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"Preach the Word." (II Timothy 4:2)

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"Feed the Flock." (I Peter 5:2)

WHO NEEDS CHRIST?

THE NUMBER of those who think they do not need Christ is legion. Such are self-deluded souls who apparently are unaware of what the Bible teaches about their condition. It is clear from a study of Scripture that *all men* need that which Christ alone can give—forgiveness of their sins. And, just exactly who does need Him?

(1) **VILE SINNERS** need Christ (Romans 5:8-10; I Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 2:1-5). No person has become so involved in sins but that the blood of Christ can cleanse him. The basest of sins (as men view them) are listed in I Cor. 6:9-11 as having been practiced by some of the Corinthians. Yet they had been washed and sanctified.

(2) **GOOD MEN** need Christ. One of the devil's choice lies to a man may be, "You are a *good* person. You are not as bad as some who are members of the church of Christ. If you will just continue to be good, you will be all right." But look at a truly good man in Acts 10:1-2. He was a "devout man;" he "feared God;" he "gave much alms to the people;" and he "prayed to God alway." Despite all of these qualities he was still lost in sin. Even "good" people are guilty of sin. They are not perfect you know. Acts 11:14 states that Cornelius was to send for Peter "who shall tell thee words whereby thou...*shall be saved.*" He needed to be saved!

(3) **RELIGIOUS MEN** in error need Christ. Yes, a man may be "religious," but in actual opposition to what God teaches. The Jews who were saved on Pentecost (Acts 2:37-41) were already religious and devoutly so (2:5). Saul of Tarsus was deeply religious



even before he obeyed Christ (Gal. 1:13-14). Yet Annanias told him to "arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins..." (Acts 22:16). A person can be religiously *wrong* and be lost.

(4) **THE WISE AND PRUDENT** need Christ (I Cor. 1:18-31). Sometimes knowledge "puffs up" an individual (I Cor. 8:1) and creates an arrogance, a type of intellectual snobbery, which is distasteful both to man and to God. Human wisdom is not always associated with meekness and humility—nor with willing submission to the authority of Christ manifested in His Word. Of course, such do not feel that they need Christ or anyone else! How foolish they are! And with all of their vaunted "wisdom," too. Not many people of this type can be found in service to the Lord (I Cor. 1:26). They need Christ, but do not see it.

(5) **RICH MEN** need Christ, for there is always the danger that they

will come to "trust in riches" (Matt. 10:24). Paul warns men not to "trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God" (I Tim. 6:17). All that a person has accumulated will mean nothing to him when he comes to die, for just as he brought nothing into this world, so he will take nothing with him when he leaves it. So Paul writes in I Timothy 6:7. The rich must learn that sinners are "not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...but with the precious blood of Christ" (I Peter 1:18-19). The Word of God does not condemn any man for *having* riches, but for his *attitude* toward what he possesses.

THE PLAIN TRUTH IS THAT ALL MEN need Christ, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Every sinner needs the "gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16). This gospel contains certain fundamental facts about Jesus which must be believed, and some specific commands which must be obeyed (I Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:36-41). How great and boundless must be God's love and compassion for sinners for Him to have given His Son as an atonement for sins and for Him to have revealed in the gospel a plan by which sinners could be redeemed. If you are not yet a child of God, let the "goodness of God" lead you to repentance and submission to the teaching of Christ (Romans 2:4). You ARE a sinner! You DO need Christ! You CAN BE saved by Him by obeying His gospel. WHY NOT TODAY?

—Words of Life

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Proverbs of Today

A step backward is a step forward when we go back to the New Testament church.

"If you never stick your neck out, you'll never get your head above the crowd."

The more the Lord means to you, the more you will want to share him with others.

"He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really co-operating with it."

He who excuses himself accuses himself.

"People who argue that an evil environment will not affect them ought to look at a cucumber that has been surrounded in vinegar!"

We need to know where we stand and to stand where we know.

