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A Note From the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Cambridge Dictionary defines the expression “rest on your laurels” as being satisfied with your achievements and not making an effort to do anything more. In ministry, we can never rest on our laurels. The evangelization of each generation is an ongoing, top priority. We must keep pressing forward and making a strong push at all times to reach out with the truth of God’s Word, rightly divided.

At BBS, we are always thinking of new and innovative ways to reach out, such as using social media, having a BBS app on streaming platforms, making our website faster and more user-friendly on all devices, modernizing the appearance of our materials, teaching on new topics, creatively designing charts and new graphics, printing new materials, and searching for new locations to minister the Word.

In this issue, you will find examples of new things going on at BBS. We recently printed two new booklets based on *Transformed by Grace* episodes: “What is a Berean?” and “One More Year.” “What is a Berean?” challenges one to engage in personal Bible study and defines a Berean from Acts 17:10-12 as one who receives, researches, and responds to the Word. “One More Year” takes a literal interpretation of the Lord’s parable in Luke 13:6-9 to demonstrate that the prophesied judgment on Israel due to her unbelief, one year after Christ’s ascension, was delayed by the dispensation of grace. If you are interested in these booklets, please see page 28.

On Saturday, April 13, we are going to a new location for a Bible conference: Guttenberg, Iowa. This will be a one-day conference, held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with three teaching sessions and a question-and-answer time to close out the day. The organizers and contacts for this conference, Tom and Nancy Hausler, are newer grace believers who are excited for their friends, acquaintances, and community to hear and grow in the truth of Paul’s apostleship and message. We’d love to see you there! The conference details are on page 18.

The article on page 19, “Building to Win,” is based on the first part of a new series on *Transformed by Grace* called “Winning and Losing.” This series is about the Judgment Seat of Christ and the gain and loss of rewards. It includes messages from 1 Corinthians 3:8-15; 9:24-27; Colossians 3:22-4:1, 2 Timothy 2:3-15; and 4:6-8. This series will air on Christian Television Network and will also be posted to the BBS Network and BBS YouTube Channel during the month of April.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President



Growing Weary

An excerpt taken from *Daily Transformation*.

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen” (2 Thes. 3:18).

Chesley Christian wrote on Facebook about a Christian friend we will call Dan. Dan is considered a solid Christian who has been abstinent for years and is ready for a wife. However, he has become impatient in waiting for God to send him “the one.”

When an attractive co-worker approached Dan requesting a short fling, he agreed. Dan knew it was wrong and that the relationship wouldn’t last long, but he said he was “tired of doing the right thing” and he had “needs.” Deeply saddened, Chesley wrote, “Too many times I have encountered Christian singles who are sexually tempted because they were tired of doing the right thing for so long.”

It is a reality that many Christians will become tired of doing the right thing. Even after years of physical purity, Bible reading, maintaining sound doctrine, church attendance, and actively serving the Savior, Christ’s blood-bought believers are prone to waver. Too many simply stop doing the right thing. The same was true in the days of the Apostle Paul. He pled with the saints, “But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing” (2 Thes. 3:13). Elsewhere, he explains how and why Christians must remain faithful. In Galatians 6:9, Paul’s encouragement was, “And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

While we Christians often reap satisfying spiritual blessings from doing right in this life, we will receive a bountiful eternal reward if we keep our eyes fixed on the prize of the high calling in Christ. As someone once said, “We must not sacrifice the permanent on the altar of the immediate.”

Paul also pointed out the motivation of opportunity and responsibility in ministry. He told the Corinthians, “Therefore, seeing we have this ministry... we faint not” (2 Cor. 4:1). We must remain faithful because others are counting on our faithfulness. Additionally, sometimes when we falter, we never return to a proper walk, nor do we have opportunities to serve Christ as effectively as before.

Paul also reminded the saints of their source of strength by saying, “...though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Cor. 4:16). God does not expect us to continue to do the right thing in our own strength; He provides the spiritual strength needed by staying in His Word daily.

Have you grown weary in well-doing? The stakes are too high to shrink from the ranks of the faithful. Keep doing the right thing. —Pastor John Frederickson



The SILENCE of Grace

PASTOR DON HOSFELD

Berean Searchlight Editor

“What if God, willing to shew His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom He hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?” (Rom. 9:22-24).

In 1964, the American folk rock duo Simon & Garfunkel released what would become an iconic hit and #1 song, “The Sound of Silence.” The song is told through the eyes of someone who views the silence in their life as a place of safety while also seeing it as a symptom of a significant problem in society and ultimately longing to see the silence come to an end. Art Garfunkel described it as “a song about the inability of people to communicate with each other.”

But silence isn’t always the result of an inability to communicate or as haunting as this tune presents. Sometimes, silence is the quiet before the storm, the

peace before the inevitable turmoil. Sometimes, silence is, in fact, a gift.

In his book *The Silence of God*, Sir Robert Anderson said, “A silent heaven is the greatest mystery of our existence.” Anderson’s point is not, nor mine here, that God is entirely silent today, for as long as His Word is preached, taught, and read, God is actively speaking to the World. He has *not* gone by the wayside or abandoned this world. To be clear, God still has much to say today, but to hear Him, man must go to His Word, the Bible!

According to the Guinness World Records, “the best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible. It is impossible to know exactly how many copies have been printed in the roughly 1500 years since its contents were standardized, but research conducted by the British and Foreign Bible Society in 2021 suggests that the total number probably lies between 5 and 7 billion copies.”

According to their calculations, “2,458,000,000 Bibles were printed between 1815 and 1975,” and “in the 21st century, Bibles are printed at a rate of around 80 million per year.”¹



Indeed, each and every day, God is using His Word in a mighty way to be His instrument to reach a world that desperately needs to hear what He has to say. God still desires for all “to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), and while the opportunity exists, the world had best redeem the time.

But there *is* a silence that all would do well to recognize. There is a silence from God that goes unacknowledged by unbelievers and unnoticed by many believers, even though both have benefited greatly and continue to benefit from it daily, and that is *The Silence of Grace*.

