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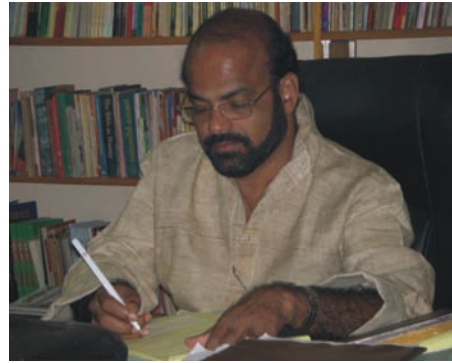


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EDITORIAL MESSAGE



"Hath not god chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?" James 2:5

Greetings to you in the name of Lord Jesus Christ

This issue brings us one of the serious conditions of India, for which we have been fighting since decades. It is the unhealthy living condition and the hardship of the poor people. The true problem to be tackled is not the visibility of the poor but the condition of poor people.

There are 100 million people without shelter in the world and about 600 million people are forced to living in dilapidated and unhygienic living conditions. The condition in the slum areas of Mumbai is very terrible. They have lack of water, no sewage facility, filled with infestation of flies, trash – strewn streets and the major issues for their survival is homelessness and unhygienic conditions. They totally struggle for the existence in the suburb of Mumbai with little hope of a future.

Upon visits to Mumbai (Bombay) I often ventured into the slums where I saw many orphaned children wandering the streets without a place to spend the night. One of the most distressing aspects was watching children outside restaurants waiting for customers to throw unwanted food into the trash. My heart became heavy when I learned that these little girls would eventually turn to prostitution and the little boys would likely become drug peddlers and criminals. So I was compelled to do something for them.

Sathanikethan (Shelter of Truth) Orphanage was opened on February 17 200, with few street children from Mumbai Slums. Currently there are 52 children who live in the orphanage.

We kindly request your prayer and hope reading this issue will be a real blessing for you.










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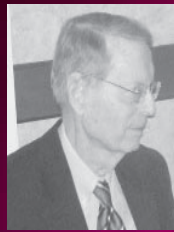
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From Dr. Ryrie's Thoughts

“Walk by the Spirit: (Gal. 5:22). “We walk by faith: (2 Cor. 5:7). “Walk as children of light” (Eph. 5:8).

Have you ever analyzed walking? You lift the right foot off the ground and place it ahead of where it was. In that brief time when your right foot is off the ground your left foot is holding you up. Then you do the same thing with the left foot and the right foot is holding you up. If you cannot trust the one foot to hold you up you will get nowhere. Walking requires trusting. So also in our Christian walk. We must trust our Lord to hold us up as we progress in our Christian life. If you ever twisted an ankle or had a surgery on a leg you need help to walk—a friend, a cane, rehab exercises. To strengthen our faith we all need help, and our Lord gives it to us according to our particular situation. Don't sit, don't lie down, get waking.

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Theology Creates Our Ministry:

God is a community of three in one.

We were created and saved to reproduce. Like the rest of creation we, too, are to reproduce and multiply and fill the earth. The same is true spiritually. Even person who becomes a follower of Christ will fish for a men, and reach many others as a result. It is a command, a promise, and a strategy. Our lives must become wise in skills of reproducing.

“Our theology directs our methodology.” Dr. Ralph Neighbor

What we believe about God, ourselves, the church, the world we live in and role in that world is why we do what we do. Traditions from the past can help us *and* hurt us in accomplishing the task of multiplying ourselves and reaching our generation with the ever-present and spreading Kingdom of God. These sessions are for the purpose of directing our efforts towards a more Biblical approach to reaching our world for Christ and establishing His Kingdom in our generation. However, we all have cultural baggage that we carry into ministry.

Where should we start?

- God is One revealed in three persons called the trinity.
- The highest life form in the universe has chosen to live in community.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

God said “Let US make man in OUR image” (Gen. 1:26)

- God has shaped us to be in community with others not to live in isolation (Gen 2:18). We become responsible to and for each other.
- God created the marriage and the home. Oikos means, “house where life is developed”.
- God created the church. Oikos needs oikodomeo and oikonomos.

How many deep relationships do you have enjoy?

