going the way of the world like the majority of people who take the wide road to destruction. (Remember Luke 8. The seed the sower sowed that was choked by sin and deceit.)

Understand also that Satan will try to trick you into thinking a "neutral path" is ok. Understand there is no middle or neutral path! You are either walking in God's will, or you are walking in sin!

Matthew Henry clearly states there is no neutral path. He says "in the one or the other of these all are walking: there is not middle place hereafter, no middle way now. All the children of men are saints or sinners, Godly or ungodly." Satan wants you to see the Godly path as hard, not fun, and lonely. I encourage you to encourage yourself and others close to you to remain steadfast in your decision to go God's way even when it does seem hard and lonely. By God's grace, the more you do the right thing and live in God's will, the more you will know Godly comfort, Godly confidence, Godly satisfaction and Godly life!

I encourage you and pray that you will lean on each other for encouragement and accountability. Plan ahead so that sin-filled parties don't appear to be the only option for a good time.... stay busy living a Godly life and the temptation will be less. Also, learn that a good time is when you do the right thing!

HONESTY will be your key to success here. If you are discouraged, say it! If you are lonely, call out for appropriate companionship! If Satan tempts you, expose him! If you sin, CONFESS IT! In confession is healing and in healing is God's Grace. Please! Please! Please! Do not let Satan rob you of Jesus' Grace! Don't let sin be a barrier to those you love. That sick pit in your stomach caused by sin is not worth it!

Lastly, I am very grateful that I was prompted by the Holy Spirit to confess and heal my relationship with my friend Lee T. Ours was a broken relationship of almost 20 years. Because of my painful concerns for you and your sin choices, I was able to break through my sin barrier and know God's forgiveness through Lee. WHAT A BLESSING! Though I hate the sin path you and I both chose, the positive result for me is my new relationship—in Christ—with Lee. Thank God for His Grace!

Thanks, again, for the opportunity to express my (Christ's through me) love, concern and encouragement. I am blessed to have the opportunity to spread seeds that will reap a harvest for Christ!

ALL THE BEST!

Steven

# Two Problems Solved

by Norman Grubb

What the Bible calls sin is in one phrase—independent self. The created self was made to contain and express the Creator Self Who is selfless love. Instead, in the person of Lucifer, probably the created being nearest to God Himself, a new and horrible form of life came into existence: a created self who refused to contain the selfless Self of God but chose to live for and by himself. Lucifer was the sin-spirit, the spirit of self-love, self-seeking and all the sins known to man that proceed from that.

The history of the creation of man in the Garden of Eden tells us what happened to our forefather. He was created to contain God in a living union, which was symbolized for him in the offer of “the tree of life in the midst of the garden.”

But as a human being with free choice, he could take another way—the Way of self-love: symbolized for him in the other tree in the midst of the garden—the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Deceived by the lying spirit of Satan, he received into himself the spirit of error rather than the Spirit of truth, and became a child of the Devil. Since then the whole human race is born with the spirit of self-centeredness in it. The Bible calls it “the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”

That we are all born and live under that domination is obvious, for we are all by nature egoists and self-lovers. Every breath we breathe, therefore, is

sin—because anything less than God’s perfection is sin, and God’s perfection is perfect love. But such total love to God and our brother is totally impossible without God Who is love living in us.

What, then, has He who is Love, and therefore must save, done to restore His lost humanity to Himself? He has taken flesh Himself to start a new race. In the Person of His Son, Jesus, He came into history as a man called “the last Adam,” the Creator of the first. Having lived a perfect life which the first Adam failed to live, He then identified Himself totally with the fallen human race by dying for us. In that death He was so identified with us all in God’s sight that the Bible says, “He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin.” Thus, He died. In doing so, the Bible reveals that He effected the two supreme deliverances that were the two absolute necessities.

First, He solved God’s problem (or rather, God solved His own problem) by taking upon Himself the curse of the broken law, and being made a curse for us. By the shedding of His blood, His outpoured life, He became God’s “mercy seat.”

By this, God could both be just and justify the ungodly, and pronounce all believers in Jesus justified from all unrighteousness—forgiven, cleansed, in His sight as if we had committed no sin; “made the righteousness of God in Him.” Broken law has consequences. That is the nature of law. God, foreseeing that we should all be lawbreakers,

foreordained His Son to be “the propitiation through faith in His blood.”

What God revealed to be the necessary atonement for sin, He Himself suffered. What He suffered He accepted. And His acceptance is our justification (as the Scripture says, “raised again for our justification”). What is good enough for God is good enough for us. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot unto God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Secondly, Christ’s cross and resurrection solved our problem. For by this means He fully effected the destruction of the old union of humanity to Satan and replaced it by the new union to Himself.

Our problem is simply that in our unredeemed life our inner self, our spirit, was united to the self-loving spirit of Satan. As a consequence, we followed the desire of soul and body. When our bodies stimulated appetites in us, we gratified them. When our souls stirred up pride or dislike of this or hate of that or love of that—we just followed them. We were governed by our souls and bodies.

But when Christ died, it says that “He died unto sin once.” That means that in His death, as our Representative, our last Adam, He became separated from the sin-spirit which had invaded the human spirit—just as anybody in death is separated from his spirit. And in His resurrection, He was “made

alive by the Spirit.”

In other words, the Spirit of truth—God Himself—united Himself to that last Adam, and thus united Himself to all who will accept their place by faith as participators in His death and resurrection.

Here was the beginning of the new and final creation, when the usurping person was cut off from the possession he had deceitfully gained of the human spirit; when the true Owner, the living God, replaced Him in all who receive Jesus.

This is no Biblical theory.

This is the most tremendous and dynamic event in human history!

*Here* is our title to union—to permanent familiarity—with God!

For example, use this little illustration: On Sunday morning you say your duty is to go to church. But you get a blustery day, wind and snow, and you don't feel like going. But you go. Why? Because down inside you purpose to go. You say, "Oh, I don't feel like going, but I'm going."

There you've got the point. Now you have moved from soul to spirit, you see.

Reason is exactly the same. Reason is the faculty by which we explain things and argue about them and talk about them. Through these words I've tried to use my reason, which is my soul life, to explain what I claim to know. I claim to know Jesus Christ. I try to explain myself to you—that's my reason. You see, reasons can differ. That is why we can differ in our opinions and explanations—our soul life; but be one in Christ—in our spirit-life.

I've always been one to dig into things. I took up philosophy just as a hobby, and got my reason thoroughly

shaken. I said to myself, "I'm really not so sure that there is a God at all. Yet," I said, "I know Him and love Him and have done so for years—yet He may not be a living Person at All!"

My reason conveyed doubts to me. My spirit said, "But I know Him!" So do you know what I came to? I said, "Well, if God is the big illusion, I'll be a little illusion alongside Him. I love the illusion, that's all."

You see, I would not be governed by my reason—my soul—because I had something deeper—more real. Of course, in due time, I came out more strongly confirmed in soul, or reason, as well as spirit-knowledge. Doubts are the raw material of faith.

Have we got it clear? The consequence of broken law which we must inevitably suffer, stated in most direct and terrible fashion again and again in the words of Jesus and the writings of the apostles, was borne by God Himself in the Person of His Son. If we ask, how can the blood of any man atone for the sin of all, the answer is that this was the blood of Deity made flesh.

The enslaved condition of humanity, through the indwelling spirit of self-centeredness, with which every man is born, was *ended* at the cross!

Christ, as our representative, died to that enslavement—that sin-spirit: and again as our representative, was raised from the dead by "the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead."

Thus, this change of union from the spirit of self-centeredness to the spirit of selfgiving becomes an actual, down-to-earth fact in the personality and experience of every human being who, recognizing and admitting his

need, receives Him as Lord and Savior. Your old spirit is replaced by your new Spirit!

You were governed by soul and body. Now, as a redeemed person, the Spirit—His Spirit in your spirit—is master of soul and body. You meet the demands of the bodily senses, the varying emotions of the soul stimulated by world, flesh or desire, with the affirmation of the indwelling Christ as Lord. Soul and body become the manifestation of Jesus Christ.

Here, indeed, is the key to being a normal person—free, happy, familiar, natural—released from the spirit of self-love into the boundless, creative outflowing energy of the new governing Spirit that indwells you: *His spirit*.

