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John 4:35

"Unto the ends of the earth"

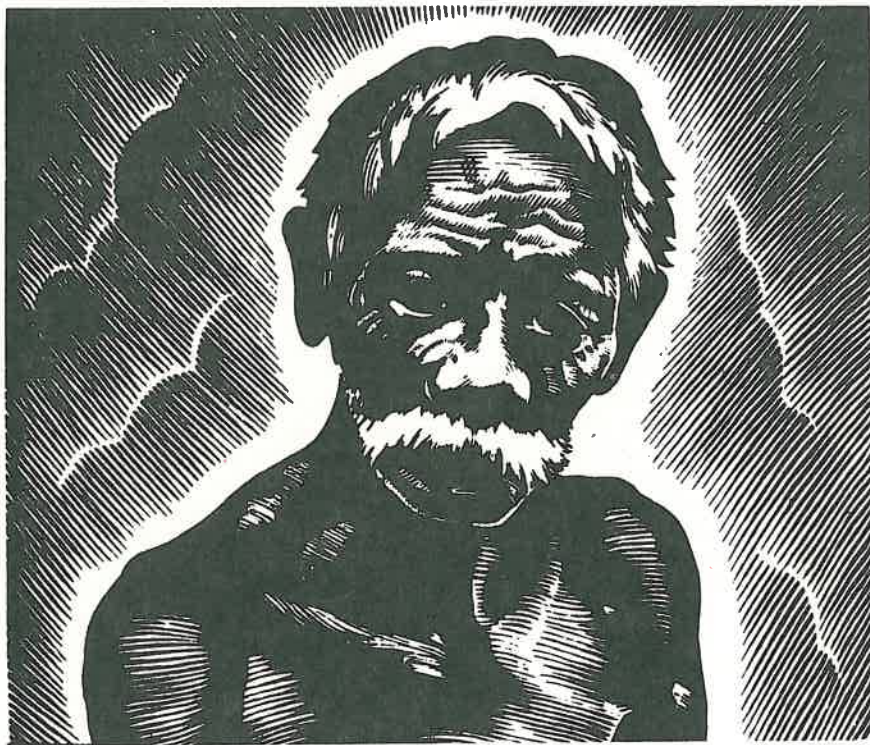
Romans 1:5

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HIS ETERNITY — WHERE?



DO YOU REALLY CARE?

LOOK! BOTH WAYS



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We are cautioned to look both ways before crossing a street. This is a necessary rule and we find if this rule is not enforced many people lose life or limb because of their carelessness. At this time of year we would like to take time to look both ways — backwards to 1978 and then forward to 1979. I do believe there is a need for all of us — individually, and also as a mission — to look backward and see where we failed our Lord and where we pleased the Lord. I know Paul has said we are to *“forget those things that are behind and press on toward the mark.”* But Paul is saying that we should not let things that happened in the past hinder our race. If we stumbled in 1978 we should get up and run — not stay on the ground.

Let's learn a lesson from Joshua in Joshua chapters 23 and 24. Here he uses the past to encourage Israel to press on in their conquest of the land (23:1-5). Joshua had come to the end of his life: he was finishing his course (23:14). He called all Israel and the elders to hear his final message to this nation. This message can be divided into two parts:

- (1) What God did in the past.
 - (2) The Challenge for the future.
- I. What God did in the past.
(Joshua 23-24)

1. The Lord fought for Israel and defeated the nations in the land. (25:3,9,10,14)
 2. Led them out of Egypt through the Red Sea. (24:7)
 3. Crossing of Jordan River. (24:11)
 4. Sent Hornets. (24:12)
 5. Given land and cities which ye built not (24:13)
- II. The challenge for the future. Joshua reminded Israel of their past in order to encourage the Israelites to live better lives in the future. The blessings of the past are only a start or beginning of what God will do. Greater things are yet to be. But it all will depend on these two things:
 - A. Obedience to the Word of God. (23:6; 22:5)
The written objective Word of God. There could be no blessing without obedience to the Word of God. This is a principle of God, no matter what dispensation a person lives under.
 - B. Love the Lord. (23:11)
Why did Joshua have to mention this fundamental requirement of a Christian? Note, it is given with a background of heathen nations, their gods and intermarriages to the heathen. Joshua knew very

well if Israel didn't remain a separate nation they would turn from the love of God to serve and love the gods of these nations, just like Solomon in I Kings 11:1-3. A principle of God for all His people is to love the Lord no matter what dispensation they live under.

