

Gospel - Light

"Send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me." Ps. 43:3

«For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation...» (Romans 1:16)

Salvation - God's Eternal Security!

I could ask you a host of questions. Are you married or single? Male or female? Do you own a car? Do you go to church? Have you ever been to jail? Your reply would be instant. But sadly, when many are asked about their eternal destiny, (Heaven or Hell) they say that "no one can know for certain" or some reply that "they hope so..."

However the Word of God teaches us that **WE CAN BE SURE ABOUT HEAVEN!** "These things have I written unto you that you may KNOW that ye have eternal life..." (1 John 5:13). God is not a liar and He has never intended for man to go through life guessing and wondering about such an important issue. The Bible does NOT say, "maybe" or "we'll see", but **"THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE..."** The Apostle Paul was convinced in his heart as he knew that he was Heaven-bound and that is why he boldly said **"...to die is gain"** (Phil. 1:21).

Through the centuries believers have been praising Jesus while being tortured and martyred. How? By grace, with peace in their hearts from KNOWING that Heaven was their eternal destiny. One reason so many people fear death is because they do not realize that God's salvation is available to them. The lies of Satan darken the minds of those who fail to study the Scriptures for themselves. All that



God wants from us is an honest confession of our sin and to recognize that He alone can forgive us. Turning to Jesus, our Savior, He delivers us from the penalty of sin and promises us an eternal home in Heaven.

Suppose you were drowning in the ocean and I pulled you into my boat, cleaned you up, fed you and gave you some dry clothes. Then as we approached the shore, from a few hundred feet out I threw you back into the water to swim or drown. You would not call me a savior; not unless I took you all the way to the shore.

Mankind is drowning in sin! The lie of the

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Is it True ?

"...Pilate saith unto Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in Him no fault at all" (John 18:33-38). **IS IT TRUE?** Is there a God who is all-powerful, all-knowing, and ruling our universe? Is there a Heaven and a Hell? You have to ask yourself the question, **IS IT TRUE?** The Bible declares that God created the Heavens and the Earth! It explains the fall of man through sin, and proclaims the salvation of man provided through Christ, the Son of God. **IS IT TRUE?**

That is the ultimate question for every person to answer individually. **If the Word of God is NOT TRUE, then who cares! Live it up. Eat, drink, and be merry!** If the Bible is not true, what difference does anything make in our lives? You might as well do all you can to please yourself if there is no God, no hereafter, and no accountability... But, **"...Christ died for our sins... He was buried, ...and He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"** (1 Corinthians 15:3,4).

If nobody can avoid GOD, the question remains, **"IS IT ALL TRUE?"** Did God give you life? Is He the



Creator and we His creatures? Is it God that allows you and I to breathe His air and walk on His earth? Or did we just evolve from some cosmic dust without a Divine Maker? Jesus Himself asked His disciples the question more to the point, **"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?"** (Matthew 16:15).

The Truth Will Set You Free

The authoritative Word of God reveals this liberating truth about Christ to all of mankind! It tells you who God is, what He has done, and what He plans to do in the future. The Bible instructs us how to live now. God doesn't want you to walk around in confusion wondering about the meaning of life. **The Devil is the author of confusion, the father of lies and he uses false religions and counterfeit gods to deceive people.** Many are duped, believing Satan's various lies, but the Lord Jesus wants everyone to come unto Him and find peace in their hearts through knowing Christ in a personal relationship!

It's an amazing transformation to change from questioning Christianity, to KNOWING that, **YES, IT IS TRUE!** Everything the Holy Bible says is instruction and enlightenment for souls to come to Christ. **"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins..."** (Acts 26:18).

Again I ask, have you dealt with that question, **"IS**

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What Do You Fear ?

In our world today we find many people who use and abuse the tool of fear to control other people. The Mafia for example gains money and power through the instrument of fear, relying on their ability to intimidate others... History teaches us that Adolf Hitler frightened and terrorized the masses to gain power and keep the people under subjection...