Cain replaced relationships and community with accomplishments. Israel’s basic structures were 10,50,100’s and 1000. 150,000 cell groups in Israel if there were 1.5 million. The 12 disciples are another community of God.

$(N \times n) - n = \text{communication lines}$

A larger group can not experience community. 12 people is ideal. Christ had 3 with Him and even one with John. Judas threatened the community by betrayal.

1 Cor. 14:26 – Everyone is hekastos (Gr.) no exceptions for everyone present, all get involved.

Evangelism comes out of this blessing of the group (1 Cor. 14:24-25). The unbeliever is watching the body exchanging oikodomeo and oikonomos and they are sharing with each othr prophesying, then the unbeliever watches and is convicted by everyone participating and sees his need for Christ and confesses the reality of God’s supremacy!

Conclusion: Evangelism is the result, but the reason for small groups is fellowship

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Mountains to Climb

Are you mountain climbing? Are you pressing on even though the going is tough? I hope you are gaining some new perspectives and fresh encouragement for the challenges you face.

So here is a BIG-time issue—a vital principle for mountain climbing: Don't be proud.

“Listen and pay attention! Do not be arrogant, for the LORD has spoken.

Give glory to the LORD your God before it is too late.

Acknowledge him before he brings darkness upon you,

causing you to stumble and fall on the darkening mountains.

For then, when you look for light, you will find only terrible darkness and gloom.”

Jeremiah 13:15-16

God can see your mountain from all perspectives at once. He knows the dangerous places, the cliffs you can fall from, the crevasse that can take your life, as well as the ways of passage. He knows what's on the other side of the mountain...and even knows why the mountain is there. Why then, would we put up our prickly pride and deny His wise counsel? Why would we bypass His word of guidance and very present help in our time of need? Sounds sort of foolish when we think about it, doesn't it?

The verses above give us good counsel as well as a stern warning.



The good counsel:

“Listen and pay attention. Give glory to God before it is too late. Acknowledge Him.”

How do we listen intently to God? He hasn't sat in my living room for quite some time. It's not like I can have a casual conversation with him over a cup of coffee. So how do I listen and pay attention?

Start by listening to what He has already said. It's been written down for you in the Bible. This is not a man-made book, but rather, miraculous compilation of writings that have been inspired and gathered by the very person of God. It is recorded for you to read so that you can know God, hear Him, and be directed by Him. Make it a practice to listen to Him every day, even if you don't understand exactly what He's saying all the time. The pieces eventually start fitting together into an amazing masterpiece of insight that will guide you into real life.

Then—listen to His gentle whisper. We have so much noise in our world that we rarely hear God speak. But He does...all the time. We naturally want to shut the voice of God out so that we can claim ignorance. Listen...intently. That quiet prompting in your thoughts and convictions are there for your good.

Listen to those who know God better than you. The Almighty often speaks through others for your good, too. It takes humility to do these things, but that's the challenge isn't it. Don't be proud...



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Now—what does it mean to “give Him glory?” It basically means that God deserves your recognition and trust. Give God what He deserves even if you don’t understand Him or His ways completely. Just give him the honor that He is meant to have. Good things come from this.

To “acknowledge Him” means that you don’t do this on your own. Be humble enough to ask God for help and then trust His guidance. He has a great plan for you, even if you can’t see it right now. Don’t be

arrogant, but rather, place God where He deserves to be in your life.

We’ll get to the stern warning in the next article...

ACTION CHALLENGE FOR TODAY:

Determine how your arrogance (thinking you know better) has gotten in the way of having a relationship with God. Now—tell God how much you want to be guided by Him through the rest of your life-journey.



The Power of Praise

Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?”

And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘*Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise*’?” (Matthew 21:14-16)

This passage is set against the dramatic backdrop of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Through a throng of admirers chanting the Messianic one hundred and eighteen Psalm, Jesus rode the colt of a donkey down the steep and narrow descent from the Mount of Olives, crossed the Kidron Valley, and entered the city through the Sheep Gate, making His way to the Temple. It was in the Temple that He displayed His compassion for the disabled and His command over disease (healing the blind and lame), obviously fulfilling the prophecy from Isaiah 61:1-1 that spoke of the Messiah’s ministry; the same prophecy He had read concerning Himself in His hometown synagogue in Nazareth (Luke 4:18-19).