We have looked back at what God has done for His work here in the Philippines. As we looked back we could say God has truly blessed. There have been two Bible schools built; have seen many Filipinos trained and sent out from these schools. The gospel of the Grace of God is going out over 12 radio stations. During radio check months we received more than 700 letters. Have set up a training program for the elders in the churches. Started a printing department. Have printed some ten courses for the elders to study. Printing tracts in five different dialects. Printing Bible correspondence courses to be offered over the radio. National churches have been established and many church buildings were built by the nationals. Children in the public schools are being reached by the Bible women. Sunday schools are being set up by these same women.

Our look back is a blessing and encouragement to us to expect greater things in the future. Greater things *IF* we meet the two requirements: (1) Love the Lord, (2) Obey His Word.

LOVE THE LORD. You know missionaries can get so busy doing things which are important that they can really fall in love with the work and get so busy doing the work that they let their love for God slip. They get tied up in the numbers game: so many converts, so many national pastors, so many churches established, and forget the lesson Jesus Christ taught Peter in John 21:15, "*Simon Peter, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?*" We must not forget the great verse in II Corinthians 15:14 "*The Love of Christ constraineth us.*"

THE WORD OF GOD MUST BE

OBEYED. We must not seek to do good things just for the sake of doing good things. We must keep the work based solidly upon the teaching of the Word of God. We must not be caught up in social actions or programs of the liberals. We must continue to get out the message of the gospel of the Grace of God. We must remember that the unbelievers' eyes are closed and the gospel of the Grace of God can open them to salvation. The ones that are saved must be established into a national church. As new believers worship in these churches they are built up in the Word of God rightly divided.

How grateful we are for you — our co-laborers in the work. You were part of what has been accomplished in the past. You have prayed and given. Let us continue this working relationship in 1979. Let us all grow together in the Word of God and in our love for the Lord. If we are doing this then certainly we will be seeking to reach greater numbers with the gospel of the Grace of God.

Beloved, the outlook for 1979 is both good and bad in the Philippines. The doors are still open to get the gospel out by means of radio. We still can buy time on commercial radio. We can still print gospel literature and pass it out. We can still establish churches. We can still enter the public schools. We can still train young people to serve the Lord.

But doors are closing in many areas because of the activities of the Communists and Muslim rebels. Just received a letter from one of the pastors who told of one of his members being killed near the chapel by the Communists. Some of our members will not be around come 1980 because of the enemies of the cross.

Paul in Romans 15:30 beseeches the Roman saints to pray for him. Please note "*strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.*" Strive together has the meaning of "struggle in company with". Co-laboring together in prayer for Paul's work. Note one thing Paul asked prayer for that

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NEW MISSIONARY THOUGHTS



Daniel Sidebottom

Romans 13:11-12 says, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armour of light." How true it is that time continues to march on, never stopping, never rewinding for a second chance, reminding us again that there is "Only one life, 'twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."

Greetings once again from Davao in our Savior's precious name. How wonderful it is to be in the service of the All-mighty God, the creator and sustainer of the universe, and yet the God who loves me and you and each person that has, does, and will live. And again at this time of the year we especially remember the love of God shown to the world by giving His Son to this earth through a virgin to suffer and die on the cross in our place for our sins, shedding His blood to provide the way of salvation. How thankful we need to always be. How conscious of His presence in our daily living we need to be.

As we say each year, "It is hard to believe that a new year is here." It is

hard to believe that 1978 is already past. I ask myself, "What did you do for Christ in 1978? Did you grow closer to Him? Did you learn more about Him? Did you allow Him to lead you? Were you a tool for Him to use and work through? How did you use the time He gave to you in 1978?"