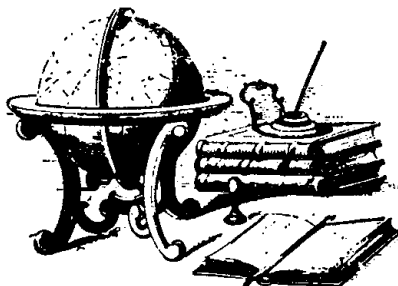
"The secret of being miserable is to have the leisure to bother about whether you are happy or not."

Take CHRIST out of CHRISTian and you have I-A-N left—I Am Nothing!

"Virtue is not labelled by a question mark."

What have you done today that you would have not done if you were not a Christian?

"Before you flare up at any one's faults, take time to count ten—ten of your own."



EDITORIAL

COMMENTS...

A STATEMENT OF THIS PAPER'S POSITION AND INTENTION

THE SWORD AND STAFF is a religious paper devoted unreservedly (and we mean UNRESERVEDLY) to the teaching of simple, undenominational (NOT interdenominational) New Testament Christianity as found in its original purity; and, consequently, the restoration of the first century church of Christ in the 20th century. Nothing short of this will please God. If you love God, surely this is your goal too. Would you help us make our efforts count for the most good? You can by helping us increase our mailinglist. "Each 1 send 3 in '73" (3 new subscriptions)—WILL YOU?

EDITORIAL

By-Ways

I HAD a brief discussion the other day with a man who claimed to have the special baptism of the Holy Spirit, or the "second work of grace." He didn't mean being born of the water and the Spirit (John 3:5), or the accompanying gift of the Holy Spirit that is promised to all who repent and are baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38,39). He meant an experience one supposedly receives sometime after becoming a Christian, accompanied by the "speaking in tongues." (Some call this being "sanctified"). He left it an "open-ended" thing, with all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit being available as in the days of the apostles (even saying we could write Scripture today). I begged to disagree and reason with him, but my experience has been that such people are not usually open to reason. So, our friendly confrontation being short, I later dropped him a hurried line through the mail for his reflection. The letter follows.

"It has been on my heart to write you ever since our little abbreviated dialogue...sometime ago. Your experience may be new to you, but it is not to me. People are capable of 'all kinds' of religious experiences. The Primitive Baptists believe they must have an extraordinary experience before they can know they are among God's 'predestinated elect'—and somehow they manage to come up with the experience...and, no doubt, very real.

"The question about any religious experience is not whether we have had it, but whether it is based on the Word of God, and, in fact, springs from the Word of God. The Word of God is the ultimate standard, yea, only

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Don't Let The Devil Make A Fool of You



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• *"But I am afraid lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ" II Corinthians 11:3 (NAS).*

To the Thessalonians, Paul wrote, "For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor should be in vain" I Thessalonians 3:5 (NAS).

No one likes to be made a fool, and yet most of us have been. There are those people who delight in making fools of people, working on the philosophy that there is a sucker born every minute. To be made a fool is embarrassing, humiliating, and sometimes disastrous. Many "con games" and crimes of fraud go unreported simply because people don't want to admit they have been "taken."

Ever since his first appearance to mankind Satan has been making fools of people. All of us at sometime, and perhaps even now, have been his victims. The devil indeed lives up to the descriptive titles applied to him—deceiver, liar, murderer, evil one, accuser and others.

Paul never underestimated the power of Satan, and constantly warned people of him. But just as people fall prey to the various rackets and "con games," even after warning, so people allow themselves to be "taken" by Satan.

I am not really shocked by the things that happen in the lives of people because the whole world "lieth" in the evil one (I John 5:19). This indicates that the world is in the grip of, and passively yielded to, the power of Satan. He has this power only because people allow him to have it.

Satan surely made fools of Adam and Eve. He made a fool of King Saul. He tried to make a fool of Job, and of CHRIST, but failed.

I. SATAN MAKES FOOLS OF PEOPLE BY PERSUADING THEM TO BELIEVE THERE IS NO GOD ("The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" Psalms 14:1).

There are two kinds of atheism in the world—acknowledged and practical. There are people who admit they are atheist and act accordingly; there are others who deny they are atheist, but live as though they were.