The scene must have been one of barely controlled chaos: the thronging of the crowd, the lame and the blind crying out for Him to heal, and above all else, the children crying out at the top of their lungs, “Hosanna (Lord Save Now!) to the Son of David (Old Testament title for the Messiah!)”

Enter stage left the God Squad—the chief priests and scribes. They knew more about the prophecies concerning the Messiah than anyone in place. The first group taught the Hebrew Scriptures, the second

“Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance”

(Psalms 89:15).

transcribed it. Both were considered authorities concerning the word. One would think, given their knowledge, and given Jesus’ candid conduct, that they would have initiated the intense praise that was being proclaimed all around. Instead, “they were indignant.” How could this be? As I just mentioned, they knew the Old Testament passages describing the Coming One inside and out. In this very passage, they had witnessed scripture tested and God approved Messianic miracles performed by Jesus. So how could they be so angry about “the wonderful things He did?” The answer lies buried beneath mountain of misconception about the Messiah.



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No Old Testament prophet spoke more clearly about the ministry of Christ than the prophet Isaiah. The scrolls containing His prophecies were read a re-read (first by the Jews exiled in Babylon, next by the Jews who returned to the Promised Land after the seventy years of captivity) because, from the time of the exile in 586 BC until the time of Jesus, they had never been

a truly free nation. They yearned for, longed after, and prayed for the hope of the Conquering King Isaiah so beautifully portrayed; a leader who would rule militarily, politically, economically and-oh yeah-spiritually. But Jewish Bible scholars and teachers had a problem.

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Enjoy Today

On the day that my husband and I were married, I got some advice that I didn't appreciate or cherish. A friend of the family, whom I have known since I was a child whispered, "Enjoy today, the hard times are coming." I rankled at her words and felt that she was unkind to utter such a truth on my blessed day. Since then, however, I have changed my tune. In the twelve years since my wedding day, I have experienced plenty of "hard times." There have been untimely deaths, infertility, financial strains, adoptions, children born to us with disabilities and illnesses. We have stood by people dying of AIDS, ministered to homeless and shipwrecked souls and seen other followers of Jesus be persecuted for their faith. There has been a myriad of heartbreak and disappointing times. I cannot recount how often my husband and I prayed for a desire of our heart, only to hear the Lord say, "no."

Now, I have reached the point that I believe that when a baby is born, someone should bend over and whisper into its little ear, "Enjoy today, the hard times are coming."

Is this pessimistic? No, I believe it is realistic. Since the fall of mankind, we face hardship throughout life; it's part of the curse. The other day, my Autistic daughter asked me why people have to fight and die in war. I was speechless for a moment, trying to conjure up a wise and spiritual reply. Then she interrupted my thoughts and said, "Oh, it is because Adam and Eve

ate that apple, right?" She couldn't have been more profound in her theology. The kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these!

The apostle Paul said, "In the world you will have trouble, but be of good courage for I have overcome the world." John 16:33 that scripture does offer strength to me. Although I am Abba's daughter, I am not guaranteed an easy ride through this journey of mine, but I am given His presence within the storms. Nothing I suffer is something that I do alone. If I walk through a fire, he is already there first.

Not only is he there; he has already overcome it.

The first part of the sage wedding advice that I received, "Enjoy today..." that also is Biblical. In Ecclesiastes 7:14, Solomon wrote, "In the day of prosperity enjoy good and in the day of adversity consider: God has also set one beside the other..." So I guess my question to you is: "Are you enjoying today, (which is a gift of God,) knowing that the hard times are coming?" ■

"So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy." (NIV)

John 16:22

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Everywhere on the ground lay sleeping natives—hundreds and hundreds. They lay stretched at full length and tightly wrapped in blankets, heads and all. Their attitude and rigidity counterfeited death.

Mark Twain, on a nocturnal drive through Bombay in 1896.

It really seems to be very amazing that in Mumbai which is called as the commercial capital of India is having big section of slums. Slums in Mumbai have always existed. They never underwent any planning, infrastructure construction or implementation of facilities such as water, sewage and drainage. This has

led to many problems with Mumbai's poor population. Today people in slums make up 60% of Mumbai's population, that is approximately 7 million people.

