

Fulfilling **OCTOBER 2013** A Dream

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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned Sunday"

"Saved! Is That A Baptist Word?"

Introduction: One Thursday afternoon, I was out visiting from house to house when a man invited me into his home. He allowed me to share the Gospel with him. Then he said, "Is that a Baptist word?" I asked, "What word?" He said, "That word saved." I said, "Sir, let me show you." I opened the Bible and began to show him the word 'saved.' I said, "**Luke 19:10** says, '*For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*'" I also showed him **Romans 10:9** and **10:13**, and stopped to explain **Acts 16:30-31**, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**" Then I said, "No, sir, it is not a Baptist word. It is God's word."

Let's examine the question of the Philippian jailer.

FIRST: CONSIDER THE CONCLUSION OF THE JAILER.

ACTS 16:30

"**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**"

Whether it was the prayers of the prisoners, or the praises he heard, or maybe the fear of the earthquake, or all three of these, this jailer came to the conclusion: "I'm not saved."

It is obvious he would not have wanted to be saved unless he realized he was lost.

Question: Was there a time in your life you came to the conclusion, "I'm not saved?" If not, then I can tell you that you are not saved.

Illustration: I love to tell the story of being asked to come to Robinson General Hospital in Ravenna, Ohio. A dear lady had asked a friend who knew me if I would come by and talk to her about being saved. When I arrived, she had everyone but her husband leave the room. She said, "Reverend, I'm not sure I am going to make it and I know that I am not saved. Reverend, would you show me how to be saved?" Right there in the hospital room that dear lady got saved and then her husband received Christ as his personal Saviour within minutes after his wife got saved.

SECOND: CONSIDER THE CONDITION THAT MUST BE MET.

ACTS 16:31

"**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"

Faith! **Ephesians 2:8**, "**For by grace are ye saved through faith...**"

When I have the opportunity to share the Gospel with a lost person, I am not trying to get them to bow their head and pray just so I can add another notch on my soul winner's gun. That prayer is absolutely worthless unless there is faith in the person of Jesus Christ. Anyone can just give a headcount.

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Jack Hyles

Accreditation

Some of you compromisers, you are afraid of the state. Let me tell you what you've done that makes me want to puke, vomit, throw up, and regurgitate! You have agreed with the state that you will not take state accreditation, but you have formed your own accrediting board of other churches and other preachers, and they will accredit you. Now, that's as crooked and wicked as the state. It's no more the business of that board of other preachers to tell you how to run your school than it is for the state Welfare Department to tell you how to run your school. Now, by the way, don't you fellows think I'm just telling everybody what they are doing. I'm talking now to hundreds of pussy-footers. You just sit still. It is time somebody put some grit in your bones and some iron in your blood.

It is none of my business how anyone runs their school. It's none of their business how I run mine. I do not want to sit on anyone's board and tell them how to run their school. That is the job of the local church. One good thing about it is that I am 72 years old. I'm getting to where I may just die and go to Heaven and get out of this mess leaving it here with you. I want to tell you something. If you don't listen to what an old codger is saying today, you will be in a bigger mess than you have ever been in your life one of these days. Everyone of you who compromises and seeks accreditation from anyone is making it tougher on all the rest of the fellows who has courage and guts.

Scenes from Heritage Baptist Academy—A Model School



On my way home from my mother's, I realized I'd left my cell phone at her house. So I went back to get it. Upon retrieving it, I noticed I had a message from Mom. She'd texted, "You left your phone."

Anita Miller's Sweet Saltines

Cooking spray
35-40 saltine crackers

2 sticks (1 cup) butter
1 cup light brown sugar

8 oz. semisweet chocolate chips (about
1 1/3 cups)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F.

Line 1 large or 2 small jelly-roll pans with aluminum foil, spray with non-stick spray and arrange the saltines salt-side down in a single layer. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter and brown sugar together and boil until it turns a caramel color. Remove from the heat and pour over the crackers, covering them evenly.

Put the jelly-roll pan into the oven and bake for 3 to 5 minutes, or until just bubbly, watching carefully. Remove from the oven and pour the chocolate chips over the crackers. When the chips melt a bit, spread them over the crackers with a knife.

Transfer the pan to the freezer for 15 to 20 minutes, or until completely cold. They will form one big sheet. Break up into pieces. Store in an air tight container.

Hold the Presses!

Writing newspaper copy is an art form unseen in these real headlines:

- "Worker Suffers Leg Pain After Crane Drops 800-Pound Ball on His Head"
- "City Unsure Why the Sewer Smells"
- "Caskets Found as Workers Demolish Mausoleum"
- "Statistics Show That Teen Pregnancy Drops Off Significantly After Age 25"
- "Homicide Victims Rarely Talk to Police"
- "Hospitals Resort to Hiring Doctors"



"Your late relative left all his money to PBS ... but he left you his collection of tote bags."

