

A dramatic landscape photograph with a golden, cloudy sky. In the foreground, a person stands in a field, looking towards the horizon. The scene is framed by dark evergreen trees on the right and left sides. The overall mood is contemplative and awe-inspiring.

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# The Unchanged Professor

**Soul Winner:** “Sir, we’re from the Main Street Baptist Church and would like to inquire about your relationship with the Lord. Are you saved and on your way to heaven?”

**Professor:** “Saved? Sure, I’m saved.”

**Soul Winner:** “On what are you basing your hope of salvation?”

**Professor:** “Some time back a fellow talked with me about Jesus, and I prayed the sinner’s prayer and the fellow showed me some verses and told me I was on my way to Heaven.”

**Soul Winner:** “Great! We’re happy to hear that. Are you walking with the Lord?”

**Professor:** “Well, not really. I guess I don’t live like I should. But that is between me and God. I’m doing the best I can and as good as a lot of people I know. You don’t know how hard it is for me to live for God.”

**Soul Winner:** “Do you go to church and fellowship regularly with God’s people?”

**Professor:** “Well, no, but I do watch religious programs on T.V. sometimes. A person doesn’t have to go to church to be right with God.”

**Soul Winner:** “Surely, though, you must read your Bible now that you are saved.”

**Professor:** “I don’t read the Bible much. My eyes aren’t too good, and the Bible doesn’t make a lot of sense to me.”

**Soul Winner:** “Sir, we don’t want to be rude, but are you sure you are saved?”

**Professor:** “Listen, my relationship with God is my business! The Bible says something about not judging, doesn’t it? I believe in Jesus and the Bible as much as you do

and that man that dealt with me said I am saved and on my way to heaven and he gave me some promises from the Bible. I'd just as soon not talk about it anymore. I'm pretty busy, anyway. My favorite television program starts in a few minutes and I got a cold beer out of the refrigerator just before you knocked on my door and it's getting warm."

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2 Peter 2:20-22 -- "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. ... But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

1 John 2:4 -- "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

Titus 1:16 -- "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

With great numbers of people claiming to be saved who have not experienced spiritual change, it has become difficult for men to know what salvation really is. Does salvation in Christ Jesus mean anything? Does it make a difference?

There are a great many people in America and other parts of the world who claim to trust in Christ, but show no love for God, for His book, His people, or His ways.

Oftentimes these have the idea that their mental assent to the fact that Christ died for their sins is their ticket to Heaven. They agree that Heaven would be a good place to go when they die, and they say they believe that Jesus died for their sins so they can go there someday. Beyond this, they have little or no present interest in spiritual matters.

The empty professor seems bored or upset when the evangelist tries to talk with him about the Bible. He might not even turn his attention away from the television program he was watching before the Christian knocked on his door. The professor's attitude, though possibly friendly, broadcasts the fact that he will be relieved when the soul winner leaves.

The children and family, fellow workers, and neighbors of this kind of "believer" get the idea that salvation must not mean anything. It appears that salvation is just some sort of prayer that guarantees one a ticket to Heaven but has little or nothing to do with daily life right now. What a wrong impression this is!

Where is repentance in all this? Where is the fleeing of the wrath to come to find refuge in Christ (Heb. 6:18)? Where is turning to God from idols (1 Thess. 1:9)? Where is becoming a new creature (2 Co. 5:17)?

No wonder folk are laughing at Christianity in places where empty professions prevail. Oftentimes, that which is posing as salvation in Christ is, indeed, a laugh.

It is no wonder, too, that the heretical cults are having such success.

Repentance, too often, is not being preached. Salvation is not shown an inside-out, Holy Spirit-wrought transformation. Folk are content with a "faith" that has not brought zeal for the things of God. The false cults come along and point out that the Bible speaks much about right living. Of course, they are right about this, but dead wrong about works having any place in a man's justification before God.

The stage, then, is set for cults to teach their lies that faith and works are the two oars by which a man pulls his ship to heaven's safe harbor. Since an imbalanced doctrine of faith divorced from repentance is commonly believed, the soil is fertile for the cults to cultivate their heresies, emphasizing works above--or together with--faith.

Thus we see the urgency of holding forth true Bible salvation, which is repentance toward God and faith toward

our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). Both aspects are necessary, according to the Scriptures.

How urgent is the need to preach the full Bible message of salvation--that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among every nation (Lk. 24:47). Both aspects are essential parts of the gospel. This, and not Pentecostal tongues and divine healing, is the full gospel!

Men need to see a plain difference between the saved and the lost. They need to hear and see that salvation means something; it makes a difference. The cross of the Lord Jesus Christ was meant to be God's tool for redeeming men from iniquity that He might "purify unto himself a peculiar people"--peculiar in what sense? Peculiar in that they are "zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14). The cross is to make a difference.

This study is sent forth to help mark out this line of difference, to help separate the true from the false.



## Are They Saved?

Many folk today seem to think that the doctrine of eternal security promises security to anyone who merely makes a profession of faith or prays a sinner's prayer. According to this thinking, if a person claims to have called upon the Lord for salvation, we are not to doubt him. Yea, even though the person professing Christ cares nothing for the things of God, the Bible, church, or Christian fellowship, even though he lives like an unbeliever and is a continual reproach to the name of the Christ that he professes, we are not to discount his profession.

Consider the common practice of saying that a certain number people were saved at a revival crusade or at some other special meeting. One evangelist recently wrote that more than 800 people were saved through his ministry last year. What does he mean? He means that more than 800 people made professions of faith or 800 people prayed a prayer. A better indication of those who were saved would be the number that were baptized, joined a sound church, and continued on to serve the Lord. The book of Acts reports that 3,000 were saved on the day of Pentecost, but it also says that "they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Years ago, my wife and I were assigned to follow up on the ladies soul winning visitation program in a certain church. This program was patterned after a popular plan that focuses on "getting decisions" and involves clever ways of manipulating people into repeating a sinner's prayer. It was not uncommon for the ladies to return from these visitations and to report that several "souls were saved." The problem is that these "saved souls" commonly had no interest whatsoever in obeying the Lord.