Satan will do all he can to blind the minds of people to the evidences of God. He will still the cry of the inward man. He stifles the conscience; he corrupts the

heart. As he did with Adam and Eve, he magnifies "self knowledge" and gets people to be their own "god." They refuse to have God in their knowledge, and thus their foolish hearts are darkened. They become futile in their speculations, and God gives them over to a depraved mind to do those things that are not proper (Romans 1:18-32).

Immoral practices always follow atheism. It is said that after students heard Ingersoll blantly deny the existence of God, they would go forth from the lecture hall to spend their time in riotous living.

We are presently reaping a terrible harvest of sexual immorality and moral corruption of every kind, because people were lured by Satanic forces to believe that God is dead. When people refuse to have God in their knowledge, there are no values—no standards of right and wrong left.

But too often many people admit there is God, but live as though He does not exist. He's crowded out of their lives. There is no time to study His Word, to pray, and to seek His will. Actions of such people are really saying, "We don't need God; we can't be bothered with Him right now."

The devil has really made fools of such people. Are you one of his victims in this regard?

II. SATAN MAKES FOOLS OF PEOPLE BY GETTING THEM TO BELIEVE SIN ISN'T SO BAD ("Fools make a mock at sin" (Proverbs 14:9)).

How delighted the devil is when people laugh at sin!

Fools make a mock at sin's power. How hilarious sin is to foolish people! The more obscene the story, the greater the laughter. The filthier the movie, the greater the receipts at the box office. The more clever the lie, the wiser the person thinks he is. Men, women, and children glory in their ability to cheat and steal and get away with it.

Sin is no joking matter. The harvest of sin is not so funny. You may laugh over your sins now, but you will weep over them in hell. Sin binds, blinds and destroys. Sin brings havoc to lives, homes, and to society in general in this present world and eternal destruction in eternity.

The devil may fool you into thinking you can sin and not get caught. The Word of God declares, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Paul writes, "For whatsoever a man sows, this will he also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

Some boys who were students in the same class in a small high school decided to play hockey one morning. When they came back after lunch they told the teacher that they had had a flat tire on the way to school. The teacher informed them that they had missed a test that morning, and they were to take seats apart from one another in preparation for making up the test. There was just one question on the "test": *Which tire was flat?*

A few months back in an attempt to take extra cars off the road, and thus cut down on smog, two lanes were designated as free lanes on the Oakland Bay bridge. These lanes were to be used during commute hours by cars with three or more passengers. They soon found cheaters—some even using manikins to fool the toll attendants. However, this week as I write this, the highway patrol decided to crack down, and many drivers were caught, and had to pay \$19 fine. No doubt, many had

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laughed as they drove through without paying the 50¢ toll, but probably didn't laugh as they paid the fine.

Don't let Satan fool you about sin. "The soul that sinneth shall die," the prophet Ezekiel declared. Accept God's remedy for sin. This remedy is the blood of Jesus Christ, contacted and applied to your sins, as you believe Him to be the Son of God, repent of your sins, and are baptized into Christ and His death.

III. SATAN MAKES FOOLS OF PEOPLE BY GETTING THEM TO TAKE THEIR EYES OFF CHRIST AND FASTENING THEM ON MEN.

Satan knows he doesn't have a chance as long as men keep their eyes on Jesus. He knows they will not find anything amiss in Him who is the "Bright and Morning Star."

The devil has various ways in which he tricks us to take our eyes off Christ. For one thing, he magnifies the faults of others, especially our brethren in Christ. By doing this we fail to see the perfection of Christ whom we are following, and we will falter in our walk of faith. This also causes us to forget our own faults and condition. It is not difficult to find others who appear to have faults worse than ours. But even though this may be so, it doesn't make our sins any less wrong. How easy it is for us to excuse our sins and faults by saying, "What we are doing isn't as bad as what so and so is doing." We are using the wrong measure. It is the "measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ" to which we must strive to attain.

The devil also causes us to put the worst possible construction on actions and words of others. We make mountains out of mole hills respecting the statements of others. We may read into their words something that they never intended. We may thus impugn their motives. The devil likes to get us to believe that people have said things about us which they never said, and thus discourage and weaken us.