Even now, as we sit in horror watching the daily news of the atrocities carried out in America and across the globe it causes us concern for the future. WE SEE wars and rumors of wars. WE SEE earthquakes, fires and famine around the world. WE SEE the rise of anarchy and civil disobedience. WE SEE evil being called "good", and good being called "evil". And many are frightened from all of the uncertainty and instability in the world...

The promise for every believer in Christ is in stark contrast to our circumstances. **"FEAR THOU NOT; FOR I AM WITH THEE; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness"** Isa 41:10.

However, every person ever born into this world should recognize that there is a Creator. **"All things were made by Him and for Him..."** We are His creatures and we are

all accountable to our Maker. And as the Holy Scriptures tell us, we should Fear HIM, or respect Him!



THE WARNING

The Lord Jesus warned His disciples of the hypocrisy among the religious leaders. Certainly this problem remains true today... Some church leaders confuse us with their double-talk, as they try to sound and appear Holy, when in fact, they live selfish lives and act proud before us. This is a distraction from Satan, to get the people **to forget about God. The Devil wants you to take your eyes off the Lord,** and look at the short comings of religious leaders.

The Lord however, warns us that there is a judgement day

coming for all! These false leaders may be fooling some of the people but there is a day of reckoning coming. **"...Fear Him,** which after he hath killed hath power to cast into Hell; yea, I say unto you, **Fear Him"**. For this reason, we need to Fear God.

THE WISDOM

The Bible teaches us that, **"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:** and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). Unfortunately, there is no reverence or respect for God among most of society in our day. Decisions are made without prayer. Important questions in life are answered by philosophers of the world, rather than examining what the Holy Scriptures instruct. **"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"** (2 Tim. 3:16).

Listen to me please. Wisdom does not come from books, knowledge come from books. You receive wisdom from fearing God, and growing in His Word. **"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby"** (1 Peter 2:2). The experiences of life, the troubles and trials that upset us bring us closer to God. It is interesting to note that most people have very little time for the things of the Lord until tragedy strikes. But, everyone fears God in an earthquake! Everybody fears God when a health problem arises! Every person fears God when it is a matter of life or death!

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One old saying that best illustrates my point is: **«There are no atheists on the battlefield, in times of war».**

Are things going so well for you now that you don't see your need to fear God? Are you too busy making money, and fulfilling your desires to Fear HIM? The wisest man that ever lived was King Solomon. And as an old man, at the end of his full, rich life Solomon wrote: **«Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man»** (Eccl. 12:13). **Wise men still seek Him, and fear Him!**

THE WEALTH

Even **the Devil knows** that God blesses those that fear Him. **«Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land».** The Devil does not want you to be blessed by God, so he tries to keep you from respecting God. Satan distracts you with all of the sinful pleasures of this world...

The Bible teaches that **«By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life»** (Proverbs 22:4). We receive everything we have from God!



The greatest wealth that anyone can receive is not a big house, or a new luxurious car, or millions of dollars. No, the greatest wealth you can receive is the gift of God! **«For the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord».**

The Lord Jesus came into this world two thousand years ago and His own Jewish people refused to receive His offer. Now today Christ offers salvation to all those that fear Him, that believe upon Him. **«For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved»** (Rom.10:12,13). **«Surely His salvation is nigh them that Fear HIM...»** (Psalm 85:9).

If God forbid, tragedy struck today, and you passed into eternity, **do you know for sure you would go to Heaven?** Did you ever receive Christ as your personal Savior? **«He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God»** (1 John 5:13). **«...yea, I say unto you, Fear Him»**

— Tom Meador

Is it True ?

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IT TRUE? I tell you, there is a Heaven and a Hell! You can know that for certain in your heart if you are honest and objective in your pursuit. Some religious leaders claim that you can only hope for the best when we die and face God, but God tells us clearly in His Holy Word, **«These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God»** (1 John 5:13). Don't you see that? Eternal life is not a mysterious, "I think so..." or a "maybe", or an "I hope so..." **«Ye shall KNOW the truth and the TRUTH shall make you free».** Salvation through faith in Christ is a personal experience that you can KNOW about!