Far too often the term “saved” is used when “professed Christ” would be more appropriate. Let’s not confuse profession with possession. Most fundamentalist preachers I know do make a clear distinction between these two things in their preaching and teaching, but many fall into the practice of confusing the terms when talking about soul winning results. Is it because we are so eager for numbers to report?

The practice of “giving security” to those who have prayed a sinner’s prayer is another problem. The personal worker says to the one who has prayed the sinner’s prayer, “According to God’s promises in Romans 10:13, where would you go if you died today?” The new professor is supposed to say, “I would go to heaven.” But who are we to give someone security? We should tell people that Christ has promised eternal salvation to those who are saved, but who are we to know for certain if one has repented and trusted Christ? Let’s encourage people that there IS security, but let’s not rush in to try to give them that security. That is the Holy Spirit’s job.

The Bible offers no hope for unchanged professors, and neither should we. While plainly teaching that the true believer in Christ has eternal life, the Scriptures offer no such security for a mere profession. There are many motives for professing salvation, even for attending church, other than a sincere relationship with Christ.

“They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate” (Titus 1:16).

### **Not Adding Works to Grace**

Let me emphasize that I am NOT talking about adding works to grace for salvation. The gospel is that Jesus Christ died for my sins according to the Scriptures and was buried and rose from the dead according to the Scriptures, and I am saved by trusting in His finished work. Salvation is a gift of God’s grace. The gospel message is “Look and Live.” My

Christian growth does not save me, and it does not help save me. It is the product of my salvation.

I do not want someone to think I am adding anything to the Bible message of grace. What I am saying is that the Bible emphasizes repentance for salvation and a change of life *that flows from* salvation. And we must not fail to emphasize that which God emphasizes.

### **Not Christian Perfectionism**

Let me also say that I not talking about any kind of Christian perfection. I realize that some Christians grow more quickly than others. Some are more fruitful than others. It IS possible for a truly born again Christian to be carnal and worldly and careless. But even a carnal Christian will give evidence of his salvation. There will be changes in his life. As Christ taught us, some bring forth thirtyfold, some sixtyfold, and some an hundredfold. What I am emphasizing is that all who are truly saved will bring forth *something*.

The following Bible truths should cause us to be burdened for folk who profess to be saved but whose lives do not show an evidence of salvation.

### **Salvation Demands Repentance**

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” Acts 17:30

The evangelists in the New Testament did not seek mere professions; they looked for repentance, convinced faith, lives changed for the glory of God. Their goal was to make disciples of all nations in obedience to their Lord’s Commission, to proclaim without compromise or apology the message of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21).

John the Baptist demanded repentance from those who wanted to be baptized:

“Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance ... And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire” (Luke 3:7-9).

The Lord Jesus Christ demanded repentance from all that would be saved:

“I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).

“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).

Paul and the other apostles preached and demanded repentance from both Jews and Gentiles alike:

“When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life” (Acts 11:18).

“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).

“But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance” (Acts 26:20).

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet. 3:9).

Repentance means a change of mind *that results in* a change of life. It is illustrated by the Corinthian believers who changed their minds about the proud and wicked indifference they had in regard to the gross sin in their midst.

A church member had been living in fornication with his stepmother. Instead of mourning this wickedness and the tainting of the testimony of the church, the Corinthians were “puffed up” (1 Co. 5). The apostle Paul, upon learning of the situation, rebuked them and demanded they put the sinning person away from the fellowship. In response to the apostle’s letter, the believers at Corinth humbled themselves and corrected the problem. In Paul’s second epistle to these brethren, he made the evaluation that they had “repented.”

“For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter” (2 Co. 7:8-11).

There are several lessons about repentance from this example. One, repentance means a radical change of mind. The Corinthians had completely changed their minds about the sin in their assembly. Two, repentance is observable. The apostle saw the repentance in their changed action and attitude. Three, repentance is a product of the Word of God. The apostle’s letter was God’s Word and it was this Word that caused the Corinthians to repent. If we want to help men and women come to repentance, we must use the Word of God; nothing else is powerful enough to change a sinner’s mind.

We also learn that repentance has a place in the believer’s life even after initial conversion. There is a never-again-

repeated new birth that is the result of repentance. This is not repeated, for through it one is born into the family of God. Even after the new birth, though, there remains the need for the believer to continue to repent about specific things in his life on a daily basis in order to grow in grace.

The Bible teaches that no one can be saved without repentance--a changed mind about God, life, sin, Jesus Christ, etc. And this changed mind will always result in a changed action as the repentant sinner turns to God for salvation, and God gives him new life in Christ.

The evangelist's goal, according to Christ's Great Commission, is to make disciples of all nations. "Repentance and remission of sins" is to be preached in the name of Jesus Christ (Lk. 24:46-47). The soul winner's goal is to preach the gospel in such a way that men see their sin and need of salvation and are brought to repentance and faith. It is to the repentant believing sinner that God gives salvation.

The sinner does not have to change his life in order to be saved. God does the saving and the life changing. A changed mind is required, though. The individual that has never changed his mind about God, sin, Christ, and the Bible, has never been saved. The changed life is the evidence and fruit of repentance. Repentance is not a sinner changing his life; it is a sinner yielding to God, surrendering to God, so that God can change his life.

## **Salvation Requires A New Birth**

"Jesus answered and said unto him Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:3).

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new" (2 Co. 5:17).

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. For in Christ Jesus neither

circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature” (Gal. 6:14,15).

Regeneration is God’s work. A man cannot work up the new birth, nor can he work for it. He cannot even work to keep it. God gives the new birth as a gift of grace. But He only gives it to those who repent and place full confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ.

This shows why many make professions but never seem to be born again. They have not repented, and they have never, therefore, been regenerated. They are still lost. The new birth is God giving a person a new nature; how could this new nature fail to produce a new life? Could God live within an individual’s heart without being evidenced in that person’s daily life? The Bible teaches that this is not possible.

## **What Changes Does Salvation Bring?**

What changes can we expect the new birth to make in a person’s life? Following are some changes emphasized in the Bible.

### **A New Relationship with and Attitude Toward God**

“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou has sent” (John 17:3).

The regenerated person has become a child of God. God is his Savior. The Spirit of God has taken up permanent abode in his heart. He desires to know God and seeks to do so. Where does this leave the professor that cares nothing about knowing and pleasing God?