Over the years, it has been my experience that one of the most misunderstood doctrines of Scripture has to do with how God is and *isn't* judging the world today. This is true for those who recognize the day of grace we now

live in, as well as those who do not know of the distinctive nature of this time.

A WORLD CALLING FOR JUDGMENT

“Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord...” (Psa. 114:7).

Generally speaking, most people want judgment to be swift and decisive—that is, as long as it's someone else who receives that judgment. Few would show the same grace and mercy toward a stranger as they would themselves or their child or friend. Instead, most are like James and John, whom the Lord surnamed the “Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17). These two Apostles to Israel wanted to “command fire to come down from heaven, and consume” those who rejected Christ (Luke 9:54). They desired to see the immediate and harsh judgment of God.

There is no shortage of evil in this world, and seldom, if ever, is there a day that we don't learn of a new event that displays how depraved man can be, and, ultimately how depraved man truly is apart from Christ and the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. Any example provided here, surely, could be quickly replaced with another closer to home. Often, Christians are mocked and ridiculed for their belief in God because of the amount of evil in this world and God's willingness to allow it to continue. “How can God exist when there is all this evil,” they exclaim!

To them, we reply, “It is of the LORD’s mercies that we are not consumed...” (Lam. 3:22) or “despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God” (Rom. 2:4-5).

There is no argument that judgment is deserved, but do people truly understand what they are asking for? If God were to judge one for their actions, should He not judge all? “For there is no respect of persons with God” (v. 11). When Judgment Day arrives, He will “render to every man according to his deeds” (v. 6). A scary proposition indeed, and every unsaved man and woman should tremble at the thought of appearing before a righteous God.

As the writer of Hebrews so succinctly said, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Heb. 10:31). Psalms 97:4-5 provides a glimpse into the future judgment and says, “His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.” Many may claim they want God to bring judgment to this world, and they may even be sincere about it, but when the time comes for God to put an end to the evil of man, only the saved will be heard rejoicing.

JUDGMENT POSTPONED

“But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth” (Psa. 86:15).

One of the great advantages of rightly dividing the Scriptures is knowing that we live in the dispensation of grace, but to fully grasp our situation, we need to know what that truth means in relation to God’s judgment. God is *dispensing grace* today, not judgment. Rightly dividing is not simply about what we have been given—a new *heavenly* hope, a new gospel, a new commission, or even a new Apostle, but also what we were not and are not being given—God’s judgment!

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There is a silence from God that goes unacknowledged by unbelievers and unnoticed by many believers...and that is *The Silence of Grace.*”

Judgment is precisely what the 12 apostles expected to come soon after Pentecost. In fact, Peter, in the third chapter of his second epistle, had to explain to his readers, the little flock, that God’s judgment was put on hold. He said, “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, *reserved unto fire against the day of judgment* and perdition of

ungodly men....The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (vv. 7,9).

If you were to ask most believers what God removed at the onset of the day of grace, most, I dare, would say the Mosaic Law. No longer are we bound to the Law or its curses. As accurate as this is, there is still something else that God removed the moment He set Israel aside and ushered in that mystery “kept secret since the world began” (Rom 16:25 cf. Eph. 3:1-9), and that was His impending judgment.

If not for God temporarily setting Israel aside and instituting a new dispensation, all the events we see written in the Book of Revelation would have begun after the stoning of Stephen in Acts 7.

Grace is not only what God gives us believers. God’s grace is also in the fact that He stopped the day of judgment and His wrath in its tracks. Man was at the precipice, the edge of the cliff, with the tribulation ready to begin, “but God” saw man’s need and gave us what we did not deserve—grace. God postponed His judgment and gave man another chance. Anyone who has put their faith in the finished work of Christ should rejoice in the truth of Ephesians 2:1-7:

“And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the

prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

We were all “children of disobedience” at one time, and wrath awaits those who remain so (cf. Col. 3:6). We have all missed the mark and come short of the glory of God (cf. Rom. 3:23). We were all on the “course of this world,” or following the *age* of this world, which is another way of describing the *world system* and is a course headed for judgment and destruction because this world runs counter to the ways of God. Man deserved God’s judgment and wrath then and deserves it now.

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“But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

“And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come

He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”

As the world mocks God for His lack of judgment, the believer can praise Him for the “exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus” (v. 7). We rejoice in His longsuffering, grace, and mercy. The silence of grace says as much about the love of God as anything else He has ever done for mankind.

WHY UNDERSTANDING THE SILENCE OF GRACE MATTERS

“Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might *grace reign* through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 5:20-21).

But what are the practical implications that grace reigns today, and what do we gain by knowing that God is not judging nations or people for their sins like He has in the past and will again in the future?

Many years ago, I worked as a machine operator for a company that electro-polished tubing for the medical industry. It was essential that these tubes were stripped of anything that could contaminate the gases that would eventually flow through them when they reached their intended destination and were installed.

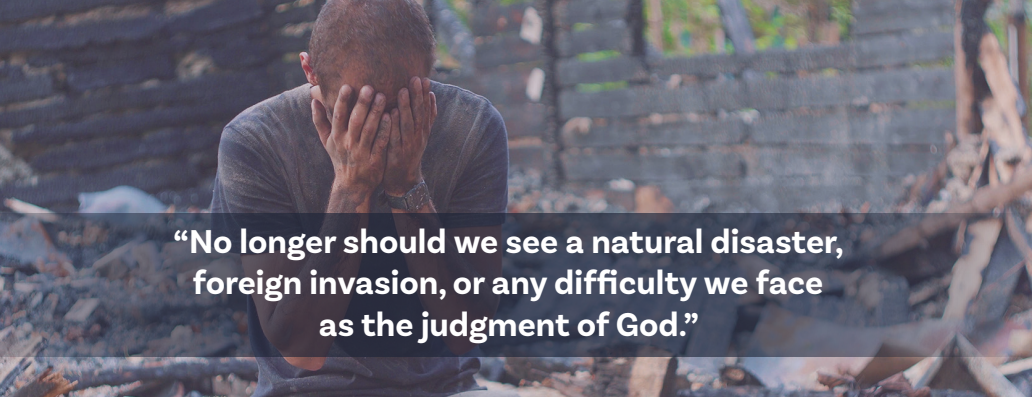
My job was to take twenty-foot-long steel tubing and hook them up to a machine that used acid

and electricity to smooth out the inside of the tubes to the point they shined like a mirror. When done right, they looked better than any chrome bumper you could ever imagine.