The Truth Will Shield Your Faith
Someone is always trying to question the truth of God's Word. The Devil twisted the truth of the Holy Scriptures when he tempted the Lord Jesus Christ in the wilderness. But Christ knew the Holy Scriptures and He used them to shield the Devil's attack. **«And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. «But He answered and said, IT IS WRITTEN, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God»** (Matt.4:3,4). **«Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked»** (Eph 6:16). **God's Word is our**

shield!

The Truth Will Send You Forth

After Jesus Christ arose from the grave He walked and talked with two men on the road to Emmaus. **«And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?»** The Bible declares that Jesus Christ is **THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE!** NO man can go to Heaven, except through faith in Him. There is **NO** other way of salvation...



Do you believe that? Do you believe that IT IS TRUE? I warn you! It is dangerous to reject the truth about God Almighty! «...but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God» (John 3:18). The truth is Christ died for our sins and offers us the gift of eternal life!

When you trust Christ and invite Him into your heart you will see the reality of what your life is all about, **THE TRUTH!** The Holy Spirit will enlighten you and draw you closer to God. **He will encourage and strengthen you to go forth rejoicing and telling others...**

Have you been set free from the lies of Satan? Was there ever a time when you prayed and trusted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour? If not, I invite you to receive Christ now!

— Tom Meador

Salvation - God's Eternal Security!

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Devil is that Christ died to save us, BUT we must swim to Heaven's shore. NO! NO! Jesus, our great Savior, **«Is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him»** (Heb. 7:25). Our assurance is based upon the honesty of God's character. **He has promised eternal life to whosoever believes in Him. «AND I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, NEITHER SHALL ANY MAN PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY HAND»** (John 10:28). This is God's eternal security for every believer! Salvation, His promise that you will never perish!

What about you? Are you resting in Christ to get you to Heaven's shore or are you trying to swim your way clutching to church membership? Is your confidence in the Savior alone or do you put some trust in your church, your good deeds, or something else? Study

the Scriptures yourself and you will find that only faith in Jesus Christ alone brings your salvation.

Jesus said, **«...no man comes to the Father but by Me»** (John 14:6). There are two categories of people, those that are going to Heaven and those that are going to Hell. **«HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE, HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD HATH NOT THE LIFE».** Don't you see that?

I could ask you again, if you have a car, or do you own a home, etc.? But, I ask you, **«Do you have the Son of God?» Do you have eternal life?** I know that I do! Christ said, **«and ye will not come to Me that ye might have life...»** (John 5:40). You must decide. Will you bow to Christ in prayer and receive Christ's gift of eternal salvation? **«For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved»** (Rom 10:13). Yes, **God wants you to KNOW, AND TO BE SURE.** And you can know that you have ETERNAL LIFE!

— Tom Meador

WORSHIP GOD, NOT ANGELS!

«For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? and again, I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son?» Here are two questions set forth by the apostle Paul to try to show how, indeed, the Lord Jesus is exalted much higher and has, indeed, obtained a much better name than any of the angels. At no time or place has God said to any of the angels, **«Thou art my Son.»** Jesus is the only begotten of the Father, but all the angelic beings are the result of God's great creative genius (and creative power). Then, at no time or place has God said to any angel, **«...I will be to him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son?»**



so honors angels to that degree. But, God does call His Son His very own.

There is another statement in verse 6. **«And again, when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world, He saith, and let all the angels of God worship Him.»** Angels do not receive worship! Neither Gabriel or Michael in all of their celestial majesty ever receive any worship. Worship was the thing that caused Lucifer, a onetime archangel, to fall. He coveted the glory of the throne of God. He wanted the worship that belonged to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

When we bow down to

the feet of the Lord Jesus to worship Him and confess Him as God, we, therefore, confess that He is infinitely greater than any cherubim or seraphim or angel or archangel that God has ever made. Has it occurred to you that if you got upon your knees and started to worship Gabriel or Michael, who are real and literal archangels, you would be disobeying the commandments given by God to Moses. But for all of us who know the Lord as our personal Saviour, we humbly bow to worship the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! **«Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.»** Rev. 4:11 He alone is worthy of our worship! Worship the Lord Jesus Christ!