Life in the slums

Slums have grown in Bombay as a response to a growth of population far beyond the capacity of existing housing. The Slums has thousands of poor people, few struggling for daily basic survival and few work very hard at home and others cling to some small or big work to survive. Usually they live close to their place of work. But the residential area itself does not provide employment. So some villages were encysted by the city growing around them. Dharavi, originally a village with a small tanning industry, has become a slum in this fashion. Many of the older slums in Byculla and Khar were initially separate villages, with their own traditional industries.



Crowded slums

Most of the people in this kind of slums are unable to get there basic education and this affect their future growth, work and activities provoking unsocial activities. This kind of slums are already spreaded all over Mumbai like Thane district, Navi Mumbai and Even locations like Colaba and Worli.



Efforts on Slum Rehabilitation

The government has tried to rectify the problem and to work on the Slum rehabilitation Project. But the project reached only on the 10-12% of the slum population.

Systematic efforts were made to rehabilitate crowded living areas and slums. Because of the Slums and old drainage systems, lots of problems like water flooding, epidemic risk are high during monsoon in Mumbai and other suburban areas. The City Improvement Trust had their part in the development of the city. Dharavi, which is one of the largest slums around Asia, near Airport of Mumbai, is now targeted for redevelopment and lots of political parties are trying for same.

Sathyam Ministry is also taking an effort to help these poor people to come up from this dilemma. The relief team provides love buckets which help them to meet their daily requirements at least for the time being. We also take children from these slum areas to our orphanage in Gujarat. So that the poor kids will get there basic education and can get rid from their awful surroundings. In future let's hope, these children will build their home land into a developed city. For this let us also join hands to help them to survive from their struggle for existence. We always welcome kind hearts to join our relief team and those interested can contact in the below mentioned address.



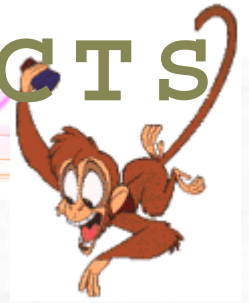
Slums without a proper drainage

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1. The youngest pope was 11 years old.

2. An infant has 300 bones and an adult has 206 bones



3. There are enough blood vessels in your body to wrap around the Earth 3 times.

4. After 30 you start to shrink.

5. There are 20,000 living organisms in a glass of water.



6. Your brain feels no pain.

7. The parachute was invented by da Vinci in 1515.



8. Married people live longer than single people.

9. Scientists say the most relaxing image you can imagine is rain falling at a slant.





*"FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH; BUT THE GIFT
OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE"* **ROMANS 6:23**

Sin is a very dangerous poison which comes in a bottle, labeled as medicine. It always enters with a deadly effect. Bible describes Sin as any thought or activity that goes against God's will. That covers obvious, awful crime like murder; but it also covers the little ways that we hurt others in our everyday lives.

God made man in His own image and wanted to have continual fellowship with Him. But sin keeps us from connecting with God. He's so perfect that sin simply can't come near Him. It doesn't matter if your sin is big or small, just like a little drop of lemon can spoil the entire milk; little sin makes you too sinful to meet with God.

I have heard a story which will clearly explain this. There was an Old man living alone. One day when he wanted to go out, he could not lock the door. Suddenly a boy who was passing his house volunteered to lock the door. After the boy locked, the Old man was shocked to see few drops of blood on the floor. The Old man asked the boy to show his hand and was surprised to see a deep cut in his hand. The boy did not have a slightest pain, because he was affected by Leprosy.

Sin is like this disease. It enters slowly and will eat the whole body. It leads the diseased to death, because the wages of sin is death. If my son does some mistake, it is natural that I punish him for what he has done. So it is also natural that we sinners must be punished. But the good news is someone had accepted our punishment and that someone is Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you and me that despite our mistakes, He wants to have a relationship with us. So He came up with a solution to this sin problem. He sent His only Son Jesus Christ to

suffer the penalty that our mistakes deserve. Christ took our mistakes upon Himself so that we can be perfect in God's eyes. Yes, for this cause He died and was buried. But He rose again.