A lot of things have happened in 1978. Many new and different things. It was the year I began my ministry here in the Philippines. And for this I thank the Lord. I continue to pray for the work being done in America and I know there are many needs there. But I thank the Lord for the opportunity to come to a new country, meet new friends, learn new customs, problems, etc. and share in the ministry here in the Philippines. It was a year of learning more about the work of missions outside of the states. It was a year of learning (or beginning to learn) a new language, Cebuano. It was a year of separation from family and friends. It was a year of seeing the tremendous need here in the Philippines. A need for more missionaries. A need for more prayer and financial support for the work here. A need for our schools to grow and better teach those who come to study. A need for more training of leaders in the churches. A need for the radio work to continue broadcasting the wonderful message of salvation and teaching people how to better understand the Word of God. A need for materials and training in our Sunday Schools, a need for continued work among the youth. A need for more material to be printed as far as tracts, teaching materials, correspondence lessons, etc.

It has been a year of also seeing opportunities for further ministry. The opportunities for further evangelism all over as I see people everywhere for whom Christ died, and with whom He would love to spend eternity. I see the opportunity for continually beginning new churches. I see the opportunity

for continually teaching and preaching and training the people here. I hear of the opportunity for holding classes in the schools on "religion". And I am sure there are opportunities where I don't even see them yet. I am reminded what one person said, "We don't need to ask God for opportunities, just to help us see and recognize the opportunities that are always before us."

I would ask for your continued prayers for us as missionaries as well as workers here in the Philippines. That we might continue to have a love for one another, that we could continue to work together in serving Him. That we would be yielded to the Holy Spirit and know His direction in the work here. That we might continually "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." That our knowledge of His Word would grow and our understanding and wisdom in teaching it. And that through it all He might receive the honor and the glory.

For me 1978 has been a year of growing in the Lord and His Word though I know I have much more to learn and will always be learning. A year of joy in sharing with others God's Word and message. A year of seeing God provide as I travel and minister. As I go over all the things He has supplied for me through His people, I am amazed. And yet I shouldn't be, He is God. I need just to be thankful. He has supplied physical strength, safety in traveling there in the states as well as over here and freedom from serious injury. I thank Him for providing for me to travel, meeting many of you and sharing His Word and of the work here. For travel over here. For safety of my personal things that I sent over here by ship. For provision of a pre-arranged employment visa; for provision of a motorcycle (350 cc Yamaha) for my use over here, for a 16 mm projector for the work in the Philippines. For providing so that I could go to language school. For just providing LIFE — Physical and spiritual. How could we ever thank Him sufficiently?

I thank the Lord for those who are

praying for me as I minister here and try to learn the language. And I thank the Lord for those who have felt led to give financially to me and to the work here. It has taken much and will continue to take much as I work for Him, and yet I know that He can and will supply. It gives me an opportunity to see how faithful He is.

School still remains my main business right now. I have finished three months of school and have learned quite a bit, but there is still much I do not know. I can understand some, but often I only catch words and not really the meaning. But maybe that is why I still have four months of school left! So by that time, I hope my vocabulary is built up where I can at least understand and be on my way to preaching in the language. I graduate the 27th of April 1979. At that time I am not sure what area of the work I will be going into. I pray that I might know exactly where and in what He would best be able to use me. Although it is not often that I preach, I do thank the Lord for the opportunities of preaching His Word. We had a youth Conference the 23-27th of Dec. and I was able to attend and speak and really enjoyed the fellowship. About 20 people responded during that time to accept Christ as their Saviour and we trust many Christians were encouraged also. We had a "Watch Night" service here the 31st and I was able to preach there also. I continue to have the regular Sunday Evening service. The church in Davao continues to need your prayers as we follow up the people on the decision cards given to use from the crusade held in November.

Although MGBI is holding classes at our new site, one major building remains to be moved and we trust it might be moved soon. We thank the Lord for the supply for this move. It has and will greatly help the school to minister more effectively.

We desire that 1979 would be a year of real growth in our own lives as well as in the work here in the Philippines

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IS THIS GOD'S GRACE FOR YOU?



Warren, Shirley, Carol, Leo Kelper

This brief article will deal with just two aspects of the word GRACE. First of all, as the Dispensation of Grace and secondly, as one of the personal results of receiving grace.

Let it be understood that we preach "Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, BUT NOW is made manifest . . ." (Rom. 16:25-26); "the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward" (Eph. 3:1-11). And also, let it be known that in all of our travels in southern Brazil we have found no others who preach "Jesus Christ, according to the mystery" without adding to or taking away from it. This "mystery" still is a mystery, even after all the years of preaching Jesus according to the Gospels and even worse, the exalting of the Holy Spirit over the Lord Jesus Christ (Pentecostalism) which is startlingly advanced. Everywhere we go the need is appallingly great. Who is going to teach it to these needy souls that have not had the same marvelous advantage that you have had? Only you can answer this question positively!