Illustration: Dr. Jim Vineyard used to tell the story of his early days as an A-Team member in Vietnam. He said that to verify a kill, you had a rifle count and not a head count. He said that the military then changed it to a head count because you could make up your own count of enemy killed to inflate the numbers to make the war look like it was going well. Then soldiers would turn in a count of 30 VC killed when in reality \$20 million was being used to blow up a hill with one or two snipers on the hill. There was a big difference between a rifle count and a head count.

THIRD: CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF SALVATION.**II CORINTHIANS 5:17**

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

That’s right—if you have received Christ as your personal Saviour, then there will be changes. It will never be the same. You may try to live that same old wicked life that you lived before, but it will not work. That sin just does not have the same flavor it used to have.

When a person gets saved, there is evidence of a new nature in them. The same preacher that the jailer had no love for at all is being invited home to meet and speak with his family. Not only that, but the jailer’s entire household got saved and followed in believers’ baptism.

Conclusion: Have you changed since your claim of being saved? Are you truly different, or are you still that rebellious, stubborn, critical, church missing, preacher hating, self loving person that you’ve always been? Have you now come to the realization that Christ is the answer? Do you now see the need for preaching? Is church like home to you?

There is a song that goes, “There’s a new name written down in Glory, and it’s mine! Oh, yes it’s mine!”

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

“Dear Jesus, I’m asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I’m trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.” (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)

**Prayer of Service**

“Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” (Acts 9:6)

THE PAPERLESS OFFICE WILL BECOME A REALITY AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE PAPERLESS TOILET.

CLARENCE MILLER ISN'T BALD. HIS HAIR IS HIBERNATING.



**Evangelist
Justin
Cooper**

I recently read the story of a peasant and a snake. While hoeing in his field during the spring thaw, the peasant came across a snake. Upon raising his hoe to slay the reptile, the snake cried out to the peasant that he was cold, half-frozen, and posed no threat to him. In ignorance, the peasant picked up the chilled serpent and wrapped him in his shirt, tight against his chest. The farmer commenced with his work in the field.

As the peasant plowed and hoed, his ever increasing body heat awakened the snake, and immediately his poisonous fangs struck the man! Writhing in pain, the peasant pulled the long, wriggling attacker out of his shirt. Tossing the vermin to the ground, the farmer shouted, "Why? I trusted you! I made you my friend!" As the snake slithered away, his hissing tongue replied, "True, but do not blame me. You knew I was a snake when you picked me up and placed me near your breast!"

Dear reader, don't "pick up" those who deny one or all of the fundamental truths of the Bible. Watch out for those who try to introduce some teaching that does not have Scriptural foundation. Look out for those who are always thrashing and trashing faithful and fruitful men of God—those who are only looking for controversy and couldn't care less about Christ or conversions! Keep an eye out for brethren who have strayed from their once-fundamental position. Watch out for the fangs! A sure way for a fledgling fundamentalist to fail is through wrong relationships!

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last seven (7) years in a row!
2. The buses are still rolling!



Food



Treasure Hunt

Fall Program—2013

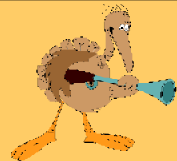
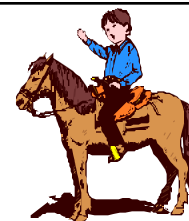
September 22nd to November 24th

Games



HORSES

Hayrides



Turkey
Shoot-off

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
19th Annual Father & Son
Turkey Shoot and Chili Supper
Saturday, October 19th 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM
Special Speaker: Dr. Greg Neal, 7:00 PM



Chili
Cook-off

"DETROIT HAS BECOME THE LARGEST CITY IN U.S. HISTORY TO FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY. WHAT HAPPENED WAS, DETROIT'S POPULATION DROPPED SOMETHING LIKE 70 PERCENT, BUT THE GOVERNMENT GOT BIGGER. THE TAX BASE GOT SMALLER, BUT THE GOVERNMENT GOT BIGGER. THANK GOD THAT KIND OF THING COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN WASHINGTON." - JAY LENO



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

Sound Minds Are Built by God's Word

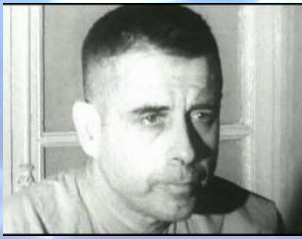
The Lord wants every woman to have a sound mind, so He has provided the Training Manual for us to study, memorize and follow. The trouble comes when we want to edit or rewrite or recreate the Instructions given by God. So many people suffer needlessly by forfeiting a sound mind to a self-made strategy. The Scripture is clear: *"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* (Proverbs 16:25). Homemade schemes are no substitute for scriptural solutions.