Here, indeed, is the key to everything.

—from *The Key to Everything*  
published by Moody Press

## 2002 Conference Calendar

### **Irish Spring Conference**

May 31–June 2, 2002

Contact: Marian Kinanhan  
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### **Summer Camp**

July 12–19, 2002

Blowing Rock, NC

Contact: Virginia Brown  
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### **Annual Business Meeting**

July 12–14, 2002

Blowing Rock, NC

(First weekend of Summer Camp)

# Tape Talk

by Janie Prewitt

## **TAPE REVIEW:** *A Pinhole of Light* by Page Prewitt

You will chuckle along with Page in nervous empathy at the beginning of this tape as she self-consciously and apologetically proclaims she's at a loss as to how to begin this talk. Then God unleashes one of the most powerful and pointed testimonies I personally have heard. It is personal and revealing and interlaced with truths, quotes and wisdom she gained through her persistent and desperate search for God's answer to the Christian life.

Page starts with her early teen years when her earnest searching after God began. She tells how she didn't know what "born again" meant and she belonged to a denomination that taught a doctrine of works. She believed that only those who grew up to be good enough got to go to heaven. She heard the word "saved" a time or two and sensed that it was a very important word and felt fearful that she did not know what it meant. During these years she endured the agony of moving every two years with her family from town to town, state to state and school to school as her dad's promotions within his job necessitated. With each move, she would weep bitterly at her loss of friends, home and stability, finally crying out in anguish, "Why can't I be like everybody else?" God answered her: "You are not like everybody else and

your life isn't going to be like everybody else's." Page caught that and from then on, there was a fix in her that had not been there before.

Page tells of a turning point in her life while living in Coral Gables, Florida where she met a friend who was a Christian and introduced her to the Youth for Christ program at their high school. It was on a bus ride from Miami to a retreat in Indiana that Page's attention was arrested. The Youth for Christ director presented the gospel to every bus driver that got on the bus throughout that long trip and his clincher statement would be, "Now, if you were to die tonight, would you go to heaven or hell?" Page tells of her revelation at this retreat—she began to believe in what Ephesians 2:8, 9 says, "By grace are you saved through faith and not of works lest any man should boast." At this point her life changed as she was spiritually awakened. She spent her senior year of high school fellowshiping with this large, evangelical, active group of witnessing Christians.

At the end of that summer her family moved once again to Charlotte, NC and she attended college in Georgia. From there she went to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, got married and eventually moved to Jackson, Mississippi and had four children. She tells how the rest of her young adult life she spent desperately and futilely searching for the zeal she had known in her Christian fellowship in Florida. Was there reality there or

was that just some isolated thing not to be found on God's earth again? She desperately wanted to find other Christians like herself who talked about Jesus Christ and being saved and who were concerned about whether people were going to heaven or not.

In listening to Page, you will have understood that by this point in her life she took Christianity and God very seriously. She will tell you that the more serious she got about it, the harder it (living the Christian life) got and the more she hated herself. Why did she hate herself? Because she wasn't what she thought she was supposed to be in *any* area. Friends would try to console her in her self-reproach but her response was, "Look here—you're human and you've got different standards than God has. I may meet your standards, but I know I don't meet his." The harder she tried the behinder she got. She knew it, and her family and friends knew it. Page entered into a deep, black depression in which she lost all hope. She says the only thing that kept her going was knowing that her four small children needed her to care for them. She tells how she exhausted all resources in her continued search for the key to living life the way she thought God required.

In time, God in His mercy brought the answer to Page in her desperation in the form of Norman Grubb. This answer first came as just a PINHOLE OF LIGHT through the blackness that Page's life had become to her. Page

tells how her pleading prayers for someone who could view her life as it was—with the cat and the dog and the four children and the husband and the marital problems—and could tell her what she could do were answered in this man who lived the way she knew God meant for Christians to live. Norman's answer to life was stunning to her—it was the antithesis of everything she had ever learned in her church or read in Christian books. She began to dare to believe what Norman taught her the Scriptures said about her—and her life changed forever. She began to *hear* the truth that He said in Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." I will let you listen to the tapes to find out what two life-changing statements Norman made to Page and how she then began to dare to believe them. As

she dared to believe God at His word, life became what she had been searching for because Christ is the life!

Page tells how she gained full understanding of what she now teaches as Body, Soul and Spirit. She thoroughly explains the truth of *how* Christ is on the throne of our Spirit and how body and soul fit into that truth. She expels the limiting thinking some have that God operates in our lives according to and waiting on something *we* first do—surrender just right, muster just enough faith, etc. This "self effort" makes us the operators of God, which is absurd. Page discusses the key to taking, receiving, and believing the fact that Christ takes over and lives our lives. She relates personal struggles she lived through and then—Praise God!—became victorious over through this truth. She covers the critical subject of sin—its root, how it is dealt with through Jesus' death, and how it relates to the life of a Christian who has been

delivered from the bondage of sin. A key point Page emphasizes is how Satan tempts us to bite into sin and how to be triumphant over Satan and his deceptions in any situation!

In closing, I would like to say that when doing a tape review, it is important to touch on the highlights of a tape so that readers will desire to listen to the tape. This 3-tape set is so full of critical teaching and truth that I find it nearly impossible to "touch" on everything. I have attempted to give you an outline of what you will find in these tapes and yet I have told so little of all that it covers. So please get this set and listen to it. You will be amazed at the convicting, enlightening, exhorting, and directing powers God accomplishes through it.

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## Ezekiel

*And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.*

—Ezekiel 2:7

*For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity...so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.*

—Ezekiel 4:5

People have not understood the ways of God with these men. A carnal mind never sees anything in intercession, but what great things these men did for the nation of Israel. Unless God takes hold of a man he will not carry this sort of burden. Ezekiel became willing for God to use him to show the nation what was going to happen to them, and he became an object lesson to a people who otherwise would not listen to him. He was only to speak when God spoke through him, and he was made a watchman to the house of

Israel. Only a man with a unique revelation of God, a man into whom the Spirit of God entered, could have done what Ezekiel did. He was to bear the iniquity of his people. God laid it upon him, and what a path he had to walk. Death was to touch him in his own home: his wife would be taken from him but he was not to mourn for her, even as would happen to the people in the final fall of Jerusalem. God said he was making Ezekiel a sign to his people, and what deaths he went through. How many would be willing to be made a sign for the sake of the kingdom of God! No wonder Ezekiel had the revelation of the re-gathering of Israel, the restoration of the kingdom and the judgment of the nations. How much deeper this is than just a full surrender. This is God himself speaking to his people through his chosen channel, a man completely in his hands.

—from *The Intercession of Rees Howells*  
by Doris Ruscoe

# BIBLE STUDY:

by Brett Burrowes

One of our deepest longings as human beings is for peace. But what exactly is peace? Most often we think of "peace" as peace of mind and freedom from worry and anxiety, a state of tranquility and serenity. But because human beings are not complete in themselves, because we have needs, concerns and cares of every kind weigh heavily down upon us. We wonder if we are going to make enough money this month to pay the bills; we wonder if others will like us or reject us, we wonder if our car will start up in the winter; we worry about our children: are they safe; are we raising them properly?

Concerns like these continually intrude and disrupt any kind of inner peace we seek to have. Moreover, we constantly wonder; "Are we making the right decisions in life? Should I have taken that job? Should I move to another area? Should I marry this person or not? Weighing up our options, we realize that there are good points to various alternatives, and we have difficulty making up our minds. We feel we are of two or more minds about these matters, and this internal division plagues and may even paralyze us. And in these little details of life it seems that the Bible does not give us direct and clear guidance. To be at peace with oneself would mean a freedom from anxiety or worry about our lives, a confidence that we were making the right decisions according to God's will. In short, having peace would mean freedom from this internal state of disharmony and division within ourselves. It is this peace that Paul refers to in Phil 4:6-7: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Peace not only refers to a state of internal harmony, but to a state of harmony

with other human beings. But peace is not merely the absence of conflict between people, but a condition of wholeness, prosperity and well-being as the Hebrew word *shalom* signifies. The prophet Zechariah describes peace in this way: "For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew" (8:12). And when the Messiah comes, He will be the Prince of Peace and bring justice and righteousness (Isa 9:6-7). Justice and righteous-

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ness are not simply individual qualities, rather the whole of human society will be characterized by God's justice, for He sent the Messiah "to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners" (Isa 61:1). In other words, peace represents the ideal condition of humanity, in which needs of all are met perfectly and completely and there are no lacks; an endless infinite supply of all that is necessary for life is provided. After all, what produces conflict other than the fear that

one might not get what one wants or needs? So peace is more than a mere absence of war of conflict, but a situation in which the well-being of every person is taken into account and provided for. Just because our country may not officially be at war with other countries does not mean that we have peace in the biblical sense. As long as there is injustice, as long as there is oppression, poverty, disease, and homelessness, as long as there is sin, there is no peace in our countries. But if we have the God of peace within us (Phil 4:9) and fix our faith firmly upon this biblical truth, then we can enjoy His peace in the midst of the chaos and conflict that rages around us in the world.