— Harold B Sightler

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What's Your Reason for Rejecting Jesus?

The evidence regarding Jesus is so overwhelming that it seems incredible to me, that many people still reject Him. After all, the promises of a better life on earth and eternal life in Heaven are not bad promises, and they're easy and free. Rejection of the Messiah, however, should not be surprising. It was often prophesied (Isaiah 53:1-3; Psalm 118:22; Matthew 21:42-46; Luke 16:19-31). And yet for various reasons people continue to reject Jesus Christ...

Ignorance- Perhaps the greatest reason for non belief in Jesus is ignorance. Most people take far too little time to investigate their religious beliefs. As a result, world opinion often becomes the basis for the most important issue in life. It may come from a family belief, friends, or a dominant church in the community. But in the end, it doesn't matter what the reason is if you are wrong. Nor does sincerity matter. As history has shown all too often, people can be very sincere, yet sincerely wrong.

Apathy- Many times people have a false sense of security that God will take care of everyone. This idea is sometimes accompanied with the thought that Hell doesn't exist, or that God will send everyone who «tries to be good» to Heaven anyway. This is not what the Bible teaches. The Bible reveals that God's promises are reserved for His people and there are many reasons why others «don't hear» (Matthew 13:11-43). The reality and horror of Hell are clearly stated, including the narrowness of the path to get to Heaven (Matthew 7:13).



Fear- Some people fear that becoming a Christian means «giving up fun» or living a strange, secluded life without friends. Nowhere in the Bible does it say we must start a dull life and turn away from having parties with other people. It says the opposite. The Bible promises that knowing Jesus will let us «live life to the fullest» (John 10:10). And not only will such freedom draw us to have fun with friends; the Bible says even the angels in Heaven «rejoice» when we accept Jesus as Lord (Luke 15:10).

Tradition- People tend to adopt their parent's beliefs, even if they're wrong. This reason for rejecting Jesus is often the strongest. But we are each accountable for our own actions. Even society doesn't send parents to jail for their children's crimes. Jesus knew He would, at times, cause people to break away from traditional family beliefs (Matthew 10:21,22).

The Influence of Evil- Fully understanding why people reject Jesus requires recog-

nizing the existence of supernatural agents of evil, every bit as real as God and agents of good. The Bible extensively acknowledges demons, Satan, and deceitful evil influence. The goal of evil is to do whatever it takes to draw people away from Jesus. Remember Paul said, «Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us» (1 Thessalonians 2:18). One step off the path is all it takes, such as a different «kind» of Jesus or a stubborn resistance to asking Him to direct our life. «I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ» (Galatians 1:6).

And the world is filled with such evil trying to draw us away. «Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded» (James 4:8). By sincerely asking God to reveal the truth, you can then decide NOT to reject Him! «Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you» (Matthew 7:7)

You have read this message showing why people reject Christ, think how simple it is to receive Christ. You can open the door and Jesus will come in. You can simply receive salvation as a gift. You can accept the sweet invitation. Jesus said, «Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out» (John 6:37). If you realize that you are a lost sinner who needs saving and if you are tired of sin and want forgiveness, then I beg you here and now say yes to Jesus in your heart, turn your case over to Him and depend on Him to do the saving which He promised. Will you do that today?

— Ralph O. Muncaster

Suit Up!

When I played American football as a kid, one thing that took some getting used to was all the equipment we had to wear. Running effectively in a helmet, shoulder pads, and a variety of other protective items can feel awkward and clumsy at first. But over time the protective gear becomes like a familiar friend that provides welcome protection against serious injury. When a football player suits up, he knows that his equipment is designed to protect him in battle against a dangerous opponent.

As followers of Christ, we also face a dangerous foe—a spiritual enemy who seeks our downfall and destruction. Fortunately, our Lord has provided us with protection, and He challenges us to suit up for spiritual battle.