By believing this our sins are washed away and are invited to live a new life. This is an antidote to sin and its deadly effect. Turning away from sin and turning to God is the true repentance. He is a forgiving God. When we acknowledge that we are a sinner and ask forgiveness, we receive Him in our heart. He removes our sins far from us and remembers it no more, our sins are blotted out like a thick cloud; and our sins are thrown down into the depths of the sea, never to be remembered against us anymore (Ps.103:12; 130:3-4; Is. 44:22; Micah 7:19)

So, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1John 1:9 ■

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Executing Justice

Romans 13:4 “For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil (NKJV).” This verse illustrates God’s revelation concerning human institutions. Romans 13:1 say’s that no ruling power exists except through the will of God, and that the positions of authority are ordained by God, and are in His control. We are also told that every individual is to place themselves willingly under the positions of leadership that exist above them. Whoever resists God’s appointed authorities will receive judgement.

Parents are to act as judges of their children’s deeds, and then administer punishment to those who are guilty. For example, take the case where penalties can be used to teach the child respect for property. Children can be taught that if they intentionally or carelessly damage property, they will have to pay for it. If they mark, tear, scratch or break, or otherwise damage property, they should pay for restoration of it to the extent that they are accountable. This property should include even their own toys, and clothes not bought with their own money. Children should learn respect for property as young as possible. Of course, if parents leave a two-year old alone in grandmother’s room with her best china, they should expect the worst, and be willing to pay the penalty themselves.

A proper warning should always be given, and the child must have the necessary comprehension and physical ability to be held accountable. If a child is accident prone, they should be required to perform certain types of odd jobs for which they are paid. In that way, they will be able to pay with their own money for their carelessness. No amount of warning, scolding, or verbal rebuke will train the child to respect property like paying the penalty for its destruction. If a child does not have the money, they can always be required to work out the penalty by doing duties not normally required of them. When a child breaks something, they should always be required to clean up the mess, even

if it was an accident or they were too young to be accountable for its full penalty. Their participation teaches them responsibility, and caution. Every broken standard has a penalty. The real question is who pays for it? Even if the child is too young to be held accountable, a broken vase must still be cleaned up and paid for by someone. Children can learn to be responsible for their own actions early in life. For example: Suppose that a small child breaks a window for which they should not be held accountable. The child can be required to help his parents to clean up the mess, and go with them to the store to buy a new one, and hold his parent’s tools until the repair has been made. In this way the child begins to learn that there is a cost for damaging property. When a child breaks his own toys, one penalty could be to go without the toy.

“ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ”

-Colossians 3:20 ESV

Respect for Others including Animals

Children must learn the danger in causing pain to others. The penalty for causing pain to others is to receive pain by chastisement. Children must be taught to respect their elders. In eastern cultures, children are taught to stand up in the presence of their elders. Respect for authority and age is a fundamental part of eastern culture.

In parts of India, such as the state of Kerala it is common practice to hurt animals without any reason. For instance, if people or even children should see a stray dog, they will throw stones at it, and inflict pain or harm to it. They also derive a sense of pleasure from such an act. However, it is important to remember that animals also have a fear of pain, and a sense of safety for their lives, just as is found in humans. Therefore, children must be trained to avoid unnecessary cruelty to animals. ■



Understanding the Concept of “GOD the FATHER”

God the Father is “The Mastermind Planner”

- Jesus said,
 1. “...I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but **as My Father taught Me**, I speak these things. And **He who sent Me** is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him. John 8:28-29
 2. “But the Helper, the **Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send** in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” John 14:26
 3. “No one can come to Me **unless the Father who sent Me draws him**;and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Therefore **everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.**” John 6:44,45
- God the Father designed the redemption plan for humanity, through Jesus
- “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.” Gal 4:4-5
- There is one God and Father of all, who is above all Eph 4:6

“The LORD our GOD is ONE” (Deut 6:4)

- Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father Heb 1:3
- Jesus is the image of the invisible God Col 1:15
2 Cor 4:4
- No one has ever seen God but God the Father was revealed through Jesus John 1:18
- Jesus said, “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” John 14:9
- Jesus said “ I and my Father are ONE” John 10:30



George Müller

(1805-1898)



“At last I saw Christ as my Saviour. I believed in Him and gave myself to Him. The burden rolled from off me, and a great love for Christ filled my soul. That was more than fifty years ago. I loved Jesus Christ then, but I loved Him more the year after, and more the year after that, and more every year since.”