### **A Love for God’s Word**

“He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God” (John 8:47).

The individual that is born again hungers after the Scriptures. The Bible is God’s voice, and the regenerated man

loves God's voice. It is God's law, and the regenerated man has God's law written upon his heart. A person's attitude toward the Bible is a strong indication of his spiritual condition.

### **A Love for God's People**

“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren” (1 John 3:14).

A new attitude toward God's people is a mark of a born again person. He that does not love to be with the brethren is not passed from death unto life. Everything about the brethren will not be loved. The fellowship will not be without problems and frictions. Backsliding can temporarily hinder one's fellowship with the saints. The young or carnal brethren do not love with the maturity of the older brethren. Feelings can be hurt and temporary schisms can result, but the fact remains that saved people DO love saved people and desire to be with them.

### **A Love for God's Ways**

“He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God” (3 John 11).

The individual that does not love righteousness is either lost or severely backslidden. The person who is backslidden is one who at one time evidenced salvation. If one has never evidenced salvation, he is not a backslider; he has never possessed anything from which he could have backslidden!

The new birth, then, is the implanting of God's nature into the soul of a true believer. It is God dwelling within. And this new nature can be observed from without. If God dwells within, a person's life will be changed. The person who shows forth no change in his attitude toward God, God's Word, God's people, and God's ways has no Bible basis whatsoever for claiming to be saved and on the way to heaven.



## **Salvation Is Evidenced by Perseverance**

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

“For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end” (Heb. 3:14).

True faith keeps on keeping on; it perseveres. The Savior keeps His own. The saved man might stumble and halt and grow weak at times, but his faith will continue. The person who wholly and finally turns his back to the Lord Jesus is one who has never had true faith to begin with. He has perhaps dabbled in the things of Christ; he might have tasted of God’s table, but he has never actually drunk of salvation.

The verses quoted above do not teach that believers keep themselves saved by continuing in the things of the Lord; they simply show, in this way, that they have been saved. They keep on because God works in them. For instance, Hebrews 3:14 does not say we SHALL BE made partakers of Christ if we hold fast the profession of faith. It says we ARE made partakers. The holding fast is the evidence of salvation already securely possessed.

No one has authority from Scripture to say that someone is saved who does not continue in the things of Christ. This does not mean the believer cannot enjoy a know-so position in Christ. He is eternally safe in Christ the very day of his conversion. The Bible says so. This does not make him slothful; it inspires him with love and devotion to His Savior.

## **Saving Faith Works**

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone... But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” (James 2:17,20).

A faith that does not work is a dead faith. The individual who professes to be saved, but who is not interested in Christ

and the things of God, has a strange kind of “faith.” It certainly is not saving faith.

Such a person claims to believe that God hates and judges sin as the gospel teaches, yet he does not tremble about his own sinful ways. The unchanged professor claims to believe that Jesus suffered a painful, bloody death to set him free from sin, yet he continues in the very things that required Christ’s death. He claims to believe that the resurrected Christ gives victory over sin, yet he says he simply cannot give up his sin. He claims to believe that Life is in Jesus alone, but he spends no effort to seek and know Christ in daily life; rather, he continually feeds from the cesspools of the world. He claims to believe that God’s wrath is revealed against the ways of this world, yet he refuses to leave his worldly pleasures and companions. He claims to believe that the Bible is God’s Holy Word, the only Book in the world that has eternal value, yet his mind is filled with anything and everything but the Bible.

The unchanged professor claims to believe that Christ built and loves the church, and that the Bible instructs every believer to be in the assembly, yet he contends that God is pleased when he watches a religious program on Sunday morning instead of attending church, or when he attends church only very sporadically.

Does such a person really have faith? No; he whose faith is not evidenced by a changed life and a love for the things of God has no true saving faith. The person who professes to have faith in Christ but who continues to walk far from God’s ways is not someone who has lost his salvation; he is of that sad number that have never possessed salvation.

# The Frightful Condition of the Unchanged Professor

The unchanged professor is in worse shape than the person who has never known and professed the truth.

“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

How different Peter’s admonition is to that of many Christian workers today. Not only did he hold out no hope for the unchanged professor, he said it would be better if such a person never heard the truth at all.

This does not mean Peter did not believe in the security of the believer. In 1 Peter 1:2-5 he teaches that believers are elect according to the foreknowledge of God, sprinkled with the blood of Jesus Christ, born again to a living hope of resurrection, possessors of a sure inheritance which has been reserved in heaven for them. That is a secure position! He goes on to say that these believers are kept by the power of God. There is no uncertainty here that the believer might not make it to Heaven.

Yet the apostle offers no such security to someone that does not give evidence of Bible salvation. He offers no security to the person that turns back to the pollution of the world, since that person shows that he has never been born again.

Peter reminds us that the unchanged professor is like the pig which, when washed, returns to the pig pen. The pig

returns to the mire because his outward washing has not changed his pig nature. The unchanged professor returns to, or never leaves, his sinful life, because his nature has not been changed by the new birth.

If the Scriptures considered under the previous five points are to be taken at face value, they demand that no unchanged professor be given a glimmer of hope for salvation; that is, of course, if the professor has had sufficient time to evidence a change. It is sometimes difficult to judge these things from a human perspective, particularly in the new or backslidden Christian, but the Bible does teach there will be a change. Salvation always makes a difference.

### **How Great Will the Change Be?**

It is possible for a true believer not to show a great change. 2 Peter chapter 1 indicates the possibility of a true believer failing to progress properly in spiritual growth and thereby even forgetting that he was saved. According to the Scriptures previously studied, though, even if this is the case there will be some clear evidence of salvation. There will be a change.

Take Lot, for example. He made some very foolish decisions in his life. He loved the world and chose the pleasures and rewards of the world above the will of God. As a consequence, he lost his entire family to the world. He lost his testimony and the power of his witness. He wasted his life on vanity. Even so, we know from New Testament references that Lot was a saved man. 2 Peter 2:7-8 calls Lot “just” and says he had a righteous soul that was vexed with the wicked deeds of Sodom.