I'd have to set the speed of the electrode that was slowly drawn through the tube and the speed at which the acid would run through. The process was slow and generally took over an hour once they were all hooked up and the machine started. All I could do was wait and wonder if my settings were good. It was always an anxious time of waiting, not knowing what was currently taking place. Did I set the draw speed too slow, or was the acid going too fast? Truly, not knowing was the worst part of the process.

That's how people generally respond to the unknown; they become anxious. The same is true for people unsure about the world in which they live. People get anxious when they don't know what's going on in the world. Is God causing that hurricane because of humanity's sin? Is God going to overturn the nation because of the corruption of the



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politicians? Did God cause me to lose my job, my house, or have that flat tire?

All these questions and other concerns can be put to rest when we understand how God is dealing with the world today—through grace because grace reigns today.

No longer should we see a natural disaster, foreign invasion, or any difficulty we face as the judgment of God. These methods were used in the past, and they will be again in the future, but they are *not* how God works today.

For one, God is not dealing with nations but solely with individuals. By setting aside His nation, Israel, God has effectively stopped judging all nations. Instead, God works corporately through the Body of Christ and individually through the members thereof. God is not trying to reach the unsaved world through a nation but through His new creature (creation) (cf. Gal. 6:15), the Church, the Body of Christ, which is made up of people of *all* nations.

Additionally, as the Apostle Paul addressed those individuals at the Areopagus (Hill of Ares) or

Mars’ hill (cf. Acts 17:19,22), he warned those listening then, and it serves as a warning to all who reject the gospel today, that God now commands “all men every where to repent: Because He hath appointed *a day*, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained...” (vv. 30-31).

God has appointed *a day*, a future day, to judge. That day is not today, for this day is the day of grace, not the day of judgment. The world does not need to live in fear that God’s judgment is upon us; instead, we should look on in awe and wonder at how great His mercies are. We should all be astonished by His long-suffering love and desire for all to be saved. For over 2000 years, His grace has stood; the heavens have been silent, judgment postponed, and man granted yet more time and another opportunity to turn to His maker and cry out to his Savior. Simply believe the gospel, and thou shalt be saved from the wrath to come (cf. 1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9).

There’s no telling when the silence of grace shall end. We are not promised tomorrow; now is the day of salvation, for truly,


judgment day approaches. God's future judgment is certain, "...for He cometh to judge the earth: He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth" (Psa. 96:13), because "true and righteous" are the Almighty's judgments (cf. Rev. 16:7).

If you hate the evil of this world and long for God to set things in order, take comfort in knowing that we do not need to avenge ourselves. Neither is God mocked; "...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap (Gal. 6:7). We can be sure that "the judgment of God is according to truth" (Rom. 2:2). "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Eccl. 12:14).

No wonder then that our Apostle Paul instructs us that "the servant of the Lord must not

strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Tim. 2:24-26).

Though the world may scoff at us and say, "Where is now their God?" (Psa. 115:2), let us reply, "Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake" (v. 1).

God will be glorified both by the saved and the unsaved; nothing and no one shall prevent that. When God finally does bring judgment, His righteousness will be on full display for all to see. 

1. "Best-Selling Book." Guinness World Records, <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/best-selling-book-of-non-fiction>. Accessed February 26, 2024.



SPOTLIGHT

on Grace Churches

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PASTOR *to* PASTOR

Years ago, I heard a pastor say something that stuck with me. He said that there are two types of churches: Maintenance Churches and Ministry Churches. What did he mean by this?

Maintenance Churches have a survival mentality. In them, there is an obsession with maintaining the status quo. Their focus is often on being served instead of serving, of being benefited instead of being a benefit, and of being fed the Word of God instead of feeding it to others.

Ministry Churches have a ministry mentality. In them, the desire is to reach and minister to people. Their focus is the opposite: to serve instead of being served, to be a benefit rather than just always being benefited, and to share the Word instead of being fed and acquiring knowledge (1 Cor. 8:1).

It would be too simplistic to say that every local church is either one or the other; many are probably some of each, and there are other ways to label the strengths and weaknesses of a local church. However, pastors do have a responsibility to shepherd their people, by the Word, towards being more ministry-minded. In so doing, they will be a Christ-like church, being more like He Who “came not to be ministered unto, but to minister” (Mark 10:45).

Pastor Dustin George wrote the following: “I read an account recently about a number of killer whales that mysteriously beached themselves and died. When the marine biologists investigated, they found that the whales were not seeking the larger fish found in the deeper waters but were chasing smaller fish in the shallows. Specifically, they were chasing minnows. They gave their lives running after something small.”¹



The local church can easily get distracted and start chasing minnows in the shallows instead of doing the deep work of what God has called it to do. It is the pastor’s duty to keep the church centered and focused on the main things (1 Tim. 2:4). The local church is to be a place for lost sinners to hear of and receive Christ and be reconciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-21). It is to be a place for service and fellowship, where the saints bear one another’s burdens (Gal. 6:2). Our apostle called it “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15) because the local church is to be a place to find the truth of God’s Word, be grounded in it, and challenged to live it out and share it with others.—*Pastor Kevin Sadler*

1. “Into the Shallows,” Dustin George, <https://dustingeorge.com/2020/05/30/prayers-from-the-quarantined-church-day-71-into-the-shallows/>



THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

PASTOR PAUL SADLER
Past BBS President

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone” (Eph. 2:19-20).