In Romans 15:15-16 we find the result of the Apostle Paul receiving grace — that he would be a minister

of Jesus Christ and to offer up the Gentiles to God (as living sacrifices? (Rom. 12:1-2), of course!) being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. A definite work was done in Paul to produce a definite work through Paul! and this by GRACE.

I Corinthians is addressed to the church at "Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called . . . saints, with all that in every place call on Jesus Christ our Lord . . . grace unto you . . . from God our Father . . ." As we continue reading we generally race on to our marvelous blessing of being kept blameless until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. However, we should pay attention to vs. 4-5 where this grace is given for a purpose which includes "in all utterance." This is what Paul was doing as a minister, uttering the Gospel of Grace. But here it is stated that it is for "all who call upon" His name to do it. In chapter 3, verse 9 we are again reminded that WE are "labourers together". In v. 10 Paul laid the only foundation. But "let EVERY man take heed how HE buildeth thereupon". Co-laborers must work together (have the same message) and we have been given grace to utter it.

God's grace is given by measure

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INDIA'S NEEDS

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail," Deut. 28:13.

Praise the Lord for His manifold blessings and thank God for the prayers of the Saints. God the almighty called us out from our kit and kins and brought us into a needy place to serve for Him. Since July 1978 we are staying in this city (Vizakhapatanam) which is a fast growing city. It consists of many big factories, oil refineries, industries and a big business centre. All kinds of educational institutions are in the city. There is a Naval Base and shipyard; so all kinds of people from all over India are staying here. This city is populated with six lakh (a lac is 100,000) of people. So there are vast opportunities for preaching the gospel of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ even in the city itself.

Within this short time, I could make some contact and I am having the opportunity of preaching the gospel in various places to different kinds of people and visiting villages. Even I could visit some of the tribal areas. Everywhere I can see the needy people. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few. India needs thousands of honest laborers. Let us pray to the Lord of harvest to send more laborers to India.

We started a Sunday School, a local sister (Miss Naunathamma) is helping in that Sunday School work. She is a very good help to us in the work. We are just celebrating a Sunday School rally on 10th of December 1978. We are expecting more than 100 people — both parents and students. I am going alternatively to two villages. One is forty miles away from this city and the other is more than 100 miles (in a tribal area). Both places we are having gatherings and are in need of places for worship. Saints, please keep this matter in your precious prayers.

An able brother is willing to give his shoulder to share the burden and to help me in His ministry here. He is much interested in starting a Christian

reading room and literature centre in a new section of the city, for which we have already asked a room to rent. Now the question is who will bear the needs of it. We are looking forward to God for all the material needs and praying always for His blessings. Please pray with us for this brother and the Sunday School teacher and their needs.

After much prayer we decided to start a small day school and to train two or three young people for the promotion of the Lord's service in this area. I humbly request you brethren please pray for me so that the Lord may keep me in the centre of His will and use me for His great glory.

As the Lord's coming is at hand, let us be busy in His service and finish His work before His coming. When He will come we will see rewards of our labors.

Please pray for my urgent need of getting a vehicle to reach the distant places and villages with the gospel. Above all, once again I request to pray for the blessings of the Lord's work in this part of India.

In His Service,

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he may be delivered from them that do not believe at Jerusalem. Brethren, we call you to struggle with us in paryer for all phases of the work. Pray especially that our members will be delivered from the enemies of the cross — Communists and Muslim rebels. Pray that each of us — pastors, teachers, missionaries — will have boldness to make known the gospel. Pray for spiritual growth in all our lives. Romans 15:6

EVANGELISM OR DOCTRINE



Eunice and Bill Heath

The biblical word "doctrine" simply means "teaching," yet, the word has come to mean something more specific in practical useage. It has come to mean only that teaching which goes beyond a simple presentation of the gospel and exhortations to godly living — a distinction not made in Scripture. Using the word in this limited way, however, what is the value of "doctrine"?