Everyday we hear of these conflicts in the news, whether in Northern Ireland between the Protestants and the Catholics, or between India and Pakistan, in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis. Some of the most devastating wars in human history have been fought in the past one hundred years and the invention of nuclear weapons, and though they may have ended the Second World War, they now loom over us threatening the human race with mass destruction. Although the United States, Russia, China and other nuclear powers have exercised restraint over the past fifty-seven years since the atom bombs were dropped on Japan, one need only remember last September to realize that there are terrorists who would use such weapons had they the opportunity. The more "advanced" our civilization becomes, the more peace seems to elude us. But even within American society, peace seems to evade us. We are perhaps the most litigious society in the world: when we do not get our way, we go to court and sue. Conflict appears to be a way of life for the human race.

Conflict and war between peoples, between communities, between individu-



# TRUE PEACE

als—what is the source of conflict and how do we resolve it? The world's answer is that we're all basically good people and we just need to compromise. But compromise is only enlightened self-interest—if I give a little here, then I will get *some* of what I want at least—it is only settling for less than what I really want. But real peace is not of human making, and nothing we do will ever bring it about. We do not have it in ourselves to bring about peace in ourselves individually let alone in situations of world conflict. The most we can accomplish is a temporary cessation of hostilities. When we live from a spirit of self-for-self, automatically we are in conflict with anyone and everyone around us, because the danger is always present that we won't get what we want or need. As James says in his letter, "Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your desires that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder" (James 4:1-2). Self-for-self Satan-operated people cannot be at peace in themselves or with each other because the very fact that we all seek our own good means that we will inevitably come into conflict. Even when we appear to be concerned about the good of everyone, we come into conflict over what is best for all concerned and break out into open conflict over our ideals. The philosophy of communism was ultimately rooted in Karl Marx's desire to improve the conditions and life of the ordinary workingman in 19th century European society. But the lofty ideals did not and could not be translated into real life because Marx did not take into account the sinfulness of human beings and the fact that apart from Christ we are all operated by Satan (Eph 2:2). Because human beings rarely agree on anything, communist "peace" could only be enforced through brutal totalitarian regimes. A handful of people dictated what was best for the vast majority of the people.

Inevitably, however, because they themselves were self-for-self Satan-operated people, the leaders did not pursue what was best for all, but only what was best for themselves, at everyone else's expense. Communism failed to bring about a harmonious society of peace because it relied not upon God, but upon human strength and power to achieve its aims. But self-reliance is really a manifestation of the spirit of Satan.

The Al-Qaeda and the radical Muslims are really no different than the Communists, at least in one respect. They

**If we truly and fully realized that the God of the universe had come down and entered into our lives to live his life through us, we would have our answer to all our worries, anxieties, moments of indecision. An infinite supply is present within us as our answer to every situation if we but acknowledge this as the one true fact of our lives!**

too pursue a vision of a perfect society, a traditional Islamic society. Many Muslims find Western culture extremely threatening and disruptive to their traditional way of life, which they believe God has commanded them to live, especially the sexual immorality that pervades the West and the freedom that we give to women. These Muslims find Western society so threatening that they view American culture as Satanic, and in some respects, they have a point. Our culture has departed from God's standards, though I think that traditional Islamic culture is just as Satanic, particularly in its oppression of women. The radicals,

however, go further than the traditional Muslims: in their zeal to produce a purified Islamic society they are willing to annihilate and kill anyone and any culture that opposes them, and unlike the Communists, they believe that God is on their side. They are willing to sacrifice their lives to achieve their ideals. But they are deceived by Satan in their willingness to murder innocent people to achieve their goal of a purified society. In the end they too do not rely upon the one true God of the Bible to bring about peace, but rather on their own efforts to exterminate all who oppose their vision of a pure Islamic society. Only God has the right to exercise final judgment upon other human beings, and He does not share that prerogative with us. Peace, justice, perfection, and any other ideal cannot be brought about by force or self-effort, since in reality, all self-effort is Satan.

So all human ideals fail because we are operated by that spirit of self-effort and self-for-self, Satan himself. Because his spirit is in rebellion against God, disharmony and conflict are his essential nature, which he produces in all those he indwells and operates. Satan is not only the cause of conflict between groups of people, but the cause of internal disharmony and conflict as well. Paul speaks of this conflict in Romans 7:14-25, in which he did not do what he wanted, but did the evil he hated, because of sin (that is, the spirit of Satan) dwelling in him. And if Satan is the source of all conflict, then the only answer is not compromise, but in being delivered from his spirit and being indwelt by a new spirit, namely the Spirit of Christ.

So peace is not attained by human strength or effort: peace is a person, Jesus himself, the Prince of Peace (Isa 6:9). Paul says that Jesus Christ Himself is our peace (Eph 2:14). But what exactly does it mean to say that peace is a person? Now it is clear that Jesus Christ through his death

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# Christian Mentoring

*Scott Prewitt, the Zerubbabel youth leader, has taken on what he sees as his God-given responsibility to mentor younger Christians. He realizes that they face multiple temptations as they struggle to maintain a strong faith in who they are in Christ in today's culture. The following series of emails between Fowler Cooper, 19, and his longtime friend, Scott, beautifully demonstrate the commitment and caring that goes along with such a relationship.*

**From: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**To: "Fowler Cooper"**  
**Subject: lunch**  
**Date: 10 Sep 2001**

Hey,  
 Do you want to grab a bite for lunch one day this week?

Scott

**From: "fowler cooper"**  
**To: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**Subject: Sept. 11**  
**Date: 12 Sept. 2001**

hey,  
 wow, thats pretty courageous of you to travel up to dc to help out, i think that takes a strong man and i am proud of you, most people would just sit back and marvel at what has happened but you have taken action and that is very admirable, i wish you the best of luck up there and hope you stay safe,

God Bless.  
 fowler

**From: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**To: "fowler cooper"**  
**Subject: what up**  
**Date: 5 Dec 2001**

I heard a story yesterday that made me think of you. I thought I would pass along to you as a word of encouragement.

Milton Hershey was the founder of Hershey's Chocolate Factory in the early 1900's. Mr. Hershey was a very principled man and a devout Christian. Everything he did in life had it's roots in his belief in Jesus Christ and God's call to us to live up to His standards. Mr. Hershey

was a very wise business man; God blessed him in the ability to make good business decisions, and he built a huge fortune in the chocolate and candy business.

During the depression, while much of our nation had no jobs and no money, Mr. Hershey made it his mission to take care of the entire town that had been built around his factory; the town is Hershey, Pennsylvania. Every man had a job, and a decent paying one at that, all throughout the depression. He was also a great philanthropist, building schools, hospitals, churches, etc. all around his part of the country.

One of Mr. Hershey's most brilliant business moves was to buy his own sugar plantations. That way, he controlled his most basic raw material from start to finish. He controlled quality, quantity, and cost of sugar. He did not have to rely on anyone else for sugar, and this kept his costs constant and low.

One day, sometime in the mid 1950's (I think), Mr. Hershey called together his top staff and told them that he had been moved and compelled by the Holy Spirit to sell all of his sugar plantations. His aides told him that he was crazy, it didn't make any sense, he should not do it for any reason. Mr. Hershey would hear nothing of it. He knew the voice of the Holy Spirit, and he was going to do it no matter what.