It is clear that Lot DID show forth evidence of salvation. He had a different attitude toward the true God than his lost, idolatrous neighbors in Sodom. He had a love for God’s messengers, as evidenced by his reception of the angels. He had some fear of God’s Word, as seen in His attitude toward the angels’ warning. Lot did not live like he should have, but

he did give some evidence his salvation in many obvious ways. He was far from being an unchanged professor.

The soul winner will encounter some people like Lot. There is some reason to believe they are saved, yet they are plainly far from God's will. How should these be dealt with? Should the soul winner say, "Praise the Lord you are saved," and leave it at that?

What is God's message to the person who is saved but living in sin and worldliness?

# Consequences of Sin in a Believer's Life

The born again child of God has “everlasting consolation through grace” (2 Th. 2:16), but this does not mean he can live as he pleases.

There are consequences to sin in the Christian life.

## **Broken Fellowship with God (1 John 1:5-7)**

The blessings of the Christian life are unlimited, but one of these is more valuable than all others combined, and that is fellowship with God in Christ. The saved individual can walk and talk with God every moment of every day. The blood of Jesus Christ has forever removed the great chasm between his soul and God that once existed because of his sin. By faith in Christ's blood, the believer enters into the very presence of the great and wonderful God.

The Christian might be nothing in the eyes of society, but he can walk with the Lord of Glory. He might be condemned, even hated, by men, but he is the apple of God's eye and can bask in God's affection. The Christian might not be able to gain the hearing of even one of this world's nobility, but he can converse at will with the King of kings. The Christian might have to endure sickness, ridicule, poverty, and many other sore trials, but the individual that walks with God learns there is in that communion a joy, a peace, a sweetness, a wisdom, and a strength that makes all trials lose their ultimate bitterness. The Christian might be lonely for human companionship; his friends might even forsake him; but he knows he has a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

What a treasure is fellowship with God! And this treasure is through Jesus Christ. The precious Lord Jesus, the Lord of glory, is the Christian's portion. The Christian is a part of His very body, of his flesh, and of his bones (Eph. 5:30). This is

how intimate is the relationship between God and the believer.

But in this present life, the believer must choose to walk in the light, to follow hard after God's will, to confess his sins, or he will not enjoy the fellowship with God for which he was redeemed.

### **Powerlessness in Prayer (Psa. 66:18; 1 John 3:22)**

Unconfessed sin and disobedience hinders prayer, and that is a no light matter.

Powerlessness in prayer affects one's marriage (1 Pe. 3:7). It affects one's children. Nothing is more important than prayer in raising children for Christ. It affects one's spiritual victory, because prayer is part of the armor of light (Eph. 6:10-18). It affects one's nation (1 Ti. 2:1-2). It affects one's church. It affects one's evangelism efforts.

### **Bad Influence**

Walking in carnality and spiritual darkness results in a bad influence on others, and this can have eternal consequences.

Consider Lot. He walked according to the flesh and lived after his own thinking and appetites rather than by God's Word and made his own choices rather than seeking God's will (Ge. 13:10-13). As a consequence he wasted his life in Sodom instead of walking with God as his uncle Abraham did. He was saved and his righteous soul was vexed by the wickedness of Sodom (2 Pe. 2:7-8), but he did not separate from that place when he had a chance.

His folly had a great influence upon his own family. His wife and married daughters and their sons were not saved and perished in Sodom (Ge. 19:12-14, 26). Lot lost all of his property and ended up in a miserable cave (Ge. 19:30). His daughters learned the wicked ways of Sodom and committed incest with their own father (Ge. 19:31-38).

David also had a bad influence when he sinned with Bathsheba. He brought reproach upon the name of God by

the heathen (2 Sa. 12:14). His illegitimate son died, and some of his other sons rebelled against him.

I think of a man who was backslidden and instead of encouraging his son to serve the Lord and attend Bible college as he wanted to do after graduating from high school, he put pressure on him to go to secular college. Because of the father's bad influence, the young man did not do what he had long believed God wanted him to do, and only the Lord knows what the long term effect will be.

### **God's Chastening (Hebrews 12:6-13)**

The Lord does not stand idly by while His children live in sin. He takes active steps to bring them into His perfect will.

We see many important lessons about divine chastening and even chastening in general:

- Chastening is love (He. 12:6).
- Chastening is evidence of salvation (He. 12:8).
- Chastening is for the purpose of producing holiness (He. 12:10).
- Chastening is not pleasant (He. 12:11). If it is pleasant it is not effectual.
- Chastening yields good fruit (He. 12:11).
- Chastening must be received (He. 12:12-13). These verses picture a backslidden believer. His hands are hanging down because he is not serving the Lord. His knees are feeble because he is not praying as he ought. He is in danger of being turned aside even more if he does not receive God's chastening and repent.

### **How does God Chasten?**

- He chastens through the Scriptures (2 Ti. 3:16).
- He chastens through preaching (2 Ti. 4:2; Re. 2:16).
- He chastens by allowing Satan to sift us (Lu. 22:31).
- He chastens through sickness and trouble (Ps. 32:4-5; 38:1-3, 18; 119:67, 71). When Abraham went to Egypt and



lied about his wife he got into trouble with the king of Egypt (Gen. 12:10-20).

- He chastens by church discipline (1 Co. 5).

- He chastens through death (1 John 5:16-17). Ananias and Sapphira committed the sin unto death (Acts 5:1-11). Some at Corinth committed this sin (1 Co. 11:30). David almost committed this sin (2 Sa. 12:13-14).

God doesn't want to chasten His people; He wants to lead them by His Word. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee" (Ps. 32:8-9).

### **Loss of Opportunities for Service and Fruit**

A life lived outside of God's will is a great loss! Precious hours, days, weeks, and months that could have been used for God's service are wasted on vanity, and sacrificed on the altar of self, sin, and worldliness. Gifts and talents that could have been developed and dedicated to God are squandered. Spiritual fruit that could have been borne for God's glory is not borne.

Perhaps the most awful part of lost opportunities is this: they can never be regained. They are lost forever. Only in this life can we exercise our God-given office as ambassador and preach the gospel to the lost (2 Co. 5:20). Only in this life can we stand for God and His truth in an evil and antagonistic world. Only in this life can we choose to resist sin for the glory of Jesus Christ.

My dad said he was called to preach as a young man, but he did not surrender to that and he regretted it all his life.