- ❖ George Müller (1805-1898) was a Prussian-born English evangelist and philanthropist, a man of faith and prayer
- ❖ He established orphanages in Bristol and founded the Scriptural Knowledge Institution for Home and Abroad.
- ❖ At the age of twenty-five, he went to Teignmouth, England, with his new wife, Mary, to pastor a small church.
- ❖ In 1832, he moved to Bristol, England, to be the pastor of another church. There his famous work with the orphans began when two young children were thrown upon the church's care.
- ❖ At the age of seventy, Mr. Muller began to make great evangelistic tours until he was ninety years of age.
- ❖ He traveled 200,000 miles, going around the world and preaching in many lands and in several different languages. He frequently spoke to as many as 4,500 or 5,000 persons.
- ❖ He estimated that during these seventeen years of evangelistic work he addressed three million people. All his expenses were sent in answer to the prayer of faith.
- ❖ He travelled over much of Britain and of the continent of Europe, made several journeys to America, and visited India, Australia, China, and other parts to preach the gospel.
- ❖ He educated and sent out into the world no fewer than 123,000 pupils; he circulated 275,000 Bibles in different languages, with nearly as many smaller portions of Scripture; and he aided missions to the extent of 255,000£. He supported 189 missionaries, and he employed 112 assistants.
- ❖ Müller was found dead in his room on the morning of 10 March 1898.
- ❖ The Life of Trust :The Lord's Dealings with George Muller, The Preaching Tours of George Muller ,The Wonders of Prayer ...

LIFE AFTER

DEATH



Q : Is there a second chance after death?

ANS : **W**hat is the meaning of 1 Peter 3:19, which speaks of Christ's preaching to the spirit in the prison of Hades? Did He preach the Gospel to them and thus give them a change to be saved even after they have already died? If we carefully examine this sentence in its entire setting, we shall find that it teaches no such thing—which would be quite contrary to Hebrews 9:27: "It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment."

In the NASB, 1 Peter 3:18-20 is translated: "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water" (NASB). It will be observed from the above rendering that the verb translated "preached" in the KJV is not the Greek *evangelizomai* ("to preach or tell the good news"), which would certainly have meant that after His crucifixion Christ really did preach a salvation message to lost souls in Hades; but rather it is *ekeryxen*, from *kerysso*.

The contents of that proclamation are not made clear, but there are just two possibilities: (1) the proclamation made by the crucified Christ in Hades to all the souls of the dead may have been to the effect that the price had now been paid for sin, and all those who died in the faith were to get ready for their departure to heaven—shortly to occur on Easter Sunday—or (2) the proclamation may refer to that solemn, urgent warning Noah made to his own generation, they should take refuge in the ark of safety before the Great

Flood would destroy the human race. Of the two options, while the first was undoubtedly a true occurrence, such a proclamation intended here by Peter, since the only audience mentioned is the generation of Noah, which is imprisoned in Hades, awaiting the final judgment. This verse means, then, that Christ through the Holy Spirit solemnly warned Noah's contemporaries by the mouth of Noah himself (2 Peter 2:5 as "a preacher of righteousness.")

The passage under discussion assures us that even back in Noah's day, in His pre-incarnate state, God the Son was concerned with the salvation of sinners. Thus the entire transaction whereby Noah's family was rescued through the ark was a prophetic event, pointing forward to the gracious provision of God through the substitutionary Atonement on a wooden cross—likewise the sole instrument of deliverance from the flood of divine judgment on guilty mankind. In both cases only those who by faith take refuge in God's means of salvation can be rescued from destruction.