In Ephesians 6:13, we read, **“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”** Paul then describes our armor — **helmet, breastplate, shield, sword, belt, and shoes.** These pieces of spiritual equipment are effective only if we put them on and use them, even if they might feel uncomfortable at first. Faithfulness in the Word (v.17), in prayer (v.18), and in witness (vv.19-20) are critical to making our armor feel like a part of us. So suit up! The battle is on!

God's armor is tailor-made for you, but you must put it on!

— Bill Crowder

The Right Information

Our flight had been airborne about 15 minutes when the pilot announced that the aircraft had a serious problem the crew was trying to analyze. A few minutes later, he announced that it was a vibration and that we would have to return to the airport. Then the flight attendants made a series of step-by-step announcements explaining what was going on and what would happen once we were on the ground. In an event that could have been terrifying, the fears of the passengers were relieved because we were given the right information.



In the first century, a group of believers in Thessalonica were afraid that their believing loved ones who had died were gone forever and would miss out on the second coming of Christ. For that reason, Paul wrote, **“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope”** (1 Thess. 4:13). Paul's words of comfort were intended to soften their fears by giving them the right information, which made all the difference in the world. While grieving their loss, they could still have hope of a coming reunion with those who were in Christ.

In seasons of loss, we too can find comfort and hope because the Bible has given us the right information.

— Bill Crowder

A WORLD RECORD FALL!

1 Corinthians 10:12 **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall”.**

On August 16, 1960 a man named Joseph Kittinger parachuted 102,800 feet (approximately 20 miles). His free fall took 4 minutes and 36 seconds, in which he exceeded the speed of sound. He touched down safely after 13 minutes and 45 seconds. A man named Felix Baumgartner will attempt to break that record this year by making a jump of 120,000 feet (approximately 23 miles). If he succeeds he will be listed in the record book as **“the man who has fallen farther than anyone has ever fallen.”**

Not attempting to take anything away from the accomplishments of these men, but the Bible records the world record fall. It took place in the Garden of Eden and no one will ever match its magnitude; Genesis

3:6 **“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat”.** Adam by his disobedience doomed not only himself, but the entire human race to follow, to “fall” into sin; Romans 5:19a **“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners”.**

We are sinners by birth. Adam's fall brought that about.

When we are old enough to discern, we become sinners by choice, doubly sinners; **Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”;** We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners. Just as six thousand years ago Adam fell, everyone of us has fallen.



On their own these parachute jumpers could not survive the fall. Mr. Baumgartner will use a pressurized capsule, a space suit, oxygen, and a parachute to survive the fall. Without anyone of these, he will die.

It will require something far greater to survive our fall into sin, Ephesians 2:8 **“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God”.** The atoning sacrifice of our Saviour for our sins is the only “parachute” that will bring us safety. 1Peter 1:18-19 **“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”.**

You have already fallen. Adam took the plunge for us all. Are you ready for the landing? Be sure that you are properly equipped, Romans 10:9 **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved”.**

— J. Fred Barton

Grace



*I wish I always carried it with me.
I wish it always shaped the way I looked at life.
I wish it directed my desires.
I wish it was the natural inclination of my heart.
I wish remembering Your boundless grace would silence my grumbling.
I wish my worship of You, my trust in You, my rest in You would drive away all complaint.
If my heart is ever going to be freed of grumbling and ruled by gratitude, I need Your Grace!
Grace to remember,
Grace to see,
Grace that produces a heart of humble joy.*

— Paul Tripp

SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANITY

The cross is the heart of the Gospel, the sum and summation of all that God has done for man and all that man has done against God. **On the cross while He was dying, the Son of God paid the supreme price, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree that we, being dead to sin, should live unto righteousness.**

The cross is the symbol of Christianity. This is deep, and this is meaningful. We do not have as a symbol of our faith a halo. We do not have the statue of a bull. We do not have a sword. We do not have a spear. We do not have a half-moon. The symbol of Christianity is the cross. And the hallmark of the church is the cross.