### **A Day of Accounting at Christ's Judgment Seat**

Not all sin is dealt with in this present life. "... some men they follow after" (1 Ti. 5:24).

What will the judgment seat of Christ involve for the careless Christian?

- It will mean loss of reward (1 Co. 3:11-15). The context of the judgment seat of Christ is service to Christ in His great harvest.

- It will mean loss of treasure (1 Ti. 6:17-19).

- It will mean loss of position (Re. 2:26-27).

- It will mean shame and disgrace (1 Jn. 2:28).

What a terrible thing it will be to ignore God's perfect will and then to stand at the judgment seat of Christ, in the presence of saints and angels, and suffer the disgrace of being judged for having lived in rebellion or indifference against the will of God and thus having promoted the cause of Satan in one's earthly life.

Either way, therefore, lost or saved, careless professors of faith in Christ should not be left to be comfortable in their waywardness. We must sound a trumpet warning against spiritual carelessness.

Those that do not have clear evidence of salvation are most likely lost and bound for eternal damnation. If they are saved but are spiritually pygmied like Lot, they will suffer the consequences of the wayward Christian.

Soul winners must be armed with God's wisdom to discern where a person stands--lost or carnal--and be ready to give an appropriate Bible exhortation.

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***BIBLE TIMES AND ANCIENT KINGDOMS: TREASURES FROM ARCHAEOLOGY.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-121-8. This is a package consisting of a book and a series of PowerPoint and Keynote (Apple) presentations which are a graphical edition of the book. The PowerPoints are packed with high quality color photos, drawings, historic recreations, and video clips. Bible Times and Ancient Kingdoms is a course on Bible geography, Bible culture, and Bible history and has a two-fold objective: to present apologetic evidence for the Bible and to give background material to help the student better understand the setting of Bible history. We cover this fascinating history from Genesis to the New Testament, dealing with the Table of the Nations in Genesis 10, the Tower of Babel, Ur of the Chaldees, Egypt, Baal worship, the Philistines, the Canaanites, David's palace, Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Ahab and Jezebel, the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel, the Assyrian Empire, Hezekiah and his times, Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylon, the Medo-Persian Empire, Herod the Great and his temple, the Roman rule over Israel, and the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. Many of the archaeological discoveries from the past 200 years, which we relate in the course, are so fascinating and improbable that they read like a novel. It is easy to see God's hand in this field, in spite of its prevailing skepticism. The course also deals with Bible culture, such as weights and measures, plant and animal life, Caesar's coin, the widow's mite, ancient scrolls and seals, phylacteries, cosmetics, tombs, and the operation of ancient lamps, millstones, pottery wheels, and olive presses. The course begins with an overview of Israel's geography and a timeline of Bible history to give the student a framework for better understanding the material. Each section includes maps to help the student place the events in their proper location. The course is packed with important but little-

known facts that illuminate Bible history and culture. The preparation for the book is extensive, the culmination of 40 years of Bible study, teaching, and research trips. In this context the author built a large personal library and collected information from major archaeological museums and locations in North America, England, Europe, Turkey, and Israel. We guarantee that the student who completes the course will read the Bible with new eyes and fresh enthusiasm. 500 pages book + DVD containing 19 PowerPoint presentations packed with more than 3,200 high quality color photos, drawings, historic recreations, and video clips.

***THE FUTURE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-172-0. One of the many reasons why the Bible is the most amazing and exciting book on earth is its prophecies. The Bible unfolds the future in great detail, and *The Future According to the Bible* deals in depth with every major prophetic event, including the Rapture, the Judgment Seat of Christ, the Tribulation, the Antichrist, Gog and Magog, the Battle of Armageddon, the Two Witnesses, Christ's Return, Muslim nations in prophecy, the Judgment of the Nations, the resurrection body, the conversion of Israel, the highway of the redeemed, Christ's glorious kingdom, the Millennial Temple, the Great White Throne judgment, and the New Jerusalem. The first two chapters deal at length with the amazing prophecies that are being fulfilled today and with the church-age apostasy. Knowledge of these prophecies is essential for a proper understanding of the times and a proper Christian worldview today. The 130-page section on Christ's kingdom describes the coming world kingdom in more detail than any book we are familiar with. Every major Messianic prophecy is examined. Prophecy is a powerful witness to the Bible's divine inspiration, and it is a great motivator for holy Christian living. In this book we show that the Lord's churches are outposts of the coming kingdom. The believer's position in Christ's earthly kingdom will be determined by his service in this present world (Revelation 2:26-27; 3:21). The book is based on forty years of intense Bible study plus firsthand research in Israel, Turkey, and Europe.

***BAPTIST MUSIC WARS.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-179-9. This book is a warning about the transformational power of Contemporary

Christian Music to transport Bible-believing Baptists into the sphere of the end-time one-world “church.” The author is a musician, preacher, and writer who lived the rock & roll “hippy” lifestyle before conversion and has researched this issue for 40 years. We don’t believe that good Christian music stopped being written when Fanny Crosby died or that rhythm is wrong or that drums and guitars are inherently evil. We believe, rather, that Contemporary Christian Music is a powerful bridge to a very dangerous spiritual and doctrinal world. The book begins by documenting the radical change in thinking that has occurred among independent Baptists. Whereas just a few years ago the overwhelming consensus was that CCM was wrong and dangerous, the consensus now has formed around the position that CCM can be used in moderation, that it is OK to “adapt” it to a more traditional sacred sound and presentation technique. The more “conservative” contemporary worship artists such as the Gettys are considered safe and their music is sung widely in churches and included in new hymnals published by independent Baptists. As usual, the driving force behind this change is the example set by prominent leaders, churches, and schools, which we identify in this volume. The heart of the book is the section giving eight reasons for rejecting Contemporary Christian Music (it is built on the lie that music is neutral, it is worldly, it is ecumenical, it is charismatic, it is experienced-oriented, it is permeated with false christs, it is infiltrated with homosexuality, and it weakens the Biblicist stance of a church) and the section answering 39 major arguments that are used in defense of CCM. We deal with the popular argument that since we have selectively used hymns by Protestants we should also be able to selectively use those by contemporary hymn writers. There are also chapters on the history of CCM and the author’s experience of living the rock & roll lifestyle before conversion and how the Lord dealt with him about music in the early months of his Christian life. The book is accompanied by a DVD containing two video presentations: *The Transformational Power of Contemporary Praise Music* and *The Foreign Spirit of Contemporary Worship Music*. 285 pages.