Satan makes us think that we got the worst part—that we have worked harder and sacrificed more than others. And that we aren't given any credit. So we pout and mope and show our spiritual immaturity.

IV. SATAN MAKES FOOLS OF PEOPLE BY GETTING THEM TO PUT OFF SALVATION.

The devil doesn't care if you get a little religious now and then. This will sooth your conscience and satisfy your religious nature. But he will work overtime if he thinks you might be really getting interested in salvation. He will work on "holidays" and "Sundays" if he thinks you really want to become a Christian and live for Christ. He knows he will lose you if you do this.

The devil has several appeals to persuade you to put off the matter of your salvation. He will tell you that you are not ready, or that you are not really too bad. He will suggest to you that you have plenty of time or that you want to be sure. He will also suggest to you that you not get too emotional about this matter.

Just remember that the devil is a liar, and if you give him a chance, he will make a fool of you.

Has he made a fool of you? You don't have to remain his victim. The truth will make you free. Know it, and obey it!

PREPARE NOW TO MEET GOD



"What is your life? For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

BIBLE QUESTIONS

(Over the Book of I Timothy)

- Where had Paul left Timothy as he went on into Macedonia?
- Why had Timothy been left there?
- What verse can be regarded as a key verse to this epistle, showing what it is all about?
- What was the nature of the false teaching Timothy confronted?
- What does the word *doctrine* mean, and to what does Paul apply it in I Timothy, chapter 1?
- What did Paul say happened to him that was a pattern to all who would believe?
- How did Paul say that women should adorn themselves?
- Why are women commanded not to teach nor to usurp authority over men in the church?
- What does the word *bishop* mean?
- Give several other terms applied to this same office in the New Testament.
- What does the word *deacon* mean?
- One of the qualifications of a deacon is that he is to be "apt to teach." (1) True; (2) False.
- What did the Spirit expressly tell Paul would happen in the "latter days"?
- Paul told of at least two false practices which would be in the departure "from the faith"—what were they?
- Paul told Timothy he would be a "good minister of Christ" if he did what?
- "Take heed unto _____, and unto the _____; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both _____ thyself, and them that hear thee."
- The word *honor* is many times used refering to what in the New Testament?
- What were the qualifications of a widow who was considered a "widow indeed" (to be supported by the church)?
- "Let the elders that _____ well, be counted worthy of double _____, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."
- "But _____ with contentment is great gain."

(Answers found elsewhere in this issue)

DEDICATION

Lord, can I dare sit idly by
And watch the millions Christless die;
Doing nothing to save the lost,
Afraid of what might be the cost;
Like Peter, warming at the fire—
Sheltering under the church's spire?

Dare I sit and waste the years,
Sharing thy low, tender plea,
"Take up thy cross and follow me";
While thy footprints leave crimson stains
In city streets and country lanes,
As thou dost carry thy cross anew,
Seeking the lost as I should do?

O Lord, forgive. I weep in shame,
I love thee truly, in thy name,
I turn my back upon the past
To wholly follow thee at last!

—Selected

EDITORIAL BY-WAYS...

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standard, that will stand in the Day of Judgment. By it we will be judged (John 12:48). The Word of God is inspired by the Holy Spirit—it is the Word of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not going to contradict Himself in the Bible. In the early days of the church when unquestionably men had these various gifts of the Spirit, the inspired Word was still the final authority... It determined whether they actually were true or false. Paul wrote to a church that was beset by misunderstanding about the gifts of the Spirit and their use: 'If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord' (I Cor. 14:37). **APPLICATION:** Paul said that women are not to teach or usurp authority over men in the church (assembly), but I have yet to find so-called Pentecostal and neo-pentecostal people believe it (I Cor. 14:34; I Timothy 2:12-14). The Spirit-inspired apostle Peter on the day of PENTECOST commanded people to be baptized for the remission of sins—to get their sins forgiven (Acts 2:38,39), but I have yet to find Pentecostals who believe this—they resort to the 'altar' and praying through, so-called. Saul (Paul), although he prayed three days and nights, still had his sins, and had to be baptized to get them washed away (Acts 22:16). When a truly repentant and believing sinner is baptized, his sins are washed away — what washes away sins? **THE BLOOD OF JESUS** (Rev. 1:5), and it is spiritually applied in baptism. Paul says that we put on Christ, become Christians, in baptism, but Pentecostals, who claim to speak by the Spirit, have yet to preach this (Galatians 3:27; Romans 6:3-5). In our little talk, it seems you discounted these Scriptures by saying I was going into theology, whatever that means. In your heart, what do you think of these Scriptures? Do you believe them?