Who can scale the majestic heights of the cross? Who can fathom its measureless depths? Who can speak of its awful shame? Who can sing of its wonderful glory? The cross reveals the dedication of Christ's life, the measure of His sacrifice. The cross reveals the dimension of God's love. How much does God love a sinful world? We have the answer in John 3:16, **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."**

If you want to know the degree of God's love for you, take a second look at the cross. There on the cross is the epitome, the zenith, the full measure of God's love for mankind. The cross reveals the depth of man's sin. How sinful is a race? How stooped in sin is a people who would nail an Innocent Man to a cross and crucify Him in open, unapologetic shame! A great preacher, once said, **"The cross is a symbol of God's heartbreak over a world gone astray"**.

— Ray Barber

Sin Cannot Be Hidden

The all-searching searchlight of God's eternal omnipotence shines from Heaven constantly upon our lives and we never do anything in secret.

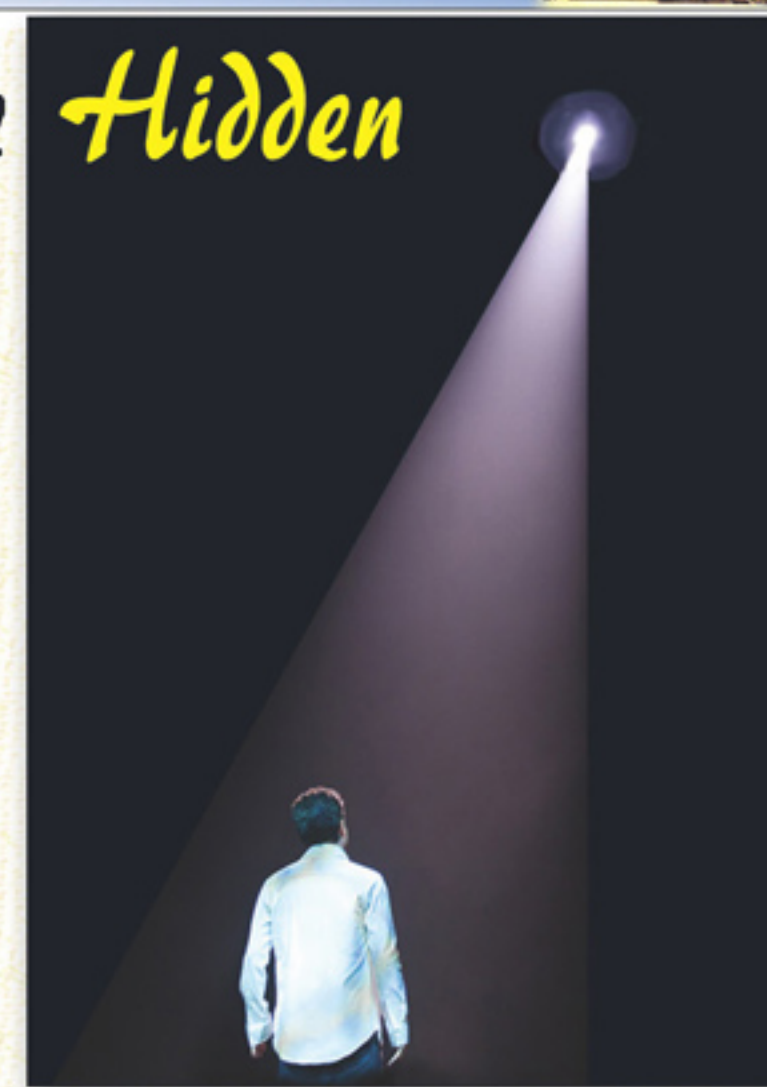
Not a kind deed is ever done but what the Heavenly Father will take notice. Not a broken home, not a broken heart, not a broken life, not a cup of water given in His name is ever done or committed but what Jesus does not notice it. **Not a sin is ever committed but that Jesus in Heaven does not see it.** You cannot hide from God! Neither now nor in the future. Today or in that great day of His wrath, you cannot hide from God.