**BELIEVER’S BIBLE DICTIONARY.** This volume, the product of forty years of study, is based upon the King James Bible and is written from a dispensational, Baptist perspective. The studies are

thorough, practical, devotional, and designed to be used by preachers, teachers, and homeschoolers. The *Believer's Bible Dictionary* is designed to be more affordable and transportable than the *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity*. We encourage every believer, young and old, to have his own Bible dictionary and to have it right beside his Bible as he studies, and we are convinced that this is one of the best Bible dictionaries available today. There are eight ways it can help you: (1) **It can help you understand the Bible.** The first requirement for understanding the Bible is to understand its words. (2) **It can help you understand out-of-use words and phrases from the King James Bible,** such as blood guiltiness, die the death, and superfluity of naughtiness. (3) **It can help you to do topical studies.** The student can study the full range of Bible doctrines by following the thousands of cross references from entry to entry. (4) **It can help you to study issues relating to morality and practical Christian living,** such as capital punishment, child training, cremation, and divorce. (5) **It can help you to study Old Testament types of Christ,** such as day of atonement, high priest, Melchizedek, passover, and tabernacle. (6) **It can help you to find the meaning of Bible customs and ancient culture,** such as agriculture, idolatry, military, money, music, and weights and measures. (7) **It can help you to study Bible places and geography,** such as Assyria, Babylon, Caesarea, Ephesus, and Jordan River. (8) **It can help you in preaching and teaching.** The doctrinal material in this dictionary is presented in a practical manner with outlines that can be used for teaching and preaching, in the pulpit, Sunday Schools, Bible Colleges and Institutes, home schools, family devotions, prisons and jails, nursing homes, etc. Missionary author Jack Moorman calls the dictionary "excellent" and says, "The entries show a 'distilled spirituality.'" Second edition May 2015. 385 pages.

***THE DISCIPLING CHURCH: THE CHURCH THAT WILL STAND UNTIL JESUS COMES.*** New for March 2017. This church planting manual aims to establish churches on a solid biblical foundation of a regenerate church membership, one mind in doctrine and practice, serious discipleship, thorough-going discipline, and a large vision for world evangelism. We examine the New Testament pattern of a discipling church, and we trace the

history of Baptist churches over the past 200 years to document the apostasy away from the biblical pattern to a mixed multitude philosophy. We also document the history of “sinner’s prayer” evangelism which has affected the reality of a regenerate church membership. The book deals with biblical salvation with evidence, care in receiving church members, the church’s essential first love for Christ, the right kind of church leaders, the right kind of preaching, training church members to be Bible students, the many facets of church discipline, building strong families, youth ministry, training preachers, charity, reproof, educating the church for spiritual protection, maintaining standards for workers, the church’s prayer life, the church’s separation, spiritual revival, the church’s music, and many other things. The last chapter documents some of the cultural factors that have weakened churches over the past 100 years, including the theological liberalism, public school system, materialism and working mothers, the rock & roll pop culture, pop psychology, the feminist movement, New Evangelicalism, television, and the Internet. There is also a list of recommended materials for a discipling church. 550 pages.

***THE EFFECTUAL BIBLE STUDENT.*** This is a 12-hour series of video presentations plus an accompanying textbook containing a detailed outline to the course. It is our goal and passion to help God’s people, including teenagers, become effectual Bible students. The course, which is the product of 40 years of Bible study and teaching, has life-changing potential. It has four major sections: (1) The spiritual requirements for effectual Bible study, (2) tips for daily Bible study, (3) principles of Bible interpretation, and (4) how to use Bible study tools. It also deals with using Bible study software on a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone. It is a package consisting of the videos of the course and the textbook with review questions for testing. The course notes can be used as a standalone tool by teachers to teach church classes and home schooling programs or can be used for self-study. The package can be purchased as a set of 6 DVDs and a textbook, or it can be downloaded for free from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

***KEEPING THE KIDS: HOW TO KEEP THE CHILDREN FROM FALLING PREY TO THE WORLD.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-115-7. This book aims to help parents and churches



raise children to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to avoid the pitfalls of the world, the flesh, and the devil. The book is a collaborative effort. It contains testimonies from hundreds of individuals who provided feedback to our questionnaires on this subject, as well as powerful ideas gleaned from interviews with pastors, missionaries, and church people who have raised godly children. The book is packed with practical suggestions and deals with many issues: Conversion, the husband-wife relationship, the necessity of permeating the home with Christian love, mothers as keepers at home, the father's role as the spiritual head of the home, child discipline, separation from the pop culture, discipleship of youth, the grandparents' role, effectual prayer and fasting. Chapter titles include the following: "Conversion," "The Home: Consistent Christian Living and the Husband-Wife Relationship," "Child Discipline," "The Church," "Unplugging from the Pop Culture," "Discipleship," "The Grandparents," "Grace and the Power of Prayer." 531 pages.

***THE MOBILE PHONE AND THE CHRISTIAN HOME AND CHURCH.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-198-0. Many Christian homes and churches are losing a frightful percentage of their young people to the world. This practical and far-reaching youth discipleship course deals with the parent's part, the church's part, and the youth's part in discipling young people. It covers salvation, child discipline, the Christian home environment that produces disciples, reaching the child's heart, Bible study techniques, how to protect young people from dangers associated with the Internet and smartphones, how to use apologetics, and many other things. The section on building a wall of protection deals with such things as having a basic home phone that teens can use under parental oversight, using filters and accountability software, controlling passwords and apps, the power of pornography, the dangers of *Facebook* and video games, avoiding conversation with members of the opposite sex, and monitoring the young person's attitude. The course explains how the church and the home can work together in youth discipleship. It describes the characteristic of a church that produces youth disciples, such as having qualified leaders, officers, and teachers, maintaining biblical standards for workers, being careful about salvation, being uncompromising about separation from the world, building godly homes, discipline,

prayer, and vision. It deals with how to train young people to be effective Bible students and how to involve them in the church's ministry. Finally, the course deals with eleven biblical principles of spiritual protection that young people must build into their own lives. These are living to please the Lord, living by the law of the Spirit, practicing humility, pursuing Christian growth, pursuing edification and ministry, pursuing honesty, practicing vigilance and separation, pursuing pure speech, redeeming the time, pursuing temperance, and obeying and honoring one's parents. 200 pages. The *Mobile Phone* youth discipleship course can be downloaded as a free eBook from [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org).