So, they did. All of his sugar plantations were sold. He was now susceptible to the open market for his most basic and important raw ingredient—sugar.

In a matter of months after selling the plantations, without warning, Fidel Castro led a revolution against the government of Cuba. Castro and his communists took over the country, kicked out all of the foreign businesses, and claimed all land and all businesses as the property of the communist party of Cuba.

You see, all of Mr. Hershey's sugar plantations were located on the island nation of Cuba. In a matter of months, the Hershey corporation would have lost all of the enormous value of their plantations there. This loss would have devastated the company. However, the Holy Spirit was speaking to Mr. Hershey, and more importantly, Mr. Hershey was listening. Mr. Hershey was obedient to what the Spirit had to say, despite what everyone else around him thought and said about it.

Fowler, the Holy Spirit talks to us and walks through us every day. Keep your ears and your heart open to Him. The Spirit is always

looking out for us, and will guide us just like He did Mr. Hershey. God's will is NOT somewhere out there for us to seek; no, His perfect will (His perfect plan) for our lives is inside of us, talking to us, directing us, living out through us, all of the time ... 24/7. Our part = listening, obedience, trust, faith, action, love of others and not of self!

Sonny, listen to the Spirit, follow Him, do what is right, and watch your life's perfect plan in Christ unfold before your very eyes!

**From: "fowler cooper"**  
**To: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**Subject: Great Story**  
**Sent: 6 Dec 2001**

hey, thanks for the story it was very encouraging and very inspiring. i have known all my life that God has a perfect plan for me and i have known that all i needed to do was to listen but i guess i never really wanted to pay attention to what he was telling me when I was younger and rebellious. i dont know how many countless stories and miracles i have heard about God's will but it never really had an impact on me. i am starting to realize how very true that is, that God does have a plan for me, a perfect plan and all i have to do is listen. honestly, it makes me very excited.

i just called your cell phone, i'm sure it didn't ring because what sense would it make for a phone to ring, anyway, i'm eating lunch with the padres (parents) and then i was going to come by and get that stuff, so i will see you this afternoon, talk to you later

fowler

**From: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**To: "fowler cooper"**  
**RE: Great Story**  
**Date: 7 Dec 2001**

Hey,

i'm glad you liked the story...i really liked it too...it is VERY exciting when you realize that your God, who is bigger, stronger, smarter, (you fill in the multitude of other examples here) than you, who created you, actually has a plan for you and IT IS PERFECT!!!! it makes sense that the one who created you knows what is best for you, how you work, etc... stop and think for a minute...we are so damn small and insignificant held up against the Creator and Ruler of the universe!!!! Isaiah 45:9 says, "Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' Does your work say, 'He has no hands'?"

think even further...as "small" as we are, God actually chose to reproduce Himself IN US AND AS US! ... WOW WOW WOW ... as containers (vessels) of the Holy Spirit, we contain and EXPRESS the God of the Universe!!!! Romans 8:18-19 says, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed."

your fear will go away with faith and trust...here's a little secret...it is easy to "have faith in God" ...where the rubber meets the road is this...having faith and trust that God's plan, His way, His rules, His will IS PERFECT FOR YOU (which means that you shouldn't go away from or against His plan, His way, His rules, His will)...that's what you have to speak back to because that's where Satan will tempt you away from trusting...

keep the faith...  
 scott

ps: my dang cell phone just rang with a message that you left, oh, i don't know, about 45 minutes ago...so frustrating!!!!

**From: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**To: "fowler cooper"**  
**Subject: what up**  
**Date: 28 March 2002**

i hope your interview with dan goes well...remember, don't be afraid to spell out very clearly what you would like to do...also, don't be afraid to hear what God might have for you (hear what dan has to say to you)...i am very proud of you for your desire and commitment to be a man of God through Young Life and it's leadership opportunities...

later,  
 scott

**From: "fowler cooper"**  
**To: "Scott Prewitt"**  
**Subject: what up**  
**Date: 30 March 2002**

what up, thanks for the words of encouragement, i actually had to reschedule my interview because i forgot i got my days mixed up and i have class when we were supposed to meet so i think we are meeting later this week or next week, how about lunch sometime this week, let me know what works for you,

talk to ya later  
 fowler

# Letter to a Friend

by Elliot Coatney

*Following is a letter written by Elliot to a friend he knew thirteen years ago while in grade school in Kentucky before he moved to North Carolina. In a strange and somewhat amusing turn of events, Elliot was reconnected with this friend by email through an unlikely mutual acquaintance.*

Dear Catherine,

You were kind to write back and share about your life—it was so heartening to hear the sketch of your testimony. I'm so glad to hear that you are working for Campus Crusade for Christ now. That ministry has meant a lot to me, and I continue to support it financially.

I must tell you that when Rebekah told me about meeting you at the Campus Crusade conference and learning that you had known me years ago, I replied only half-joking that I was sure you had nothing good to say about me. At the time we knew each other I was becoming increasingly rebellious, getting into trouble, and hanging out with some shady older friends. My life since that time has been a story of God's discipline and His grace (this is true of everyone isn't it—only some don't choose to see it that way).

About three years after we last knew each other, some Christian friends of my family intervened in my life and encouraged my mother to enforce appropriate discipline in my life. I cleaned up my act somewhat before entering high-school, and I

became serious about my studies. After moving to Boone and finishing high school, I went to Duke University for two years.

When I returned to Duke for my junior year, I finally admitted to myself how miserable I was there. I had gone to Duke for the wrong reasons. From the age of ten, I had become ashamed of my place in life. Tragically, I had become a climber; a status seeker. I had decided to go to Duke believing that it would give me the status I sought. Instead of seeing Christ as my sufficiency, I was looking for an outer something—educational superiority in my case—to make me better. But I didn't just want to be better personally, I wanted to be better than everybody else. I was so mean and arrogant. I had some of the trappings of a Christian life: involvement in a Bible study, some witnessing in my dorm, etc. But my heart wasn't right. And that is why I was miserable; I had chosen a lonely, godless life.

At that time, an older friend of mine who has been a great mentor in my life asked me if I really wanted to be there at school. It was a simple question, but a radical one to me. I had never considered not being in school, and so much of my self-worth was wrapped up in my education that it was an incredibly difficult proposition to consider. After a long night of prayer, it was clear to me that God's plan was for me to leave, and so I packed my bags the next day. At that time I had a long way to go

spiritually, but it was an important step of faith for me to destroy the idol I had made of my education at a "fine" school—when I left, I didn't know whether God would ever have me return to school.

I spent the following year working. It was a difficult year as God exposed my pride and self-centeredness, but His grace was overwhelming as I came through to see the truth that Christ is the only sufficiency. By the end of that year, God gave me the opportunity to return to school, to the University of North Carolina—the school I wanted to attend even as a 5th grader in Kentucky. I will always remember my year at Carolina as one of the most wonderful years of my life. I roomed with a friend who now happens to be Rebekah's brother-in-law. We had a fantastic Bible study in our dorm room and saw several young guys grow up tremendously in their faith. I instantly had many, many great friends through Campus Crusade—friends who took me in as if I had been there at Carolina for years. It was such a safe, comfortable, and spiritually rewarding environment and such a dramatic change from my years at Duke.

After a year at Carolina, I made a difficult decision to join a new company in Boone. Shortly after I began work, I sank right back into the old pride and arrogance, only this time the career track took the place of the educational track. Satan is truly the great deceiver and destroyer! My sin found

me out in some horrible work-related decisions that further exposed hidden envy, covetousness, and wrath. The consequences were devastating as my sin destroyed relationships and even the job opportunity I so selfishly wanted. But just as God's discipline is unrelenting, so is His grace and mercy. Many dear friends whom I had hurt were instrumental in leading me to get my life straight again, and as God promises, confession and repentance brought restoration.

I worked the rest of that year, and then with one year of school remaining, God gave me the opportunity to finish up in Boone at Appalachian State University. While in school, I was working about 30 hours per week and was involved in my church and church ministry. I taught a children's Sunday School class, and I even helped coach a youth soccer team. I could say once again that school had its proper place in my life.