There is a tendency today for many to say, in effect, "I do not think we should spend time teaching doctrine. People are lost and on their way to eternity without Christ — and the coming of the Lord is near — so we need to forget doctrine and just evangelize."

Paul's concern for evangelism cannot be ignored or underrated. As an evangelist, unmatched to this day, he turned the known world upside down with the proclamation of the gospel of the grace of God. He ceased not to warn men of their lost condition night and day with tears. One of his last instructions to us was to "do the work of an evangelist." In his first epistle to the Corinthians he told them that he had determined to know nothing among them but

Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Yet Paul was the outstanding teacher and preacher of doctrine in all of the Word of God. In the very epistle where he spoke of knowing only Christ and Him crucified he taught them the doctrines of inspiration of Scripture, the two natures of the believer, the judgment seat of Christ, Christian liberty and responsibility, the place of spiritual gifts in the church, the resurrection of Christ and believers, and the rapture of the Body of Christ — to name but a few. In the same book where he urges us to do the work of an evangelist he also tells us to preach the Word. Paul evidently did not follow the simplistic approach to ministry expressed in the words, "I do not bother with doctrine, I just preach the gospel."

Why should we take the time to preach doctrine in these crucial days?

For one thing, we must engage in some solid biblical teaching before men can know why they even need to be saved, what salvation is, and how they can obtain it. Even in Paul's day there was another gospel which was not a true gospel at all, but a perversion of it. Today there are so many false teachings about the gospel

that even believers are often very uncertain in their own minds as to what it really is. If asked the question, "What is the gospel of salvation?" how many could respond with the assurance and clarity of Paul, "— Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried, and rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."? If asked, "What must I do to be saved?" how many could respond as concisely and simply as Paul when he told the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."? Even if our answers to these questions can be as succinct as Paul's, can we justify our answers in the face of the natural legalism of men's hearts without presenting the content of Romans and Galatians? Without doctrinal teaching? Paul couldn't, nor can we.

Furthermore, if we do not teach doctrine diligently to those who come to know the Lord, the cults and false religions will lure them into their organizations and *they* will teach them doctrine, — FALSE doctrine! Once ensnared it requires many, many hours of diligent teaching to recover them, even if they are still willing to listen to the truth. They need to be taught solid Bible doctrine when they are first saved lest they become prey to false teachers.

Since the day of Paul there has been a gradual falling away from the truths that he proclaimed so forcefully. In I Timothy he speaks of this tendency to error down through the years. His first epistle to his young helper is filled with instructions for us during these "latter times." In II Timothy he tells us that the final result of this tendency to error will be a great apostasy in which the teaching of falsehood will be very grave indeed, and well nigh universal. He speaks of this time as the "last days." II Timothy is of particular importance to us for it gives us instructions as to what our ministry, message, and conduct should be in these last days. It is as though Paul saw the particular situation that we

today would face and wrote an epistle just for us. In both of these epistles there is instruction concerning what Paul calls "the deposit." What is in view is a deposit of truth.

Reading from the Revised Version we learn that the deposit (that which is committed) is first entrusted to Paul (I Tim. 1:11), then deposited with Timothy (I Tim. 1:18) who was to guard it (I Tim. 6:20). Finally Timothy is exhorted to deposit this precious body of truth with faithful men who will be able to teach others also. (II Tim. 2:2 — There is a very profitable study of this subject on pages 236 and 237 of Explore the Book, volume 6 — by J. Sidlow Baxter). Now if we were given a diamond ring to guard, we could put it in a safe, or hide it in some inaccessible place, but the only way to guard truth is to *give it away*, — to everyone! We must diligently, carefully, prayerfully, and powerfully teach the great doctrines of the Word of God. If we do not teach them we will most certainly lose them.

When Paul wrote the last chapter of his last book, just before he died, he encouraged us, even commanded us, to do the work of an evangelist — to preach the gospel —, but he first exhorted us to *preach the Word*. We can know just what he had in mind by the expression "the Word" if we note some other verses in this book.

"The Word" included the particular truths for this age of grace that had been revealed to and through Paul. "Continue thou in the things thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" he said in II Tim. 3:14. These were things that he had heard from Paul himself, as II Tim. 2:2 states. Also "the Word" includes the Old Testament Scriptures as II Tim. 3:15 clearly shows. The only Scriptures that Timothy could have known from his childhood were the Old Testament writings, for no New Testament books had been written at that time. The

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DECEMBER REPORT OF SANTA CATARINA, BRAZIL

Greetings in Romans 15:9, "And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name."