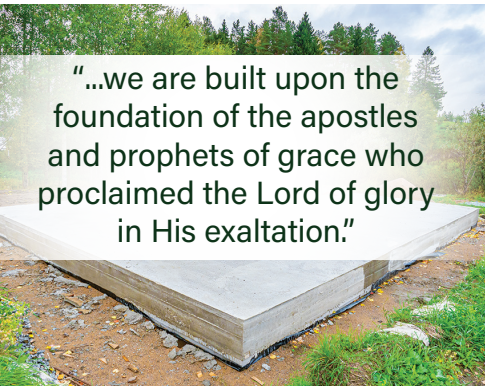
Some years ago, during a trip to Colorado, our family visited Pike’s Peak, which, needless to say, was one of those unforgettable experiences. As we clattered up the side of the mountain on the old Cog Railway, our conductor, a young college student, pointed out various points of interest. He also had a great sense of humor, which made the trip even more enjoyable. At an elevation of over 14,000 feet, everything begins to move in slow motion, including the Cog engine that was pulling us up the final 30 percent grade to the summit. The scenery was absolutely breathtaking. How anyone could look out over those “purple mountain majesties” and fail to see the creative hand of God is beyond me.

In a similar fashion, Paul’s letter to the Ephesians brings us to the very summit of the Pauline revelation. From this vantage point, we are able to see various points of interest as we look out over the riches of God’s grace. Like the splendor of the Rockies, the grace of God never ceases to amaze us! Here in Ephesians 2:19-20, we learn that those who are saved in this dispensation make up a holy temple where God dwells through the Spirit. The first question one is inclined to ask is this: “Does this in any way conflict with the Mystery Program?” Quite the contrary, it serves to demonstrate the fact that there are connections between the two programs of God.

The term “now” used here by Paul signals that a significant dispensational change has taken place. With the fall of Israel, God turned to the Gentiles; therefore, we who were once far off are NOW made nigh by the blood of Christ. In times past, we were the offscouring of the earth. Back then, the Gentiles

were called the Uncircumcision, a term that was used in a derogatory sense by those who were of the Circumcision. We were dogs, “without Christ...strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:11,12).

But now we are no more strangers but “fellowcitizens” with the saints. In essence, the apostle is saying that the Ephesians were fellow citizens with the other members of the Body of Christ, which is true of all those who have trusted Christ down to this very day. Our citizenship here in America signifies that we reside in the same country and that each of us has certain inalienable rights. Likewise, as members of the Body of Christ, we are fellow citizens of a heavenly country, blessed with all spiritual blessings, having been granted rights and privileges as the sons of God (Phil. 3:20).



“...we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets of grace who proclaimed the Lord of glory in His exaltation.”

Paul broadens the scope when he reveals that we are also numbered with the household of God. In this context, the phrase “household of God” is a collective reference to all of the blood-washed saints from every age.

As sinners saved by grace, we are a part of that great company of people called the redeemed, in contrast to those who are lost. Thanks be unto God that we are saved and included in the plans and purposes of God as individual members of Christ’s Body.

The apostle goes on to add that we are “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.” Exactly who were these apostles and prophets? Some insist that this refers to the 12 apostles and the Old Testament prophets. But they laid the foundation, which is Christ, according to prophecy. The apostles taught, based on the teachings of the law and prophets, that Christ was the Messiah, that He was the rightful heir to the throne of David—hence, the King of Israel.

Is this what we proclaim to our hearers today? Surely, the members of the Body of Christ are not built on this foundation. If these were the apostles and prophets of the kingdom, the order would be reversed, for in God’s Prophetic Program, the prophets preceded the apostles, as seen in the gospel according to Luke:

“Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute” (Luke 11:49).

Who, then, were these mighty defenders of the faith that held these prominent positions in the early part of this present dispensation? We believe that these were the apostles and prophets of grace who preached Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery.

Of course, Paul is the primary apostle of this dispensation, but there were those who also held this office in a secondary sense. When Paul wrote to those at Thessalonica about his ministry among them, he stated: “Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the APOSTLES of Christ” (1 Thes. 2:6). These apostles of Christ are identified for us by the Holy Spirit as being Paul, Silas, and Timothy (1 Thes. 1:1).

As far as the prophets are concerned, Agabus comes to mind as one of the foretellers of this administration. You will remember that it was Agabus who warned Paul not to go to Jerusalem, lest he suffer the consequences (Acts 21:10-13). In Paul’s epistles, the order is always the same: apostles first, followed by the prophets, for this is the order in which they were given.

“And God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers” (1 Cor. 12:28).

“Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit” (Eph. 3:5).

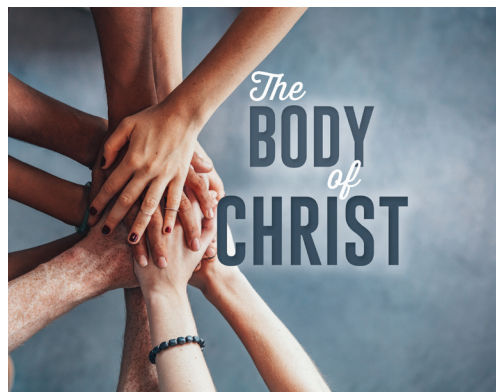
“And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers” (Eph. 4:11).

So then, as members of the Body of Christ, we are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets of grace who proclaimed the Lord of glory in His exaltation. Christ is the chief cornerstone, which is synonymous with the foundation. It is the

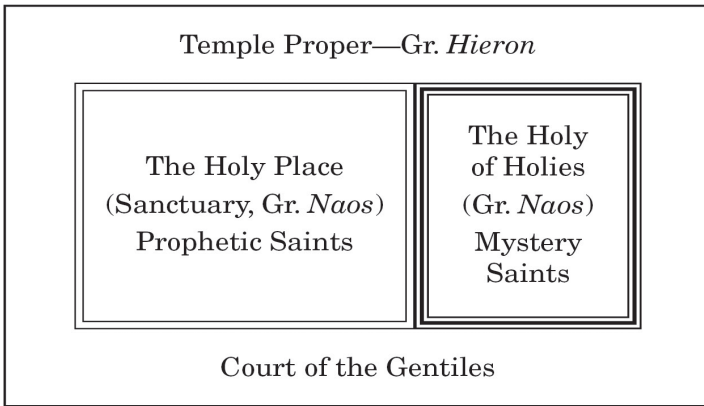
point of reference from which all measurements are taken. Thus, if we want to measure up to God’s standard today, we, too, must acknowledge Paul’s apostleship and message.