During my final semester, God displayed His grace yet again (in truth, it's unceasing isn't it) as I was offered a job at the same company at which I had worked after leaving UNC! This past January, I made a lateral move of sorts

within the parent company to my current position. The company is young, and we are doing some consulting, some product brokering, and some manufacturing in the food industry. It's very exciting work, and coming in at the ground floor, I have found it be an incredible business education. So that's what I'm doing now. I am still very involved in my church and related ministry. I am still teaching an amazing little group of children in a Sunday School class (remember the one we were in together; all I remember is talking about *Saturday Night Live*—dreadful). And I continue to coach youth soccer and baseball, though I am taking a break from baseball this spring.

I really don't keep up with anyone from Hopkinsville, but it sounds as if you won't be the only one from Hopkinsville when you move to Nashville this summer. I understand that quite a few folks moved there after school. I have written back and forth with Anne some through the years, and she is there in Nashville now. I know you and she were friends at one time, and I guess you were off at school together for a year or two. I have shared the gospel with her several times in let-

ters and emails, and while she would we have you think she is agreeable, she deflects the heart of the truth by "admitting" that she does need to give her spiritual life more attention and attend church more often. I believe part of the problem is that she grew up in a church where, as far as I know, the gospel was not preached. The message there was apparently focused on feeling good about yourself and not judging other people. That stuff drives me crazy. Where is that in the Bible! Jesus didn't come to bring peace but a sword. The law revealed man's sinfulness, and Christ came to bring salvation from sin, not salvation from feeling bad about ourselves, right! Anyway, I have long hoped that someone in her life (and not just by letters and email) could share the truth of Christ with her. If you're gonna be in Nashville, keep your eyes open for that opportunity!

I'm sorry that I will not be in Hopkinsville in for your wedding, but I do wish you and Ben the very best as you begin a new life together in Christ. I am very happy for you.

*Elliot*

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**From:** "fowler cooper"

**To:** "Scott Prewitt"

**Subject:** what up

**Sent:** 8 May 2002

hey,  
i still haven't had any issues with alcohol, many people act very sur-

prised when i say that. i guess after falling into that trap so many times, God has blessed me with the ability to say no, and be proud of it, and i can't thank Him enough for that.

fowler

**From:** "Scott Prewitt"

**To:** "fowler cooper"

**Subject:** good job

**Sent:** 10 May 2002

i'm thankful you've had such a good semester. you have managed i think to live a very well rounded life this semester academically, athletically, socially, and spiritually. you have really taken the college experience and done so much with it. keep it up! next semester will certainly be more challenging, but you've set up a good foundation to build on.

scott

# WORLD-WIDE WAR

by C. T. Studd

God speaks to us by His Word and also by events. When both messages coincide they become a concentrated revelation to which we do well to give more earnest heed. The startling message of events today is "War." The message of God running throughout the Bible is "War" also. In the Old Testament note the narratives of Moses, Joshua, David, and the vision of Daniel. "I saw a great warfare." In the New Testament the Book of Acts is a history of the War of God, while the Epistles of the Apostle Paul abound in martial terms and metaphors. But where does "Peace, perfect peace" come in? Peace is the end of the war of the soul against God—peace through the Blood of the Lamb—peace through faith in Christ.

## The Christian Warfare

But as faith without works is dead, so peace that pro-

duceth not war is but a corpse, meet only for a pauper's burial. Every soul sprinkled with the Blood of Jesus straightway becomes the possessor of peace and the sworn soldier of Christ, sworn to carry the message of peace and war to every soul that knows not the peace of God. "Be a good soldier of Jesus Christ," said Paul. "War the good warfare," "Fight the good fight of faith." "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure." And what is His Holy Will and His good pleasure but "that all men should be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth?" Hear also what our Lord saith: "Come unto Me all . . . and I will give you rest," but, "If any man cometh unto Me and hateth not his own father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

"Whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after Me he cannot be My disciple." "So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath he cannot be My disciple." "Salt is good, but if even the salt have lost its savour, it is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill; men cast it out." Who can fail to see that our Lord's definition of a Christian is that of a soldier making a supreme sacrifice, gambling with his life and all for the privilege of making known the grace of God unto the utmost parts of the inhabited world?

## The "Sit-at-Ease" Christianity

What, therefore, shall we do with a slipshod sit-at-ease go-as-you-please Christianity? Away with it! Away with such a thing from the earth, for it is not fit that it should live. Let us get back to the Christianity of Christ and His Apostles. Let us cease our eternal marking

# ...REAL AND SHAM

time, our ridiculous processional goose-steps, our endless talkings while we sleep, and our selfish singing of ourselves to heaven. Let our forever multiplying Conferences be converted into war of fices, recruiting stations, and depots for the fervent prosecution of "world-wide war for Jesus." Our little Christian Army has gone a long way. But it has not gone nearly far enough; for it is too small to go round. Very much land still remains to be possessed. Our voluntary system has failed; now for universal service; ornamental Christianity is "off the slate," a practical khaki one alone can fill the bill. Let every Christian hear and answer the call to arms—"Your God and Saviour need you." Death, wounds, or wasting fevers are distinguished service medals: beware of qualifying for the order of the white feather. Away with our ridiculous sham fighting! Let us get to real war, and so prosecute it as to finish it in the shortest

possible time. Away with all our silly faithless limitations of "thus far we will go, but no farther"! "Little Englanders" today are dead. "Little Christians" must die also. There are no limits to the command of Christ. There is no limit to the power of God, nor are there any bounds to His resources. "The Gospel must be preached to every creature... unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Such are the marching orders of Christ and "Him shall ye hear is all things whatsoever He shall say unto you."

The Whole Wide World  
for Jesus

The Allies are attacking and capturing every Post of the enemy Empire. Dare the soldiers of Christ delay to attack and capture every part of that of the devil? Shall the heart of Africa satisfy us? Not unless it satisfies Jesus and it does not. Nor does the heart of Asia satisfy Christ, nor yet the heart of South America.

Nothing can satisfy our Lord Jesus Christ till once again He can cry, "It is finished"! "The work that I gave My soldiers to do is finished, for now the Gospel has been proclaimed to every creature, even unto the uttermost Parts of the earth." What satisfies Christ can satisfy His loyal soldiers and nothing else can. No loyal soldier of Christ can entertain the thought of peace or rest or live at ease or cease to advance and fight until the command of Christ has been executed in full. Not till every foot of the promised land had been won did the warriors of the two and a half tribes return to the enjoyment of their families and possessions. Shall their devotion surpass ours? "Open thy mouth wide," says Christ, "and I will fill it"—wider and wider still, till the whole wide world has heard of Jesus.

# British Easter Conference

by Jo Langley

Easter conference time again—but this year at a brand new location—King’s Park Conference Centre, just two minutes’ drive from the British fellowship home in Northampton. The care and attention we received throughout the week from the centre staff gave us a truly ‘WOW’ experience (a rare treat in England—as was the glorious spring weather!)

From the outset of our time together there was a focus on total living. The abundant life of Jesus Christ was evident in every aspect of our time together, from helping people to own and confess sin in their lives, to selecting an appropriate movie for leisure time.

One person was determined to hold on to the view of herself as being a ‘treasure,’ contrary to Scripture which says “there is no one righteous no not one” (Rom 3:10). In fact the one and only Treasure is Jesus Christ living in our earthen vessels (2 Cor 4:7). Much time was spent with this person discussing the various situations in which she sees herself as this and the lies she chooses to believe to support this view of herself. She remained in bondage throughout the week, which manifested itself in Satan’s typical sin behaviour around the light by being quiet, self-conscious and looking to others for approval. We were unable to help her breakthrough before the end of the conference, but we con-

tinued to exhort and encourage her to agree with God about herself.

Another person was seeing himself as a child who needed to be taken care of, and instead of honestly communicating that he wanted to take part in an outing and participating in the planning process, he just tagged along the way a child would. The insanity of Satan was also illustrated by the fact that he also saw himself as someone in authority



and therefore entitled to special treatment. Thankfully, he took God’s view and believed the truth about himself.

The youth were excited to be studying the book of James, prompted by Scott Prewitt’s article in the last issue of *The Intercessor*. Thought-provoking questions about a particular chapter led to interesting discussions and personal sharing on various temptations and how James’ advice can be applied to each situation.