You cannot hide your sin from God. You may think you have a secret sin, but you do not. You may think that because your friends do not know about it, God does not know. You may think it is secret because your mother does not know about it. You may think it is secret because your children do not know about it. You may think it is secret because your father did not know about it.

Psalm 69 and verse 5 says, **"Thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."** David ought to know; he wrote the Psalms. David, who one day committed that sin with Bathsheba and tried to cover it up; David, who one day found Bathsheba expecting a baby out of wedlock by his own unholy relationship, tried to cover up his sin and hide sin, but finally David in Psalm 69 said, **"Thou knowest my foolishness."**

God knows your foolishness today. God knows what you do; God knows where you go; God knows how you think; He knows what you say, knows what you hear. There is not a sin committed that is secret, not a one that can be hidden from God Almighty.

Jeremiah, chapter 16 and verse 17 says, **"They are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes."** First Corinthians 4:5 says **"in that day He will bring to light the hidden things of the heart."** Psalm



139, verse 12, tells us that **"the darkness hideth not from thee,"** and it goes on to say that day and night is the same with God.

Oh, you may hide your foolishness and your sin in the nighttime from others; you may hide in the nighttime a secret sin from people, but God always sees what you do.

May God give us the consciousness of a

little child that everything we see, everything we hear, every word we say, every place we go, everything our hands do, is constantly seen by the God who made us, who loved us, who gave Himself for us, who is coming back for us, who some day will judge even the hidden secrets of our hearts. God knows your sin.

My young friend, God knows about your sin. Working man, God knows what you do on the job. You ladies who work in public, God knows what you do. God is constantly looking down and seeing what we do and He keeps a record constantly of even the innermost secrets of our hearts. Sin will be found out. Numbers 32:23 says, **"Be sure your sin will find you out."** It may come out a different way.

Mark it down, my friend, you had better live every day of your life as if your mother watched everything you did. You young people at school, you had better do exactly what you would do as if your mother and your father were watching everything you did. For not your mother nor your father will judge you, but one day you will stand face to face with Him who made you, the all-powerful One and all the hidden deeds of your life, all the words of the mouth, what you hear and say and do and where you go will be brought to judgment.

Oh, listen, it would change our lives if we could just grasp the fact that every moment of every day and night God Almighty watches what we do and sees what we do.

— Jack Hyles

An Imaginary Threat

Last spring the window to one of the rooms in our house was repeatedly attacked by a robin. The bird would perch at the base of the window, ruffle its feathers, chirp loudly, and then fly headfirst into the glass.

I did some research and learned that robins are territorial. While nesting, they drive out any competing robins. This bird apparently saw its reflection in our window and thought it was another robin. **The threat was not real; it was only an illusion.**

In the Old Testament, we see an instance when Jacob imagined a threat that wasn't really there. Years earlier, Jacob had stolen his brother Esau's blessing by their father. Now,



after many years of separation, they were going to meet again. **Jacob thought Esau would harm him**, so he sent gifts ahead as a peace offering of sorts. Then, when he saw Esau approaching with 400 men, Jacob panicked. Yet what Jacob thought was an attack force turned out to be a welcoming committee. **"Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept"** (Gen. 33:4).

In interpersonal relationships, we sometimes misinterpret a situation. We must ask the Lord for discernment so we don't miss a friendship because of an imaginary threat.

Don't be afraid of a presumed enemy, but trust in the Lord to make a new friend.

— Dennis Fisher

Salvation Prayer

Would you like to turn to God right now and begin a personal relationship with Him? Bow before Him in a sincere time of prayer, and ask Jesus to save your soul! If you're not sure what to say, you may use the following words. Remember, God knows your heart, and He not only hears your words, but He also sees your sincerity...

"Dear Father in Heaven, I thank you for sending the Lord Jesus to die upon the Cross for me. I repent with sorrow for all my sins, and ask you to forgive me and help me live for You. Please cleanse me with Your precious Blood. I open my heart and by faith I ask You to come into my life. I now accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior! In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen."

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