THE BUILDING OF A TEMPLE

We place a high premium on rightly dividing the Word of truth, and rightfully so. But it is equally important to recognize the connections between the two programs of God. For example, the Savior who shed His blood for Israel is the same Savior who died for our sins. The Spirit who indwelt the saints at Pentecost is the same Spirit who indwells believers in the age of Grace. As we have seen, the members of the Body of Christ are also numbered with the household of God and, therefore, joined to the living temple, which God planned and purposed before the foundation of the world. This helps to explain why Paul uses the metaphor of a “temple” when speaking of us collectively.



“In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:21).



Using the diagram of the Old Testament temple as an illustration, the living temple of God basically follows the same pattern.

On the left side of our diagram, we have the Holy Place, which represents all of those who have been saved under the Prophetic Program. The living stones that have been placed into this side of the structure rest on the sure foundation, which is Christ relative to His earthly ministry. This explains why Peter says to his readers: “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5). With the setting aside of the nation Israel in unbelief, God has temporarily discontinued the construction on this part of the building. He has, however, revealed another set of plans for a new addition to the structure.

A new master-builder, Paul, is summoned, through whom God reveals His secret purpose, which was hidden from ages and generations past. Consequently, Paul was very careful NOT to “build upon another man’s

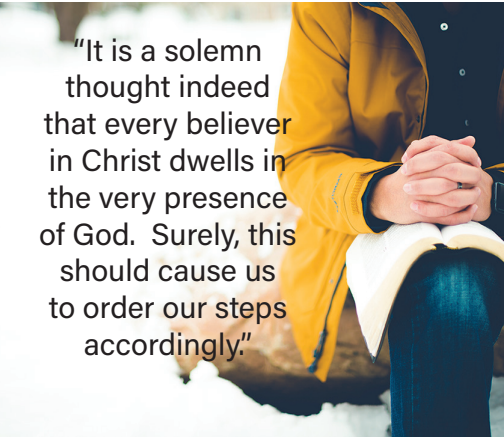
[Peter’s] foundation” (Rom. 15:20). Instead, he pours out a new section of foundation in his epistles, which is Jesus Christ according to His heavenly ministry.

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon...For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:10,11).

Today then, God is cutting out stones from the quarry of sinful humanity, saving them by the riches of His grace and placing them into the temple. It is interesting that the term “temple” used here by the apostle in Ephesians 2 is the Greek word *Naos*, which refers to the sanctuary and, in this context, to a specific section of it called the Holy of Holies. In this holy sanctum dwelt the very presence of God Almighty. Only the High Priest was permitted to enter this area once a year on the Day of Atonement. Anyone else was under the sure sentence of death if they even dared to draw near.

But now, through the blood of Christ, God dwells in our midst; thus, we can “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). It is a solemn thought indeed that every believer in Christ dwells in the very presence of God. Surely, this should cause us to order our steps accordingly.

“In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation [dwell-ing place] of God through the Spirit” (Eph. 2:22).



“It is a solemn thought indeed that every believer in Christ dwells in the very presence of God. Surely, this should cause us to order our steps accordingly.”

When Solomon constructed the temple in Jerusalem, he commanded “and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house.” Solomon paid a king’s ransom to purchase the stones for his temple, but it is nothing to be compared with what it cost our Savior to purchase us from the quarry of sin. Every stone that was placed in Solomon’s temple was made ready before it was brought to the structure so that “there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was

in building” (1 Kings 6:7). The stones were cut to such precision at the quarry that when they were brought to the site each fit perfectly into its place without a sound.

In like manner, the sound of the hammer was only heard on a hill called Calvary as they drove nails into the hands and feet of our Lord. The living stones that were chiseled from His finished work are still being slipped quietly into the temple of God. We are perfect and complete in Him.


Paul further teaches us that the temple is “fitly framed together” and that we are “builded together.” This indicates that our placement in the building is a sovereign act of God. Furthermore, just as one stone rests upon another, so we, too, rely upon each other as believers in Christ. We are to bear one another’s burdens.

Many years ago, I received a phone call in the middle of the night saying that one of the expectant mothers of our assembly had been rushed to the hospital. By the time I arrived at the medical facility, the infant was stillborn and already with the Lord. There is no greater burden to bear than to lose a child; the grief is overwhelming at first. However, these dear saints weathered the storm well. Words seem inadequate at such times, so I pulled up a chair and spent the rest of the day with the family. There were long periods of silence followed by a need to talk about the things of the Lord. For the most part, I only spoke when they felt like talking. Sometimes the best way to help bear another’s burden is to simply be there.

Another way in which we rely upon each other is for encouragement. God often encourages us through other saints. There are some believers that you can't help but feel uplifted by when you are in their presence.

I remember the story of the godly Grandmother who always had a kind word for the pastor's message. One Sunday, the pastor had to be out of town, so a young, inexperienced guest speaker was called to fill the pulpit. His message was an absolute disaster. All eyes were on the seasoned veteran of the Cross as she made her way to the vestibule. Everyone

wondered what she could possibly say to the young man by way of encouragement. Grandma patted him on the hand and said: "I want to thank you for that wonderful Scripture passage you read this morning, it lifted my heart into the heavenlies. Isn't God's Word wonderful—thank you again!"

Just as one stone in Solomon's temple held up the other stones, in like fashion, we need to uphold one another in prayer. May the Lord help us not only to keep others before the throne of grace but also to be thankful that we are partakers of His eternal purpose. 