An invaluable evening was spent

with the youth and adults combined, where role-plays were used to give two of our younger members practice at handling a difficult and painful situation with their unsaved father. Pent-up emotions were spontaneously expressed in a safe, caring and supportive environment. Both children were visibly delighted at being given permission to be real and honest about their situation.

On Wednesday afternoon the male adults took the youth go-carting and on Thursday the whole fellowship celebrated a special birthday by going out to supper at The Old Coach House, a traditional English village Inn where Guy Fawkes was said to have hatched his plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605.

For many of us, the joy of the conference was that we were all pulling together, Jesus Christ was just ‘being’

through us as individual members with our own contribution but one team...one body (1 Cor 12:27). Although we missed absent friends, we said in true end of conference style, “this was the best yet.”

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## Bible Study: True Peace

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brought about peace with God by dying in our place on the cross and saved us from God's wrath (Rom 5:1, 9). By his death we were reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:17-20; Eph 2:15-16), and so we have peace with God. Jesus' death caused a cessation of hostilities between humanity and God, at least on God's side, though it is still up to us whether we will cease our hostility to God by accepting his gospel and receiving his Son into our hearts. But that being said, Paul says that Jesus Christ Himself is our peace, not merely that He gives us or offers us peace. How is this possible? True peace can only be established when every aspect of our lives is brought under God's control (and entirely out of Satan's control). But we cannot achieve this by our own self-effort, which is really just Satan, after all. We cannot bring ourselves under God's control; if we could do that, we could keep the whole of God's law by our own efforts, clearly an impossibility according to Rom 7:14-25. Instead we must trust another (Christ Himself) to come in and take over and deliver us from the slavery and wretchedness that Satan brings about in us. If we truly and fully realized that the God of the universe had come down and entered into our lives to live his life through us, we would have the answer to all our worries, anxieties, moments of indecision. An infinite supply is present within us as our answer to every situation if we but acknowledge this as the one true fact of our lives! Instead, we look at the outer circumstances as if they were the reality and not inward to the supply. This is

why we as Christians fail to enjoy the peace which is ours in Christ, or rather the peace which is Christ Himself. It is only when we look at life from the eternal dimension of Christ within us and not at our circumstances that we can enjoy peace (see 2 Cor 4:16). So Jesus is our peace because He personally comes to dwell in us and to live His life through us completely and perfectly if we trust Him to do so. Obviously, there remains the human element of faith; we are not simply possessed by Christ apart from our choice. We can trust Christ to produce his perfect obedience through us (see Col 1:28), and to deliver us from the internal division and disharmony that Paul describes in Romans 7. As Isaiah says: "Those of steadfast mind You keep in peace—in peace because they trust in You" (Isa 26:3). Jesus Christ is our peace because He is the One who lives our lives.

Christ is not only the peace within us, He also is the peace between people and between groups of people. In Eph 2:14, Jesus is the peace between Jews and Gentiles, who had formerly been hostile to each other. But now because of the atoning death of Jesus and the Spirit of Christ dwelling in them, the two groups are one and the dividing wall between them is broken down. The two groups are not one because they sat down at a meeting table and conducted negotiations and talks and both groups finally agreed to give a little and compromise. Nor did they suddenly come to some kind of outward external agreement. The unity is brought about by the One spirit which dwells in them, the One Person who lives through them all and is the true Person within them. As Paul says in Colossians 3:11: "there is no longer

Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!" Christ is not only in all, like some kind of added appendage to our real selves; rather He is the real self, the real person within us, and we are only vessels of Him, all expressing Him. This is the real basis of peace within ourselves and with others. The hope of the world is not negotiating tables and United Nations mediators and peacekeepers (though they do serve a temporal purpose), but Christ living in and through all people. There can only be peace when the divisions between people are eliminated, and this can only happen when Satan's lie of independent self is exposed and eliminated. A world full of so-called independent selves all pursuing their own "independent" goals and purposes cannot but result in conflict and disharmony. Only when we realize that there is truly only One Person in the universe can this conflict be overcome. Paul calls us to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, because as one body we were called to peace (Col 3:15). One body means one person, of whom we are all individually expressions. When we realize this, we have the truth that set us free, as Jesus says in John 8:32. Only in Christ will there ever be peace on earth.

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# One Woman's Answer: What To Do When Your Life Resembles Alphabet Soup!

by Page Prewitt

*This is the second and final part of Page's superb article, "One Woman's Answer—What To Do When Your Life Resembles Alphabet Soup!" We are reprinting Norman Grubb's foreword for new subscribers who may not have received the previous magazine.*

## Foreword by Norman Grubb

The obvious meaning of such a title for this booklet as "Alphabet Soup" is that our lives are in some form or other a proper mix-up. Some things you can "spot and select"; lots you can't. Is there such a thing as a life which is a clear, straight line? Don't all lives appear to be a mix-up? Is there really the possibility of a straight line?

This is why I think this booklet is a rarity. I like it being totally personal, not a preachment, but the secret of knots tied and untied, and how to have them untied. And Page Prewitt takes us straight through from A to Z in sharing how the knots were unraveled in her own life, and then how to lay the finger on the many knots in every life until they are untied. Page so unmixes the mixed-up soup that we too are enabled to lay our fingers straight on those mix-ups, the reasons for them and the way to unmix them. She keeps it plain by concentrating on her own answer to the secret, showing how others can do the same.

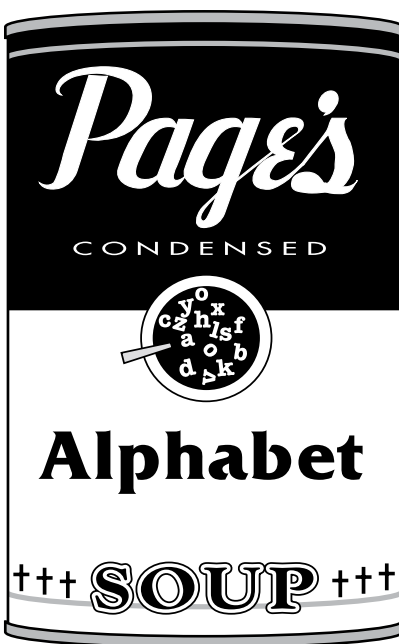
She starts with a page or two on personal salvation and how she herself came clear in receiving Christ as what we call a sinner saved by grace. So the booklet is based on the new birth experience as a given fact, and it is from there onwards that Page handles the

lives, which are just as much knotted in those who call themselves Christians as those who do not.

The answer is plain enough in Bible terms, though not so often referred to, and still less often so thoroughly untied. To get that answer we have to unravel what we might call the "self knots" in each of us. The whole weight and value of the booklet is in showing what the knots are and how they get untied, so that we may boldly then lay a finger on those same knots in our brother Christians.

So thoroughly does Page handle this, and with certain simple diagrams, that it would be a tautology for me to take up details in a foreword. Very simply, she focuses on the exact meaning, right interpretation and right uses of the subdivision of the human self which is lightly mentioned in Hebrews 4:12 and I Thessalonians 5:23 in three words: spirit, soul and body. What is the self, how do these three parts interact, and how do I get them rightly and fixedly "tied up" so that I can be bold in pointing to that same problem and its solution in nearly all my brethren?

This booklet tells about some of the quite desperate wrestlings Page herself experienced before coming to where, with unhesitating boldness, she can lay a finger on that same knot in



mix-up of the soup's ingredients and comes out with the "straight line" which all of us hunger to have and know as the straightness of our own lives. The rest of the booklet then deals with these mix-ups which in various ways tear our lives to pieces and in plain honesty are in capital letters in all

you. And just because that takes us to the depths of the depths and drastically uncovers hidden areas which the god of the false misuse of self has so cleverly covered over, it is lamentably the fact that the vast majority of declared and born-again believers turn back at that spot. There is the same major Cross in it for us as there was for Jesus himself.

Alphabet Soup puts the most profound truth on this whole vital “spirit, soul and body” problem and its solution in simple terms. And here it is important to take note that there are quite a lot of folks these days who will use a correct term for what we are talking about and yet still not know what that really means. This included Page herself, which forced her to find the right and ultimate answer. And you’ll find that this little booklet does give that answer. And it is then that at last the soup sort of “unmixes itself,” and each item can be both edible and enjoyed.