These months there is not very much news about the services here in Santa Catarina, but the work continues on the already evangelized fields; also on the new ones that were started this year.

The families who cannot come to church are visited regularly in their homes. In the places where we have men which have enough wisdom, the meetings are made regularly. There are five such places in Santa Catarina state.

Brother Antonio de Frietas and Edio Vieira are the brothers which are working with me. They are always ready to handle and explain God's message. II Tim. 2:15.

One of the new fields is Urucurua, 115 Km. from Blumenau, which is in the mountains. People there are colonist (farmers). There the meetings are made at evenings with film strips, songs and prayers.

In Urucurua there are two new believing families. Attendance is from 80 to 100 people. Bibles have been placed in five houses and they already have learned to read the Bible in public meetings. The meetings are held in a hall, but soon we have to move to another place.

I was there for four days with Brother Antonio making contact with the people and evangelizing in the evenings. Now Brother Antonio is visiting these places at set times each month with all of his family doing the work of personal evangelism.

These are real important services, because they always ask questions about the Bible and religion. These people are descendants from Italians and Germans.

The priest knows that we are working there and is trying to hinder our

work. Please pray for the work.

Bible literature with the grace gospel doctrines in new editions (Eph 2:1-10) are distributed. The towns of Armacao, Tijucas, Areias, Uru, Blumenau, Ibirama and also some families who come to visit our house are being evangelized with the grace Gospel. These are the activities of Santa Catarina. We look for the Lord's help for the year 1979, so we can do more and more for Him.

We thank all of the brothers and friends in the States who have cooperated with support, strength and faith, so we can work as long as the doors are open. We are little, few and weak and despised before many eyes and also sometimes called false teachers, but we trust in the Lord and His word until Christ comes for His Church. We also trust Him for all our needs; asking Him directly because we live by FAITH.

- I. The true faith accepts the problems of life as an evidence of the love of God. Hebrews 12:5.
- II. The true faith will trust in the middle of suffering, waiting for the direction of God. Hebrews 12:10.
- III. The true faith is always underneath God's discipline. Hebrews 12:11.
- IV. The true faith seeks God's purpose, knowing that the governments are in His hands. Hebrews 12:7.

Henrique Schmidt

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and in other areas where TCM is working. So that more would have the opportunity to hear of God's great grace and to grow in Him. That the Lord might receive all the honor and glory.

Daniel Sidebottom

GOD AS REVEALED IN THE BIBLE

From the dim past wise men have been trying to find out when and how the universe was born. No scientist or Astronomer has been able to give a satisfactory answer. Men, however, will not go to the true source of information — The infallible, inspired word of God — “I AM THAT I AM.”

Philosophers have called the creator — The First Cause. The Bible calls him ALPHA & OMEGA. Jehovah gives the correct answer in several passages of the Bible. Suffice it to quote one from the book of Job. “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare if thou hast understanding (where wast thou) when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for Joy?” (Job 38: 4, 7). The same thought is expressed in unsurpassed language in Psalm 19, “The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth His handywork.” With all these clear revelations, the fact remains that no man hath seen God at any time (John 1:18). “No man may see me and yet live” (Ex. 33:20). This fundamental statement is reinforced by Paul in I. Tim. 1:7, “Now unto the KING eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.” The qualities of Jehovah are set forth in Exodus 34:6, “The LORD, the LORD GOD, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.”

Having contemplated the nature of God the Father, let us turn to his only begotten SON, the Lord Jesus Christ. “In the beginning was the Logos, and the Logos was with God (Ho Theos) and the Logos was Divine (Moffatt).” “All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3). Consider also what Solomon says, “Jehovah possessed ME in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.” (Proverbs 8:22). The following imponderable verse reveals the Divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ. “But unto the SON

he saith, THY throne O God is for ever and ever . . . ” “Sit on my right hand until I make thine enemies THY foot stool.” (Heb. 1:8, 13).

We get glimpses of the great controversy between God and Satan in Isaiah 14 and Ezekial 28. It resulted in the great overthrow. The earth, which was the domain of Lucifer, became waste and void. When Christ cried on the cross, “It is finished”, He accomplished God’s plan. But its consummation is yet future.