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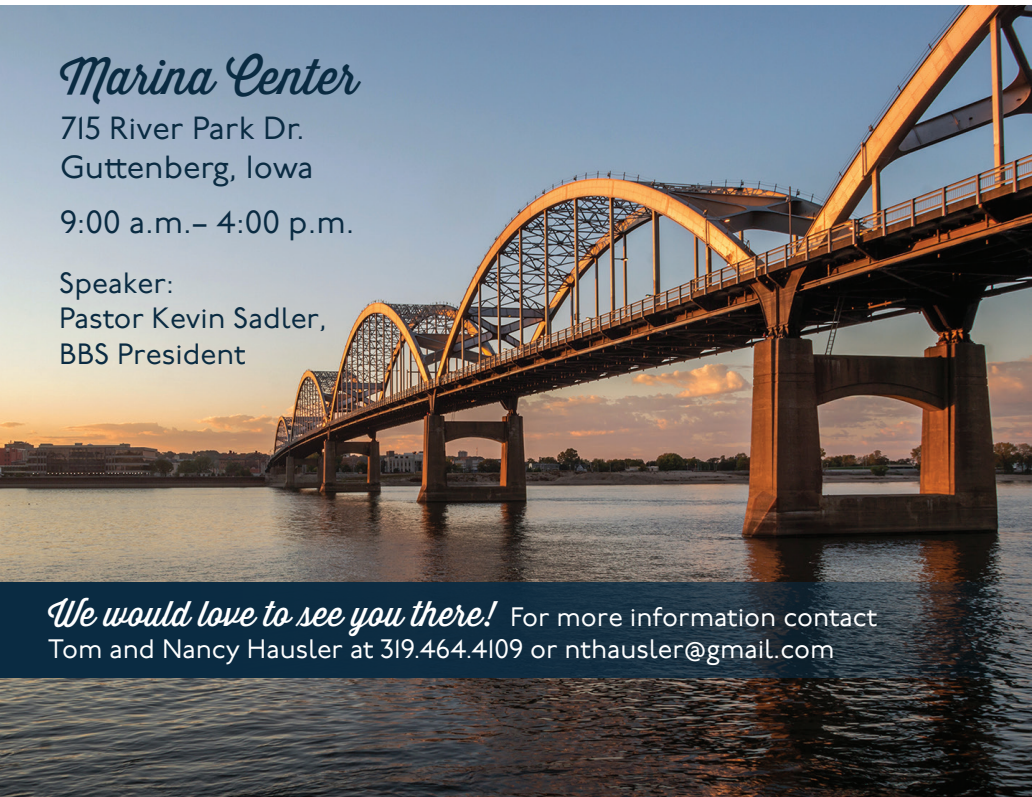
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Building to Win

1 Corinthians 3:8-15

*(Taken from episode 329
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PASTOR KEVIN SADLER
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It's been said that "Not all construction work is equally enjoyable. For instance, drilling a large hole is boring, but fastening two pieces of metal together is riveting."¹ Speaking of riveting construction work, God has called each of us to take part in the building of His Church under grace on a foundation of Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery (Rom. 16:25).

GOD'S BUILDING

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building" (1 Cor. 3:9).

Each and every believer is given an amazing opportunity to work "with God." Mortal man, whose days on earth are numbered, has the remarkable privilege of joining God in His work here in this world. God graciously uses us as His fellow workers. And we cannot work without Him. We need God's enablement, empowerment, and wisdom in the work of the ministry.

The work we do with God is to serve the cause of Christ in

God's Church, the Body of Christ. First, Paul points out that the Church is "God's husbandry," or His cultivated field. We plant and water in God's field (1 Cor. 3:6-9), and the life that springs and grows from our labor comes entirely from "God that giveth the increase" (1 Cor. 3:7).

The epistle of 1 Corinthians is an example of the Apostle Paul doing a little "weeding," so to speak, in God's field in Corinth. There were some unpleasant issues and carnality that needed to be dealt with, pulled up, and removed from the Corinthian church so they could grow in Christ.

Moving from an agricultural illustration, Paul then presented an architectural illustration of the Church being "God's building." As God works and we labor together with God, the Church is not only the field that God cultivates but also the building that God constructs. Both a field and a building project require sustained labor. The fact that the Church is both God's field and God's building reminds us that God is

continually and faithfully working in us (Phil. 1:6; 2:13).

A building does not raise itself; it is raised by its workers. We work with God in building His Church and, of course, we work under Him, carrying out His will from His Word, rightly divided.

THE ARCHITECT AND FOUNDATION

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 3:10-11).

“According to the grace of God which is given unto me” refers to God’s grace in putting the former blasphemer into the ministry as the Apostle of the Gentiles. In Romans 1:5, Paul wrote of his calling, “By Whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for His name.”

As an apostle, Paul was called by God to be “a wise masterbuilder” (1 Cor. 3:10). Paul did not put himself into this position. It was “given unto” him by the grace of God. Paul’s position as the masterbuilder for God’s building project was not based on his own merit, but on God’s undeserved favor.

The Greek word translated as “masterbuilder” is *architekton*, from which we get our English word, *architect*. By special revelation, Christ gave to Paul the plans and specifications for the building of the Lord’s Church under grace.

Paul was a “wise” masterbuilder according to the *wisdom* given to Him by Christ. As Paul wrote shortly before in 1 Corinthians, “But we speak the *wisdom* of God in a mystery, even the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory” (1 Cor. 2:7). The Church is built upon this previously hidden wisdom which is “the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began” (Rom. 16:25).



The revelation of the mystery, the body of grace truth given to Paul by Christ, is the blueprint for the Church in the dispensation of grace. In Paul’s inspired letters, we find God’s blueprint for the building of the Church today.

As the architect for God’s building, Paul received these blueprints from Christ and then he “laid the foundation” (1 Cor. 3:10) for the Church. Paul did not create or design the foundation; he only laid it. And Paul did not say that he built on a foundation that another had laid, but instead, “*I have laid the foundation*” of “God’s building,” the Church, the Body of Christ.

The salvation of Paul ushered in a new dispensation with a new

Church. Paul laid the foundation of this Church according to our Lord's current heavenly ministry. Paul stated very clearly in verse 11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Church, the Body of Christ.

Only one foundation is required for a building. Once it is laid, it never needs to be repeated. Paul said that *he* laid it; thus, no man before him laid it, and no man after him can lay it again. Christ is that stable and solid foundation. And with this foundation, the Church is eternally secure.

The Apostle Paul laid the foundation of Christ according to what He is doing today, that "Christ is the Head of the Church: and He is the Saviour of the Body" (Eph. 5:23). The Kingdom Church was built on the foundation of Christ as well, but it was

started a new Church. Paul laid the foundation of Christ for that building of God today, the Body of Christ.

Paul knew that his work for the Church under grace was foundational and that others would build on it going forward. That being so, Paul warned the Church, "But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon" (1 Cor. 3:10). These words of caution are still very pertinent, because many are building on this foundation of Christ for the current dispensation of grace with the wrong materials from Scripture.