"These words I write to you are in kindness, but you belittled in a condescending way the idea of having the Lord's supper every Sunday (Acts 20:7). Perhaps there are certain Scriptures you need to reconsider (I enclose a tract on the said subject by 'yours truly').

"More than once I have met people who said they didn't care what the Bible said, nothing could replace their experience. Again, let us remember that we will be judged by the Bible. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13). God appeals to our reason—"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 1:18a).

"Pardon me if I sound a little to the point, but my convictions are that strong. I am enclosing some booklets I have written through the years upon searching the Scriptures and searching my heart..." □

ANSWERS TO BIBLE QUESTIONS

1. I Timothy 1:3; 2. I Timothy 1:3; 3. I Timothy 3:14,15; 4. I Timothy 1:4-7; 5. Teaching—I Timothy 1:9-10; 6. I Timothy 1:12-16; 7. I Timothy 2:9,10; 8. I Timothy 2:11-14; 9. Overseer or superintendent; 10. Overseer, Elder, Presbytery, Pastor, Shepherd; 11. Servant; 12. (2) False; 13. I Timothy 4:1; 14. I Timothy 4:3; 15. I Timothy 4:1-6; 16. I Timothy 4:16; 17. I Timothy 4:3-18; Mark 7:10-13—material help and assistance; 18. I Timothy 5:3-16; 19. I Timothy 5:17; 20. I Timothy 6:6.

Fact, Faith, and Feeling

THE MIND OF MAN with its intricate emotional makeup many times is tricky. It can prove not to be altogether reliable—especially when all of the facts are not in hand.

In the Bible we read of Joseph with his coat of many colors. His father had showed partiality in giving him this special gift which only served to make his neglected brothers more jealous. We know the story how these brothers sold Joseph into slavery because of their bitterness toward him. Dipping his coat of many colors in the blood of a goat, they brought it to their father. The heart of poor Jacob was broken as he was overcome by grief. As far as he knew and was concerned, his favored son was dead—a wild beast had killed and torn his body to pieces. He actually felt, acted and reacted as though it had happened. Many years later when word came that Joseph was alive down in the land of Egypt, he refused to believe it. He was so firmly

DON'T BLAME GOD!

Let us suppose that an evangelist comes to our community to conduct a religious meeting and proceeds as follows: At the first service he preaches that salvation is by faith only, but at the next one he contends that it is by faith exercised in obedience to the gospel, rather than by faith alone. At the third service he declares that either sprinkling, pouring, or immersion is baptism, but at the fourth service he plainly shows that immersion is baptism. At the fifth service he tells the people that they ought to baptize their babies, but at the sixth service he says that penitent believers are the only spiritual subjects of baptism. At the seventh service he preaches once in grace, always in grace; but at the eighth he tells people that it is possible for them to fall from grace, that some have fallen, and that the Bible tells how to keep from falling. At the ninth service he teaches that it is all right to have human creeds, but at the tenth he declares that we should take the Bible as our only guide in religion.

No thoughtful person would continue to listen to ONE preacher preach like that, but the majority of people are perfectly willing for TEN preachers to preach these conflicting ideas. They say that if one man should preach that way he would contradict himself and be inconsistent, but what kind of a God do they suppose we have if He endorses all these conflicting doctrines and has sent out these preachers to preach them?

— Leslie G. Thomas

convinced that his son was dead.

And experiences in religion within themselves prove nothing. One's feelings are not a safe guide. A thing can be taught a person so strongly, and he believe it so assuredly, that he reacts to it as though it were the truth (although it may not be; everyone cannot be right religiously for there are too many conflicting beliefs). Fact, faith, and feeling must be in that order. Without the fact of God's Word producing the feeling and backing it, our feelings are merely delusion. We are going to be judged by God's Word—not what we may feel about it.