It is finally accomplished in Revelation chapter 21 in the ‘New Heaven’ and the ‘New Earth’ when “God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”

D. James (India)

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remaining books of our New Testament were also included, according to II Tim. 3:16 where “the Word” includes *all Scripture*.

When Paul urges us to “preach the Word” he is only asking us to follow his example. In Acts 20:27 we are told that Paul, in his ministry, declared “the whole counsel of God.” While we are to distinguish things that differ in the Word, and look at the complete revelation in light of the Pauline epistles, we are specifically told that *all Scripture is profitable for doctrine*. If we do not preach and teach the whole Word of God we are neither wise nor scriptural — nor are we Pauline!

What about gospel preaching? As we preach the whole counsel of God we are, like Paul, to emphasize the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24). The two must go hand in hand, the gospel and doctrine. Without evangelism we would eventually have no one to teach. Without teaching, “doctrinal” teaching, we would have few indeed who could effectively join with us in further evangelism.

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11 DOWN, 3 TO GO!



Vernon, Pat, Leah, Mary, Rachel Bigelow

No, that's not yardage. It is the time of the Bigelows' furlough. Vernon, Pat, Rachel and Leah have been home 12 months. The Lord willing, they'll leave for Cebu City, Republic of the Philippines, sometime in the middle of June.

On January 14th, bad weather caused the cancellation of the services at the Kidley church, so the family went to a church in St. Bernice. Even though this was the first time to meet the pastor, he gave Vernon and Pat opportunity to tell something about the work the Lord is doing in the Philippines. (Praise the Lord for churches with a missionary vision.)

As Vernon gave a brief testimony, he mentioned that it was on December 29, 1957, that he and Pat had made professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That was 21 years ago. It is unbelievable to think of the changes that God has made in our lives.

Somone asked if Rachel and Leah liked it better in the Philippines, or here in the States. Both answered, "The Philippines!" The family is looking forward to our return to Cebu City but until we return, we are trying to do what Paul and Barnabas did on their furlough from missionary work:

And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they reviewed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened

the door of faith unto the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

When possible, Pat and the girls travel with Vernon. Most of the time he travels alone. Using a 1972 Pinto and a 1971 Pontiac, the family has already travelled over 29,000 miles, reviewing what God has done in the Republic of the Philippines in 40 different churches and homes.

Vernon G. Bigelow

Continued from page 6 (Eph. 4:7) and since it is given according to the measure of Christ Who is infinite, let us never say that we haven't been given enough grace for any minute, day, year or situation. It just isn't true! Our problem is with receiving it. Our flesh doesn't want it. Grace does away with our excuses. But grace does render us subject to God's good, acceptable and perfect will. And "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28).

The Apostle Paul is greatly admired by all believers, whether they understand the "mystery" or not. They know that he truly served our Lord and loved Him. And he says that he was what he was by the "grace of God". Clearly, God's grace is not ineffectual . . . not in vain (I Cor.



Amy, Darlene, Valerie, Vernon, Ben
Anderson

Vernon and Darlene Anderson and family have laboured faithfully in the Far East since 1958 and are continually opening new areas for the preaching of the truth for the Church the Body of Christ as revealed for us through the Apostle Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Vernon is our Missionary Pilot and continues to fly the Cherokee Six in Indonesia, Philippines and just recently to Biak (near New Guinea).

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15:10; Gal. 2:20-21).

I rejoice in our wonderful Lord that many, although they don't understand the "mystery", have found His grace very useful in their lives as they produce fruit for Him. How about we who do know the "mystery" . . . do we really know His grace to utter it in its fullness wherever it is not known? Who will labor together with us and God in Brazil so that the rich, poor, fat, weak, arrogant, humble, young, old lost souls will find what they really need most — the Lord Jesus Christ. Will you? whether you are rich, poor, fat, weak, young, retired . . . but definitely humble! Yes, only you can answer this question positively!

I Corinthians 16:23. Amen!

Warren Keiper

FILLING A SPECIAL NEED

It is easy to see why the Lord brought us back to the Philippines. Both IGBI and MGBI are in desperate need of a teacher. We will be teaching at IGBI, in Ozamis City, this next semester at least, but hoping to spend time, whenever possible, at MGBI with seminars and special short term courses. Since the schools are not always in session at the same time, this is feasible.