Many builders are using material from the law and mixing it with the grace that was revealed to Paul, when grace and law should never be mixed (Rom. 11:6). Others use prophetic materials and are trying to spiritualize Israel's prophetic promises and then apply them

Church, the Body of Christ



"...Christ is the Head of the Church:
and He is the Saviour of the Body." Ephesians 5:23

Kingdom Church



"...Thou art the Christ, the Son of the
living God." Matthew 16:16

according to Peter's confession of Christ's identity, that "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). Later, after Israel was temporarily set aside, God raised up Paul, ushered in the dispensation of grace, and

to the Church, when these things are not in effect under grace and will be fulfilled literally after the Rapture of the Church. Most use Kingdom materials and requirements from the four Gospels and combine them with Paul and his

message of pure grace and our heavenly hope. The result is that the Church is chiefly concerned about building the Kingdom, which has been postponed, instead of being laborers with God in His *current* building project. The Body of Christ is what God is building today, not the earthly Kingdom of Christ.

THE BUILDING MATERIALS

“Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble” (1 Cor. 3:12).

The quality of the foundation of God’s building is the supreme and finest; it is Jesus Christ. However, the condition of the building depends on what others build on top of that foundation during this current age. It is not only important what you construct a building on, but also what you build it with. Paul teaches here that we can build the Church with precious materials like gold, silver, and precious stones or with unworthy materials like wood, hay, and stubble.

The first three materials hold intrinsic value; they are high-quality and non-flammable. They represent the works we do that are worthy of reward in building the Church. The second three materials are inferior, temporal, and flammable, and they represent the works we do in building the Church that are not worthy of reward.

The foundation is Christ, Who is precious, and His shed blood, which has bought us, is precious (1 Pet. 1:19), and so it behooves

all builders to build God’s Church with precious materials. Gold, silver, and precious stones are the clearly desired materials with which Paul would have us build. They reflect the comparable worth and value of the foundation upon which we build, whereas wood, hay, and stubble have no worth whatsoever compared to the foundation of Christ laid by Paul.

This section of Scripture describes what believers do to foster spiritual growth, strengthening, and the building up of the members of Christ’s Body according to the truth of God’s Word (1 Cor. 3:1-8). And how a person primarily grows and is strengthened spiritually today is through Pauline building materials, the message of grace for the Church in this dispensation. When we faithfully serve the Lord, fight the good fight of the faith, and live as a testimony to the grace of God, we are building with gold, silver, and precious stones.

Lest you think you have a pass since you are not a pastor, preacher, or teacher, remember that, if you are a believer, you are part of the “any man’s” and “every man’s” of this section (vv. 12-15). Every believer is teaching and ministering to others in one way or another. As such, we are all builders.

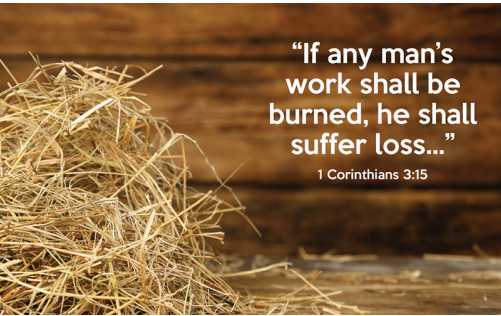
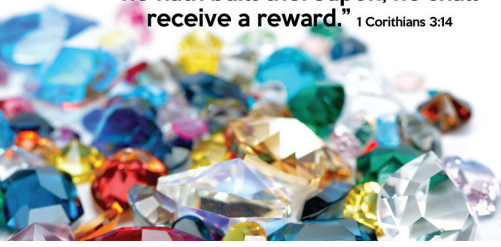
THE BUILDING INSPECTION

“Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is.

“If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire” (1 Cor. 3:13-15).

“If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.” 1 Corinthians 3:14



“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss...”

1 Corinthians 3:15

The Judgment Seat of Christ takes place in heaven following the Rapture of the Church (1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Tim. 4:1). On that day, believers will stand before the Lord individually, and our service for Christ will be brought under review. We will each stand before the Building Inspector at the Judgment Seat, and the work of each believer will “be made manifest” (1 Cor. 3:13), or made clear, plain, and visible (cf. 1 Cor. 4:5). As the Head of the Church, the righteous Judge sees and cares about what we do in the part of the building where we work for Him in His Church.

The work we do to build the Body of Christ may not be work that everyone sees, and the results of our labor involve much that we never see. But there is coming a day when our entire body of work and its consequences will all be made manifest by our Savior. The work mentioned here is that of the builders who labored “together with God” (3:9) in serving and building the Church under grace on the foundation of Christ.

The purpose of this review will be to determine if we qualify for “a reward” (v. 14) or if we must “suffer loss” (v. 15) of reward. To make this determination, Paul wrote that the Lord will “try” or test our work by “fire” (v. 13). Fire in the Scriptures speaks of the Word of God. For example, in Jeremiah 23:29 we read, “Is not My Word like as a fire? saith the LORD.” Our works will be tested by the Word of God, but more specifically by the grace truth revealed in Paul’s epistles, which give us the commands of Christ and the blueprints for the Church today.

At that day, through the holy fire of the Word of God and with the spiritual discernment of God Himself, the quality of each one’s work will be proved. And when God tests our work, it will be fully revealed what kind of work it was. If a person’s work withstands the fire and does not burn, and thus is found to be gold, silver, and precious stones, “he shall receive a reward” (1 Cor. 3:14). But if a person’s work burns in the fire of the Word, and thus is found to be wood, hay, and stubble, “he shall suffer loss” (v.15).

The trial by fire does not respect the inexpensive, combustible materials, and the fire of God's Word will reduce them all to ashes. These are works that are not of grace through faith, born out of selfish ambitions, carnality, and bad doctrine. This passage challenges believers to build with gold, silver, and precious stones, because that is the standard that will be approved and rewarded by the Building Inspector. These are works that are of grace through faith, born out of a desire to honor the Savior, carried out in the power of the Spirit, and in accordance with the Pauline truth for the Church today.