We have really come to where Page Prewitt probably is the leader over all of us in a thoroughgoing explanation of what is meant by these three terms—what each is and how they properly mingle—so that I can boldly say I am Christ in my form. How that subtle self of ours has at last been torn out of Satan’s hold on it since the Fall, and in its place we find what a self in focus is. As James says, “Let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

This account shows precisely the opening of that “secret of secrets” to Page and explains her God-given ability to use her Spirit rapier to pierce camouflages in others, which has caused many to turn away just as they did with Christ, The Self. Page shows our human selves

in their ultimate purpose—the eternal relationship for which we were created, then fell from, and now to which we have been redeemed.

So I greatly recommend this booklet to every hungry reader who does want to get the soup unmixed and enjoy each particle in its right proportion, and be able boldly to point that fact out to his fellow Christians. If you really want to know the true meaning of who you are as a self—and that’s the only final meaning to our life’s search—this booklet can bring great light to you.

*Norman Grubb*

**Part 2  
Confusion between Soul and Spirit**

You are not just spirit and body (figure 1). Your “bugaboos” and your problems and difficulties in life come mainly from the third part of you: your soul. Let me hastily add here, though, that not only do your problems stem from your soul, but also your joys and exhilarations spring from your soul. Your very experience of life on this earth is because you have a soul that operates in full capacity. But until you understand it, the negative capacity of your soul messes up your life so badly that you don’t know how to enjoy the positive capacity of your soul. This is because you are jerked around and tossed here and there, not by your soul, but by what the enemy tells you about your soul.

Your soul has two capacities (figure 2). This is vital to know. One capacity of the soul is emotion; the other is reason. You will notice on page 12 that I have written the word feel under emotion; and under reason, I have written

the word think. This is what the soul can do: it can feel and it can think.

The spirit has three capacities. One of these is desire, through which we express real love (the Greek agape, the love of God). Our human spirit is also where, even apart sometimes from mental reasoning and understanding, we know. The remaining capacity of the spirit is will, which has its fruition in choice. Free choice originates in God, and we, made in His image, are endowed by our Creator with like freedom of choice.

“...I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh...”  
*(Ezek. 11:19).*

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...”  
*(2 Pet. 1:4).*

“But he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” *(1 Cor. 6:17)*

“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you...”  
*(1 Cor. 6:19)*

Figure 1

**Alphabet Soup**

Most people—I could all but say 99% of God’s humanity—have spirit and soul mixed up. Have you ever eaten alphabet soup? It has all those lit-

tle ABCs in it, but you can't look into that soup and read a single word. It's just a "mix-up." And the ABCs are mixed up with the corn, tomatoes, peas and butterbeans; so if you want something to read and figure out, you won't get much helpful material from alphabet soup.

Most people who look down into themselves to figure out life and to figure out themselves, look down and find alphabet soup! A mess: a total mess. And it is so messed up that even if a word does appear, the meaning to it is not clear!

When people today start trying to "clean up and sort out" their own lives, they have difficulty discerning between the spirit and soul meaning of words. For example, notice that I have placed desire in the spirit part of you. Unless you have been schooled in what I am writing about, you would probably think of desire as something that goes on in your emotions or reason.

Let me illustrate this with three very simple sentences:

"I am confused."  
"I am jealous."  
"I am afraid."

Why do people make these statements? They make them because they have strong feelings of confusion, jealousy or fear; or perhaps all three are coexisting. The snag comes from the enemy, Mr. Satan himself, who does not want you to have an answer. He wants you to stay "mulled up." He even wants you to keep on trying to work it out, for his object is to keep you under his control, and this is how he operates to accomplish that aim.

As you try to work through these

feelings, think them through or even talk to someone about them (me, for example), what you want to talk about, think about and work through, is the confusion. If in talking to me, I say to you, "But that is not the point," then to your confusion and frustration, anger is added and you then say to me, "You are not listening! You are not hearing me!" What you want to do is tell me just one more time how confused you are, and

#### **BODY— House for soul and spirit**

"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who lives within you?" (1 Cor. 6:19)

#### **SOUL— Emotions and reason**

##### **1. Emotions**

- A. Where I feel things: hate, fear, jealousy, lust shame, etc.
- B. Love: *phileo*—brotherly love; *eros*—sexual love.

##### **1. Reason**

- A. Ideas
- B. Where I reason or think things out

#### **SPIRIT— Desire, will and mind**

1. **Desire:** God's *agape* love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16); "Love your enemies" (Luke. 6:27).
2. **Will:** Choices made here. Sin has its roots here. "Not as I will but as Thou wilt" (Mt. 26:39).
3. **Mind:** My spirit knowing. "What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of a man which is in him?" (1 Cor. 2:11).

Figure 2

you even want to elaborate on your confusion.

Let me tell you something from my own experience. Some years back I was involved in a group under the direction of a trained clinical psychologist who was also a believer, with a Ph.D. in his field. I had an identical encounter to the one I have imagined between you and me. When I said to

this group, "You are not hearing me," the doctor made this point. He said, "Page, they are hearing you. And you have to 'tell it just one more time.' What is happening is that they are not agreeing with you."

Now you may think that if you can tell it just one more time, I will not only understand you, but also agree with you. So when you are talking to me or to anyone in actual life encounters, and you think we are not listening, and your confusion then leads to frustration and anger, know this: we hear you; we understand; we just don't agree.

The enemy wants to keep your focus on the confusion, the frustration and the anger. Satan wants to keep you working on that and "build his case" around that. Why? Because as long as you work on the confusion (or the fear, jealousy or what have you), you will never get the solution to the problem. You will be just tying the knot tighter.

The enemy knows that once you see the root of the problem, he will have one less place where he can tempt you, or even go beyond tempting you and get you to fall for the temptation and finally sin. He does not want you to see the answer to this dilemma.

This is the problem. When you keep telling me about your confusion, what you are really talking about is "you alone" being a confused person. The enemy steps right up, picks up your feeling of confusion and says, "Look at you! See what you feel. You are confused." If you are not keen and are not experienced in this, you just repeat to him what he says. You say in agreement, "I am confused." The simple solution to the problem is this: you take your personal pronoun I and correct it to read Christ-I, for as a

Christian, that is who you really are (Gal. 2:20).

Notice how I have altered the sentence below:

“Christ-I feels confused.”

Can you remember in grade school how pupils filled in the blanks of their grammar workbooks from a choice of words that were in parentheses? They would complete the sentence with the correct word. That is just like what we are doing here. You add before the I the word Christ, and form the new pronoun Christ-I. That pronoun now becomes the subject of your sentence. Not an “alone-I” as you had before, not a “just you,” and also not a “just Christ.”

Now see how I have written, “Christ-I feels confused.” It is true that “Christ-alone” does not feel confused. But He has pleased Himself to take up residence in and indwell me, and as many confirming passages in the book of Hebrews point out, He is pleased to undergo our temptations with us. Therefore, though He himself alone neither is confused nor feels confused, He willingly subjects Himself to “re-feel” those feelings in you—yes, as you.

What you feel is a part of your soul and not a part of your spirit. It is all right to feel anything you feel. You are supposed to feel anything you feel—the “good” list, the “bad” list, the “indifferent” list.

What you feel does not touch your spirit because the spirit part of you is the part that never changes. Spirit is the same yesterday, today and forever. It is a separate, distinct thing and never becomes anything that you express in and through your soul.

Therefore, I can legitimately say from a “Christ-I consciousness” that I feel confused. Or afraid, or tired, or out-of-sorts. I can even say, “I feel like I hate her.”

### Feelings Are Neutral

Many people think good feelings come from God and bad feelings come from Satan. If they feel good, they rejoice. If they feel bad, they think Satan has climbed over the wall, so to speak, taken their “members” captive (Rom. 7:5, 23), and that something “bad” is going on. But that is not true.

Interpreting feelings like that can immobilize a believer, for feelings are a neutral part of our humanity. God does not have feelings. People sometimes don’t like to hear that, but God is the same all the time. His love and His actions are not dependent on fluctuating feelings.

When your feelings rise up out of your humanity, they are neutral. In a sense, feelings are independent. This independence (though we may deny it) signifies the inability to act, to go into action. This, feelings cannot accomplish.