**MUSIC FOR GOOD OR EVIL.** This video series, which is packed with photos, video and audio clips, has eight segments. **I. Biblical Principles of Good Christian Music.** **II. Why We Reject Contemporary Christian Music.** It is worldly, addictive, ecumenical, charismatic, shallow and man-centered, opposed to preaching, experience-oriented, and it weakens the strong biblicist stance of a church. **III. The Sound of Contemporary Christian Music.** In this section we give the believer simple tools that he can use to discern the difference between sensual and sacred music. We deal with syncopated dance styles, sensual vocal styles, relativistic styles, and overly soft styles that do not fit the message. **IV. The Transformational Power of Contemporary Worship Music.** We show why CCM is able to transform a "traditional" Bible-believing church into a New Evangelical contemporary one. Its transformational power resides in its enticing philosophy of "liberty" and in its sensual, addictive music. We use video and audio to illustrate the sound of contemporary worship. **V. Southern Gospel.** We deal with the history of Southern Gospel, its character, its influence, and the role of the Gaithers in its renaissance. This section is packed with audio, video, and photos. **VI. Marks of Good Song Leading.** There is a great need for proper training of song leaders today, and in this segment we deal with the following eight principles: Leadership, preparation, edification, spirituality, spiritual discernment, wisdom in song selection, diversity. One thing we emphasize is the need to sing worship songs that turn the people's focus directly to God. We give dozens of examples of worship songs that are found in standard hymnals used by Bible-believing churches, but typically these are not sung

properly as “unto God.” **VII. Questions Answered on Contemporary Christian Music.** We answer 15 of the most common questions on this subject, such as the following: Is rhythm wrong? Isn't this issue just a matter of different taste? Isn't the sincerity of the musicians the important thing? Isn't some CCM acceptable? Didn't Luther and the Wesleys use tavern music? What is the difference between using contemporary worship hymns and using old Protestant hymns? **VIII. The Foreign Spirit of Contemporary Worship Music.** This presentation documents the frightful spiritual compromise, heresy, and apostasy that permeate the field of contemporary praise. Through extensive documentation, it proves that contemporary worship music is controlled by “another spirit” (2 Cor. 11:4). It is the spirit of charismaticism, the spirit of the “latter rain,” the spirit of Roman Catholicism and the one-world “church,” the spirit of the world that is condemned by 1 John 2:16, the spirit of homosexuality, and the spirit of the false god of *The Shack*. The presentation looks carefully at the origin of contemporary worship in the Jesus Movement of the 1970s, examining the lives and testimonies of some of the most influential people. 5 DVDs.

**ONE YEAR DISCIPLESHIP COURSE**, ISBN 978-1-58318-117-1. This powerful course features 52 lessons in Christian living. It can be broken into sections and used as a new converts' course, an advanced discipleship course, a Sunday School series, a Home Schooling or Bible Institute course, or for preaching outlines. The lessons are thorough, meaty, and very practical. There is an extensive memory verse program built into the course, and each lesson features carefully designed review questions. Following are some of the lesson titles (some subjects feature multiple lessons): Repentance, Faith, The Gospel, Baptism, Eternal Security, Position and Practice, The Law and the New Testament Christian, Christian Growth and Victory, Prayer, The Armor of God, The Church, The Bible, The Bible's Proof, Daily Bible Study, Key Principles of Bible Interpretation, Foundational Bible Words, Knowing God's Will, Making Wise Decisions, Christ's Great Commission, Suffering in the Christian Life, The Judgment Seat of Christ, Separation - Moral, Separation - Doctrinal, Tests of Entertainment, Fasting, Miracles, A Testing Mindset, Tongues Speaking, The Rapture, How to Be Wise with

Your Money, The Believer and Drinking, Abortion, Evolution, Dressing for the Lord. 8.5X11, coated cover, spiral-bound. 221 pages.

***THE PENTECOSTAL-CHARISMATIC MOVEMENTS: THE HISTORY AND THE ERROR.*** ISBN 1-58318-099-0. The 5th edition of this book, November 2014, is significantly enlarged and revised throughout. The Pentecostal-charismatic movement is one of the major building blocks of the end-time, one-world “church,” and young people in particular need to be informed and forewarned. The author was led to Christ by a Pentecostal in 1973 and has researched the movement ever since. He has built a large library on the subject, interviewed influential Pentecostals and charismatics, and attended churches and conferences with media credentials in many parts of the world. The book deals with the history of Pentecostalism beginning at the turn of the 20th century, the Latter Rain Covenant, major Pentecostal healing evangelists, the Sharon Schools and the New Order of the Latter Rain, Manifest Sons of God, the charismatic movement, the Word-Faith movement, the Roman Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Pentecostal prophets, the Third Wave, and recent Pentecostal and charismatic scandals. The book deals extensively with the theological errors of the Pentecostal-charismatic movements (exalting experience over Scripture, emphasis on the miraculous, the continuation of Messianic and apostolic miracles and sign gifts, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the baptism of fire, tongues speaking, physical healing guaranteed in the atonement, spirit slaying, spirit drunkenness, visions of Jesus, trips to heaven, women preachers, and ecumenism). The final section of the book answers the question: “Why are people deluded by Pentecostal-Charismatic error?” David and Tami Lee, former Pentecostals, after reviewing a section of the book said: “Very well done! We pray God will use it to open the eyes of many and to help keep many of His children out of such deception.” A former charismatic said, “The book is excellent and I have no doubt whatever that the Lord is going to use it in a mighty way. Amen!!” 487 pages.