Paul adds, however, that no matter how much of a person's work and service goes up in smoke, that person will still "be saved; yet so as by fire" (v. 15). We who have trusted Christ as our Savior will never nor could ever suffer the loss of our salvation (Rom. 8:38-39). Verse 15 gives us the picture of a man escaping a burning building; he has his life, but no possessions. Likewise, many will have their eternal life after the Judgment Seat, but no rewards after the fire tests their work. Thus, these verses remind us that while our salvation is secure, rewards are not guaranteed.

David C. McCasland wrote the following: "My father-in-law spent 30 years helping people in the public health field. When he went to heaven at the age of 76, he left a closet full of files and a wall full of awards.

"When it came time for us to clean out his 'work' closet, the

family pictures and a few mementos were kept, and all the rest had to go. I got the job of disposing of it. I hauled it up past the barn into an open field, doused it with diesel fuel, and set it on fire—old project files, slide presentations, plaques of appreciation, correspondence, everything—and I watched it burn.



"It was a sobering experience as I thought that someday when I stand before God, all my 'work' will meet the same test. Only what survives the fire has eternal value.

"Watching letters and proposals turn to ashes gave me a new understanding of 1 Corinthians 3:13. Paul said, 'Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.'

"Today the work. Tomorrow the fire. That afternoon in the pasture made me more careful, more thoughtful, about my fleeting opportunities to do work that won't burn."²

1. "Best Short Riveting Jokes," accessed February 29, 2024, <https://jokojokes.com/riveting-jokes.html>.
2. "Work That Won't Burn," Our Daily Bread, posted January 6, 1998, <https://odb.org/1998/01/06/work-that-wont-burn>

Question Box



"Is it true that Pastor Stam believed that all sinners were forgiven at the cross and not when they believed the gospel?"

Unfortunately, misinformation often spreads faster than accurate information. Over the years, Pastor Stam and the BBS have been a frequent target of those who suggest we espouse teachings that we simply do not.

Pastor Stam believed, and BBS stands firm in the belief that man is still in his sin until he believes the glorious gospel of the grace of God. Many Scriptures prove this to be true. In Acts 2:38, which is after the cross, Peter told his Jewish audience they needed to "Repent, and be baptized... for the remission of sins"—in other words, in order to receive forgiveness of sins. Thus, they obviously hadn't already been forgiven for their sins.

The Apostle Paul told King Agrippa that the risen Christ sent him to turn people "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, *that they may receive forgiveness of sins*" (Acts 26:18). God has *always* required faith and the forgiveness of sins is dependent upon a person believing the gospel: "for it is the power of God unto salvation to *every one that believeth*" (Rom. 1:16).

Pastor Stam made his thoughts known on this subject many times. Here is just one example:

"What could be more terrible to contemplate than the final judgment of the ungodly, where the Son of God, who loved men enough to die in shame and disgrace for their sins, must deal righteously with those who have refused to call upon His name; where sinners will be made to appear before the august majesty of Him who occupies the great white throne; where their long-hidden sins will be exposed to the white light of His holiness!... Here, at last, sinners will find themselves exposed to the searching gaze of Him who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil" and who "cannot look upon iniquity." Here, finally, their sins will be manifested in their true light as utterly accursed and worthy only of the most dreadful retribution."¹

—Pastor Don Hosfeld

1. Cornelius R. Stam, *Man, His Nature and Destiny*, Germantown, WI, Berean Bible Society, 1961, pp. 126,127.

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Kentucky Bible Conference: Kentucky may be famous for fried chicken, but our good friends at *Old Bethel Bible Church* in Alpha have invited Pastor Kevin Sadler to feed the folks with God's Word of life at their special meetings the weekend of May 11th through the 12th. If you would like to be fed, consider joining us for an excellent time of teaching and fellowship. For more information about this springtime event, Pastor Bertram can be reached at 606.307.4396 or jeffrey.e.bertram@gmail.com.

BBF Summer Conference: The time is quickly approaching for the 55th annual conference of the *Berean Bible Fellowship* on June 16-20. Once again, the dear saints of *Community Bible Church* in Tipp City, Ohio, will be hosting the conference. This year, we will continue the look at prophecy as grace pastors from all over the country will meet to expound on topics like "The Two Witnesses," "The Seven Churches of Revelation," "Who are Gog and Magog," "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb." Pastor Sadler will be kicking off the conference Sunday evening with a message about "Prophecy Through Types and Symbols." For more information, you can call 937.667.2710, email cbctipp@gmail.com, or visit the BBF website at www.bbfnews.org. Don't forget to pre-order your meal tickets (forms can be found on the BBF website).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

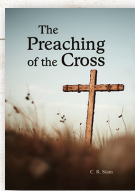
BBS Regional Conference—Iowa, April 13, Guttenberg, IA

Kentucky Bible Conference, May 11-12, Alpha, KY

BBF Summer Bible Conference, June 16-20, Tipp City, OH

Midwest Grace Fellowship Bible Conference, July 12-13, Wellsville, KS

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- For We Must All Appear
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- Looking for a Few Good Men (Elders)
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- The Lord's Supper
- Paul the Master-BUILDER
- Power of God vs. the Occult
- The Preaching of the Cross
- Saul the Sinner and Paul the Boaster
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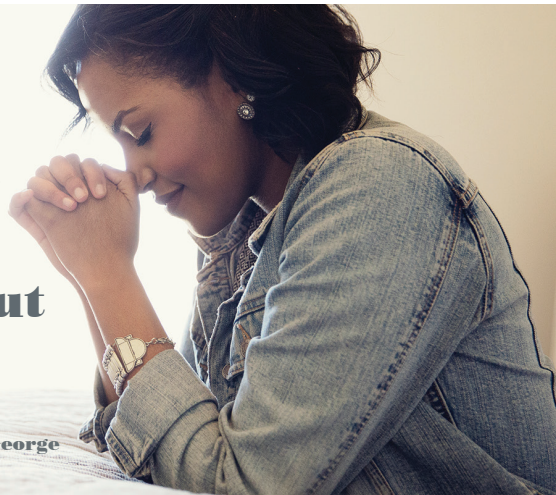
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