IGBI has a special need of our ministry just now. One of our trusted national teachers has gone into several areas of false teaching and, before we were aware of it, had deeply indoctrinated many of the students and a few of the workers with his ideas. He is no longer with the mission, but is seeking to form a mission of his own, drawing from our workers for his staff and our members for his constituency. We will seek to answer his teaching in seminars and in print as the Lord grants wisdom and time. Pray that we may be able to "speak the truth in love" and that the Word of God may not only recover those involved from their error, but also bring us all to new depths of dedication and heights of spiritual revival.

Continue to pray for the expansion of workers' seminars, establishment of lending libraries — both for books and Bible study tapes, and for our evangelistic outreach.

The workers are, more than ever, in danger from the rebel activity in their areas. We are grateful that MGBI has been able to move to a safer and more centrally located campus. Pray that they will soon be able to complete the relocation of the main school building. Pray also for Antonio Rombo, the Director of MGBI, who is growing thinner day by day as he seeks to carry the entire burden of the move in addition to the teaching and administration of the school almost single handedly.

Thank you for your concern for and help in the work of the Lord here in the southern Philippines.

Bill and Eunice Heath

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Have you believed the gospel? If you have not, then believe this moment that Christ died for you and rose again, trust Him to save you forever, and then enjoy the teaching of

the Word of God that will enable you to stand fast in these last days — with a testimony that will cause others to believe the gospel also.

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HOUR OF GRACE BROADCAST Philippine Listening Schedule Study the Bible Rightly Divided through Radio

Place	Station	Daily
LUZON		
Legaspi City	DZGB	6:00 A.M. Monday
Daet, Camerines N.	DZMD	6:00 A.M. thru
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Dacolod City	DYHB	6:00 A.M. Sunday only
MINDANAO		
Davao City	DXRA	5:45 P.M.
Cotabato City	DXCW	5:45 A.M.
Iligan City	DXIC	6:30 P.M.
Ozamis City	DXSY	6:30 P.M.
Gen. Santos City	DXMZ	7:15 A.M.

Over 900 letters were received during a recent Letter Month. These are mostly 15 minute broadcasts and cost a total of about \$500 monthly. Many churches have been started as a result of the radio ministry which is mostly in the language of the people.

DIRECTORS NOTES



Eldred & Beverly Sidebottom

On Nov. 1, 1978, Benjamin Thomas and Sandy James were born to Barry and Kathy Pumphrey, our missionaries in Birmingham, England. Barry wrote, "There were a few minutes when the lives of babies and mom were in serious danger. Thankfully we live near to what must be one of the best maternity hospitals in the country. Quick action on the part of doctors and nurses saw that all three lives were saved. Really we are just full of praise for how God has worked things out." Barry also wrote, "Have many speaking engagements for 1979 and trust the Lord will open many hearts to his wonderfully all sufficient, saving grace.



Please pray for us as we look to this new journey through the coming year. We are praying that God will undertake for you and all the TCM family as we labour 'together with Christ' in 1979."

TCM's National leader in Nigeria West Africa, Innocence I. Udoh, writes, "About our convention for the end of 1978. It was most thrilling, very wonderful and the attendance was great. It lasted from Friday 15th Dec. thru 17th December, and some of our most Senior Pastors were the chief speakers . . . We will create more zones this year in order to limit our travelling distance, especially those of us who have no good means of transportation, and for those who trek on foot. By God's grace we shall succeed as usual and all will work out according to His plan. All these our efforts need money for our expansion. Thanks very much for your support in every need. Our Heavenly Father will also reward you and yours. Amen. Please greet all our Brethren for us." (Director's note: The best transportation that these workers in Nigeria have is a motorcycle and bicycles. Let us pray that a car or a truck can be obtained to help spread the Lord's work there in Africa.)

The Things to Come Mission held its first Executive Board Meeting of the new year and Mr. Robert Travis of Akron, Colo., was elected President of the Board. Archie Smith of Garden Grove, Calif., was elected Secretary of the Board and Eldred Sidebottom was elected the Director and Treasurer of the Board. Pray for the TCM Board as they seek to further Missions at home and abroad.