Then many times people seek after a tangible feeling or experience because they have little faith. But Paul says, "We walk by faith and not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7). We have seen faith become alive in these people; then they stopped talking about feeling. When one truly believes, repents and is baptized into Christ, like the Ethiopian, he will go on "his way rejoicing." But his personal makeup, disposition, and circumstance will determine the degree of it. He has obeyed from the heart (Romans 6:17). He has done the right thing and is pleased about it. His sins have been taken away. His religious experience comes as a by-product of his faith, and not his faith as a by-product of his religious experience.

Would you put your faith in Christ and His Word and stop worrying about your feelings? Do what God commands, and He will take care of the rest.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

(The above is the concluding part of a tract by James E. Gibbons entitled, *ARE VISIONS, DREAMS, AND RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCES PROOF OF SALVATION?* and available from *THE SWORD AND STAFF* at 6¢ a copy.)

Some Rules For Bible Study

1. Realize that the Bible must be studied and rightly divided (II Timothy 2:15).
2. Realize that the Bible contains the mind and will of God (II Peter 1:21).
3. Approach the Bible reverently and humbly (I Thess. 2:13).
4. Have profound faith in ALL it says. One cannot accept only a part of the Bible as being inspired. We must accept it all.
5. Let the Bible speak to you—not you to it.
6. Study for profit and with an earnest desire to know more of God's will, and not just to argue or endeavor to justify yourself.
7. Be willing to obey implicitly what God commands you (Matthew 7:21; Luke 6:46).
8. Use common sense in your study. For example, some contend that the word "water" in John 3:5 does not mean

water, and that Spirit does not mean Spirit, but common sense will convince us that they do. These words mean what they say in any other book, and there is nothing to indicate that they are used figuratively in this passage.

9. Observe who is speaking. All of the Bible was written by inspiration, but it also records the words (quotations) of uninspired men. Examples: Job 2:9 & Ps. 14:1.

10. Observe to whom each statement is addressed—whether to the alien sinner, Christian, unfaithful, etc.

11. Observe why each book was written. For example, the first four books of the New Testament were written to produce faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the book of Acts records some cases of conversion in the early apostolic age and a history of the early church, the next twenty-one letters are instructions to Christians, and the book of Revelation is a book of symbolic teaching showing primarily things that are to come and offering encouragement to the early Christians under severe persecution.

12. Study and interpret each passage in light of its context. By context we mean the setting of the Scriptural passage—what is written just before and after the passage.

13. Realize that there have been three distinct dispensations of religion—the PATRIARCHAL (from creation to Sinai), the JEWISH (from Sinai to the cross), and the CHRISTIAN (from Pentecost of Acts 2 until the second coming of Christ). The New Testament is our guide in this dispensation.

14. Study the meaning of the titles of the books of the Bible.

15. Consider the history and chronology of the events of each book in the Bible.

16. Do not interpret one passage of Scripture so as to contradict the teaching of another. For example, one cannot correctly interpret Romans 5:1 or Acts 16:31 to teach salvation by faith only for that would contradict James 2:24 and Galatians 5:6.

17. Determine if the language is literal or figurative. Take all passages as literal unless the context forces a figurative interpretation. To illustrate, it is clear that the "water" of John 3:23 is literal, while the context and wording shows that "water" of Revelation 22:17 is figurative.

18. Don't read something into the text which is not there. Be content with taking only what it says.

19. Harmonize the Scriptures, taking ALL God says on any subject, letting all obscure passages be understood in light of the plain.

20. Have the proper attitude toward the Bible and what it teaches. Be content to take the Bible for what it says on everything. The Bible will completely furnish us unto all good works (II Timothy 2:16, 17). We must not pervert the gospel (Galatians 1:6-9). We must not go beyond that which is written (I Cor. 4:6). We must not add to or subtract from its teaching (Revelation 22:18-19). —Adapted—

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—News item in *CHRISTIANITY TODAY* (June 22, 1973)

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