Feelings are merely impulse receivers. Years ago in Florida I had a high school chemistry lab, and on the professor’s desk one day was a dead chicken leg. We took an electrode and touched the muscle of that dead chicken. Guess what happened? It jumped! Now do you think anybody in that class in their wildest imagination expected that chicken leg to walk off that guy’s desk from that impulse? The answer is no—NO!

So now when feelings, thoughts and ideas rise up in you, see the neutrality of them and the inability of those feel-

ings to go anywhere or do anything. Even though the chicken leg received a shock and reacted, it wasn’t going anywhere.

There is nothing wrong, when you have come to the knowledge of the truth, in expressing how you feel and what you think. Feelings and thoughts register in our souls, not in our spirits. But we experience these feelings and reasonings as integrated persons.

I mentioned before how even after it was established in my mind that I truly was a re-expression of Jesus Christ, there was still a missing link. It was still a puzzle to me about how to operate this life that I knew I had. The key was in discovering exactly how the soul, body and spirit function. When I found the distinction between soul and spirit, and when I made the discovery that I had never functioned and never would function as an “independent” person, I had the key that opened this heretofore closed door.

This revelation hinges on the lie that Lucifer, as a created being, fell for, which turned him into Satan. His thought that he could be an independent self is what I can easily describe as original sin. I also believe this wrong believing is the root of every sin known to mankind. I call it the “lie of independent self.”

### The Real Problem: Satan’s Lie

If you have been seeing yourself as an “independent” person and acted from that belief, realize that you have gone for Satan’s lie about the believer. You have gone for Satan’s lie about yourself. God only sees union with Himself; Satan sees and sponsors this divided outlook. This is the sin of unbelief—unbelief about who God says you

really are.

God has said that He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him (I Cor. 6:17). He has also said that He is the vine and believers are the branches. He is their owner, and believers are His bondslaves. He is the deity placed in the temple. We, the believers, are the temple to manifest and display Him. He is the husband, furnishing the seed to the productive wife. Believers are the wife, wedded to this One. He is the treasure, and we, the believers, are the vessels that contain Him.

The branch, the vessel, the temple, the wife...all are dependent. The branch is dependent upon the vine, the vessel upon the contents, the temple upon the deity, and the wife upon the husband.

The analogy of the owner and the slave shows that the master is the one who owns the slave, and as in Romans 6:17, the slave is never his own owner or his own operator.

So, if you are a believer, to even “see” yourself as an “alone-I” who has the ability to operate himself—even that seeing is sin. The Scripture says when we find sin present with us to confess it. So the remedy is just to confess it. Call it sin and confess it. By confession I don’t mean “sackcloth and ashes.” Confession is no more than agreeing with God. It’s as if God says, “Look what you have been doing. You have let the enemy get you confused and mixed up. See it. Confess it.” It’s as simple as that.

The worst sin you will ever find out you have committed is the sin of wrong believing about yourself. And in doing that, you have allowed Satan to misuse you. That is what is wrong with every non-redeemed person, and with every born-again person who commits sins,

minor or major—small ones that just “mess up” your life or blatant Biblical sins. Serious sins like theft, murder and adultery always stem from wrong seeing about ourselves as believers.

The result of living like this is not a life of sin-consciousness, but a life of true liberation. Bondage lies in wrong believing...to not see yourself as who you really are, one with Him. Wrong believing about yourself will immobilize you.

Wrong believing about yourself can cause conflict in a marriage, in the work place, with your children and in other situations. Satan, in your “independent self” believing, manages to get his hooks into your “members.” The Bible talks of believers in these terms: “sin in my members” (Rom 7:23). “Members” means your soul and body (your “flesh”) and not your spirit. Satan gets his hook in there and he is the confusion. He is the cause of the confusion. I’m not talking about the feeling of confusion I discussed earlier, but the confusion that results from the conflicts caused by wrong believing.

### **A Practical Example**

Let me give you an example of how something seemingly small and insignificant in your life can be completely immobilizing to you. This past summer when my husband and I were in North Carolina, his car needed washing. Being in a very small resort center, there was no automatic wash place like I am used to back home. The place I took the car to was one of those where you plug the money in and then squirt off your own car. The coin slot was one of those flat things you lay quarters in and then slide in, where some mechanism picks up the change and deposits

it, and then you have access to the hoses and water.

I put in the required three quarters and the machine only took two of them; the other was left in the slot. Of course it would not operate without the full amount, and I did not have another quarter. The way the machine is made, there is a small hole beneath the quarters. So I decided to reach in and just pop my quarter out. Well, I got my quarter, but my finger got stuck. It was the same kind of situation as when you’re having trouble getting a ring off.

I said to myself, “This will come out in just a second.” But then I realized my finger was not coming out. It was stuck! You know sometimes you can get a stick caught underneath your automobile, and if you pull hard, you can just jerk it out? So I thought, “Just jerk it out. It doesn’t matter if it hurts a little.” Then I re-thought: “That is your human finger! You can’t just jerk it out!”

I could not go anywhere to get help. Nothing but the tip of my finger was caught and yet I could go nowhere. I was immobilized. All kinds of redeeming thoughts went through my mind: “If only I had some soap; there’s a restaurant nearby—I can scream and maybe they’ll hear; maybe someone else will come in for a car wash.”

Finally, I said very meaningfully, “God, you have got to get my finger out.” I gave a soft jerk, and out it came. Later that week I realized what a great illustration this was of how one little sin thing in my life can completely immobilize me.

### **So in Conclusion**

If you are a believer, the Spirit in you is going on all the time—know-

ing, loving and willing. What you are thinking and feeling is also going on simultaneously in your soul. Make the distinction between these two. And never deny your feelings; that will make you psychologically sick. But realize that you are not your soul. You, at your center, are spirit—one with the Lord and Creator of the universe.

Yes, there are times when I look around—at others amid perplexing situations, or even within myself—and all I see for a moment is “alphabet soup.” But, this does not occur often. When it does, I retrace my steps to see where unbelief entered.

Sometimes this takes only a moment or two. Once in my experience, it took several months, and I spent those days in what I now call my “black hole” of unbelief. But on that occasion and on less serious ones now, I check myself by claiming that I am Christ in my form, that I am an expression of the Living Savior. I acknowledge to myself that I today live, not as the illusory “independent Page,” but as “Christ-Page.” I step out of unbelief into faith.

And, as by His grace, through my faith I was originally saved, I continue to walk out this Christian life in the same way. I will not be like those “foolish Galatians,” who resisted the truth of what Paul wrote to them. Instead, I acknowledge that I have been crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I (Page-alone) but Christ lives in me (Christ-Page), and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

So my life is no longer a confused bowl of “alphabet soup”! Just the

opposite—my life has meaning, purpose and joy.

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## To Think About...

*“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die...”*

The death-resurrection principle of intercession (John 12:24) as the highest of our earthly callings is still known and entered into by only a few of the redeemed members of the Body of Christ. Plainly enough, though, Paul gave us his own experiences in Romans 6-8. As he found so painfully and with difficulty in his Romans 7 travail. “death” of that lie of our being independent selves comes to those of us who will stop at nothing in going what he called that perfect way of Christ as us.

But as we move in by the bold choice of faith (as by the affirmation of Galatians 2:20), the Spirit will bring us that same light of revelation which Paul had. Inwardly we will “see” our wonderful God-made human selves as solely expressers of His Spirit of Truth in place of that false spirit of error. And we will settle into our true God-ordained condition, as out from us flows the river of the Spirit as John 7:37, 38. Nothing then can stop us from joining what Peter calls “the royal priesthood” of intercessors with, as Paul said, “death working in us, but life in you.”

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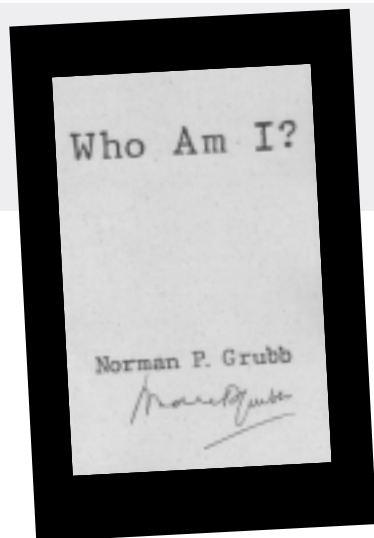
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