***A PORTRAIT OF CHRIST: THE TABERNACLE, THE PRIESTHOOD, AND THE OFFERINGS.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-178-2. This book is an extensive study on the Old Testament tabernacle and its priestly system, which has been called

“God’s masterpiece of typology.” Whereas the record of the creation of the universe takes up two chapters of the Bible and the fall of man takes up one chapter, the tabernacle, with its priesthood and offerings, takes up 50 chapters. It is obvious that God has many important lessons for us in this portion of His Word. Speaking personally, nothing has helped me better understand the Triune God and the salvation that He has purchased for man, and I believe that I can guarantee that the reader will be taken to new heights in his understanding of these things. Everything about the tabernacle points to Jesus Christ: the design, the materials, the colors, the court walls and pillars, the door into the court, the sacrificial altar, the laver, the tabernacle tent itself with its boards and curtains and silver sockets, the tabernacle gate, and veil before the holy of holies, the candlestick, the table of shewbread, the incense altar, the ark of the covenant, the high priest, and the offerings. All is Christ. The tabernacle system offers brilliant, unforgettable lessons on Christ’s person, offices and work: His eternal Sonship, His sinless manhood, His anointing, His atonement, His resurrection glory, His work as the life and sustainer and light of creation, His eternal high priesthood and intercession, and His kingdom. In addition to the studies on every aspect of the tabernacle, *A Portrait of Christ* features studies on the high priest, the Levitical priests, the five offerings of Leviticus, the day of atonement, the ransom money, the red heifer, the cherubims, strange fire, the golden calf, leprosy, the Nazarite vow, the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire, and the transportation of the tabernacle through the wilderness. The tabernacle is very practical in its teaching, as it also depicts believer priests carrying Christ through this world (1 Pet. 2:5, 9). Like the Israelites in the wilderness, believers today are on a pilgrimage through a foreign land on the way to our eternal home (1 Pet. 2:11). Don Jasmin, editor of the *Fundamentalist Digest* says, “This new book on the Tabernacle constitutes the 21st-century classic treatise of this rich theme.” 420 pages.

***SEEING THE NON-EXISTENT: EVOLUTION’S MYTHS AND HOAXES.*** ISBN 1-58318-002-8. This book is designed both as a stand alone title as well as a companion to the apologetics course *AN UNSHAKEABLE FAITH*. The contents are as follows: Canals on Mars, Charles Darwin and His Granddaddy, Thomas Huxley:

Darwin's Bulldog, Ernst Haeckel: Darwin's German Apostle, Icons of Evolution, Icons of Creation, The Ape-men, Predictions, Questions for Evolutionists, Darwinian Gods, Darwin's Social Influence. The **ICONS OF EVOLUTION** that we refute include mutations, the fossil record, homology, the peppered moth, Darwin's finches, the fruit fly, vestigial organs, the horse series, the embryo chart, the Miller experiment, Archaeopteryx, bacterial resistance, the big bang, and billions of years. The **ICONS OF CREATION** that we examine include the monarch butterfly, the trilobite, the living cell, the human eye, the human brain, the human hand, blood clotting, the bird's flight feathers, bird migration, bird song, harmony and symbiosis, sexual reproduction, living technology, the dragonfly, the bee, and the bat. The section on **APE-MEN** deals with Cro-Magnon, Neanderthal, Java Man, Piltdown Man, Nebraska Man, Peking Man, Lucy, Ardi, Ida, among others. The section on **PREDICTIONS** considers 29 predictions made by Biblical creationism, such as the universe will behave according to established laws, the universe will be logical, and there will be a vast unbridgeable gulf between man and the animal kingdom. **DARWINIAN GODS** takes a look at inventions that evolutionists have devised to avoid divine Creation, such as panspermia and aliens, self-organization, and the multiverse. 608 pages.

***SOWING AND REAPING: A COURSE IN EVANGELISM.*** ISBN 978-1-58318-169-0. This course is unique in several ways. *It is unique in its approach.* While it is practical and down-to-earth, it does not present a formulaic approach to soul winning, recognizing that individuals have to be dealt with as individuals. The course does not include any sort of psychological manipulation techniques. It does not neglect repentance in soul winning, carefully explaining the biblical definition of repentance and the place of repentance in personal evangelism. It explains how to use the law of God to plow the soil of the human heart so that the gospel can find good ground. *The course is unique in its objective.* The objective of biblical soul winning is not to get people to "pray a sinner's prayer"; the objective is to see people soundly converted to Christ. This course trains the soul winner to pursue genuine conversions as opposed to mere "decisions." *The course is also unique in its breadth.* It covers a wide variety of situations,

including how to deal with Hindus and with skeptics and how to use apologetics or evidences in evangelism. There is a memory course consisting of 111 select verses and links to a large number of resources that can be used in evangelism, many of them free. The course is suitable for teens and adults and for use in Sunday School, Youth Ministries, Preaching, and private study. **OUTLINE:** The Message of Evangelism, Repentance and Evangelism, God's Law and Evangelism, The Reason for Evangelism, The Authority for Evangelism, The Power for Evangelism, The Attitude in Evangelism, The Technique of Evangelism, Using Tracts in Evangelism, Dealing with Skeptics. 104 pages, 8x11, spiral bound.

***THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD: A HANDBOOK OF BIBLICAL DIFFICULTIES.*** ISBN 1-58318-002-8. This volume deals with a variety of biblical difficulties. Find the answer to the seeming contradictions in the Bible. Meet the challenge of false teachers who misuse biblical passages to prove their doctrine. Find out the meaning of difficult passages that are oftentimes overlooked in the Bible commentaries. Be confirmed in your confidence in the inerrancy and perfection of the Scriptures and be able to refute the skeptics. Learn the meaning of difficult expressions such as "the unpardonable sin." A major objective of this volume is to protect God's people from the false teachers that abound in these last days. For example, we examine verses misused by Seventh-day Adventists, Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, and others to support their heresies. We deal with things such as the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, cremation, head coverings, did Jesus die on Friday, God's repentance, healing in the atonement, losing one's salvation, sinless perfectionism, soul sleep, and the Trinity. Jerry Huffman, editor of *Calvary Contender*, testified: "You don't have to agree with everything to greatly benefit from this helpful book." In researching and writing this book, the author consulted roughly 500 volumes, old and new, that deal with biblical difficulties and the various other subjects addressed in *Things Hard to Be Understood*. This one volume, therefore, represents the essence of a sizable library. Sixth edition Feb. 2014, enlarged and completely revised, 441 pages.

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