"And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ" (NASB). 1 Peter 3:21

We are forced to conclude that the proclamation referred to in v.19 took place, not when Christ descended into Hades after His death on Calvary, but by the Spirit who spoke through the mouth of Noah during the years while the ark was under construction (v.20). Therefore v.19 holds out no hope whatever for a "second chance" for those who reject Christ during their lifetime on earth. ■

HEALTH

Ten Health Risks

In 2002, WHO identified 10 health risks responsible for more than one-third of all deaths:

- Underweight,
- Unsafe Sex,
- High Blood Pressure,
- Tobacco,
- Alcohol,
- Unsafe Water,
- Sanitation and Hygiene,
- Iron Deficiencies,
- Indoor Smoke from Solid Fuels,
- High Cholesterol and Obesity

Inspirational Quotes

“Our attitude toward life determines life’s attitude towards us.”
John N. Mitchell quotes

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”
Winston Churchill

“Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.”
Harold S. Geneen

“Great effort springs naturally from great attitude.”
Pat Riley quotes

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is and is to come
Holy, holy, holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is and is to come

Worthy, worthy, worthy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is and is to come
Worthy, worthy, worthy
is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is and is to come

Glory, glory, glory
To the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is and is to come
Glory, glory, glory
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It's Not Fair!

*I*t was harvest time! A farmer and landowner wanted to harvest their grape vineyard. Because he didn't have enough help, he went to the market place one morning and hired some men to work for him. They agreed to work the whole day for a Denarius, a small coin worth about 18 cents of silver (or less than 9 rupies)

As the morning passed, the farmer realized he needed more help to finish picking grapes. Returning at 12 o'clock noon to the market place, he hired more men. There were still so many ripe grapes to pick. Though the men worked very hard, they could not finish all the work. Therefore, the farmer decided to return to the market place to hire still more men to finish the job.

At the end of the day, the farmer instructed his foremen to pay all the workers. "Pay the ones I hired last, first," he said, "and pay the ones who worked all day, last!" The foreman obeyed the farmer and paid the five o'clock workers first. Next, he paid the 3 o'clock workers. After that, he paid those hired at 12 noon. Finally, he paid those who worked all day. The workers noticed a strange thing—they were all paid the same, a Denarius!

Can you imagine? Even though they worked different lengths of time. Notice, they were all paid the same. Some worked only one hour. Some only worked the afternoon. Still others had

worked all day! Those who had worked all day harvesting expected to be paid more than the rest who worked less. "It's not fair," they grumbled.

"Didn't we agree on your wage?" asked the farmer

"Yes, but...

"Then take what is yours and leave," said the farmer. "What I wish to give to the last man is my choice. Can't I give away what is mine? Is it against the law to give what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

Do you know the Bible tells us that the Kingdom of God is like this farmer and his land? Some people will come to know Jesus late in their life, maybe right before they die. Others will come to know Jesus in the middle of their life. Still others (like you boys and girls) will accept Jesus when you are young. You will have your whole life to live for God.

**And This Is The
Eternal Life: That
They Should
Know YOU,
Only ONE True
GOD. And
JESUS. SAVIOR;
Who YOU Did
Send.**

John 17:3

No matter when you accept Jesus into your life, you all will receive the same reward—life everlasting. It will not make any difference how long you know Jesus. All Christians are to serve the Lord, whether it is for a long time or a short time. The Lord is generous and fair! Eternal life is the same reward for all.

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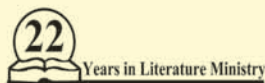
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Friendship

For I was hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in. Matt. 25:35

Carrying Others' Sorrows

Although the North American Indians had no written alphabet before they met the white man. Their language was anything but primitive. The vocabulary of many Indian nations was as large as that of their French and English exploiters, and often far more eloquent. Compare the coldness of "friend" with "one-who-carries-my-sorrows-on-his-back."

-United Church Observer

Be A Friend

I went out to find a friend,
But could not find one there,
I went out to be a friend,
And friends were everywhere!

The Shortest Way

H.K. Downie tells about a large newspaper that offered a substantial amount of cash for the best answer to the question. "What is the shortest way to London?" The entry which won the prize has: "The shortest way to London is good company!"

-Henry G. Bosch

Only God Gives A Friend

I think that God will never send,
A gift so precious as a friend,
A friend who always understands,
And fills each need as it demands,
Whose loyalty will stand the test,
When skies are bright or overcast,
Who sees the faults that merit blame,
But keeps on loving just the same,
Who does far more than creeds could do,
To make us good, to make us true,
Earth's gifts a sweet contentment lend,
But only God can give a friend!

-Rosalie Carter





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- To organize and implement a comprehensive, integrated program of Research & Training.
- To develop rural community infrastructure, to enhance opportunities for people with disabilities and to achieve their own goals by leading healthy and independent lives.

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