If God wants us to be sober, we will not be able to get by with "sort-of sober."

Developing a sound mind is a tough task requiring a great deal of labor. If a woman is resistant to the things of the Lord, sound mindedness comes even harder. The task then becomes like a farmer trying to sow a crop on acres of cement! Hard packed soil can have pounds of seed piled on top of it, but very few seeds will actually break through the soil and germinate, because their roots can't penetrate the hard surface. When we are stubborn regarding spiritual matters, we are just like that hard-packed soil. How can you tell if your "mind soil" has gotten hard? Check your life for the following signs:

- A critical spirit
- An uncontrolled tongue
- Misplaced priorities (leaving the scraps of your time for God)
- A shallow spiritual life (lack of daily Bible reading, failing to pray, skipping church for trivial reasons)
- Being overly emotional without a reasonable cause
- Wrestling with biblical modesty and other standards
- An extreme focus on physical beauty or appearance

If any of these "weeds" are a part of your life, you can safely be assured that you need to allow the Lord to "work the soil" of your heart and mind.



Lest We Forget

Naval aviator Jeremiah Denton spent nearly eight years as a POW, eventually triumphing over his captors.

On July 18, 1965, Navy Cmdr. Jeremiah Denton's A-6 Intruder was shot down during an attack on enemy installations near Thanh Hoa. Months after his capture,

he brought the plight of Vietnam prisoners of war to public attention in a television interview in Hanoi, blinking his eyes in Morse code to spell out "T-O-R-T-U-R-E."

Knowing the consequences would be severe, Denton responded to the Japanese reporter's questions about U.S. bombing by declaring, "Whatever the position of my government is, I agree with it, I support it, and I will support it as long as I live." Miraculously, the tape made it to Japan with minor cuts and was bought and aired by a U.S. network.

For embarrassing his North Vietnamese jailers, rebuking their attempts at communist indoctrination, and shepherding his troops through covert communication and orders, Denton paid a price demanded by few Americans who wear the uniform.

A BOY ARRIVED HOME WITH TWO BLACK EYES.

"FIGHTING AGAIN?" HIS MOTHER ASKED. "DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY YOU SHOULD COUNT TO 100 BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING?"

"I DID," THE BOY PROTESTED. "BUT THE OTHER BOY'S MOTHER TOLD HIM TO COUNT TO 50."



Humanism

I have heard it said that the religion of humanism began with the ancient philosopher Protagoras who invented the famous saying: Homo Neusura—Man, the Measure. Man is the Measure of all things. He is Supreme. He is All. He is the Ultimate. There is none higher.

Dr. Al Lacy with our Pastor

No, the irony of it all is that humanism did not begin with Protagoras, it began with the serpent in the garden who hissed, "... hath God said, Ye shall not eat of EVERY tree in the garden? ..." then followed with "Ye shall NOT surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and YE SHALL BE AS GODS..." (Gen. 3:1, 4-5).

Satan is subtly trying to counteract a word that God used when He gave the warning and the commandment to Adam. The word: freely.

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest FREELY eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (Gen. 2:16-17)

When Satan told Eve she and Adam would become as gods if they ate of the forbidden tree, he was saying in essence, "Listen to me, Eve. God said you could FREELY eat of all the trees in the garden, then He immediately put a restriction on your freedom by denying you ONE tree. Can't you see what God is doing? He's LYING to you, Eve! He uses the word freely, then turns around and takes away your freedom. God is lying to you because He doesn't want you to become a god! He knows if you eat of the forbidden tree, YOU will become a god, and you will be FREE like He is! All you have to do is eat the fruit and YOU will be deity!"

Humanists zealously maintain that unless man is utterly and completely autonomous, he is not free. If he has any restrictions placed upon him, or has any higher power to which he is morally responsible, he is not free. Do you see where they got the idea?

Some food for thought.....or..... *Seed From The Silo!*

Banning Home Schools Teaches Tolerance of Diverse Views, Justice Department Argues

Advancing the goal of tolerance in society may require denying parents the right to determine their children's education, the U.S. Justice Department argued in a legal brief for the case of a German home schooling family seeking asylum.

The Romeikes fled to the United States from Germany when they were faced with heavy fines and the possibility of having their children taken away from them for choosing to home school rather than send their children to the German public schools. They chose to home school because they believed the public schools were teaching their children lessons antithetical to their evangelical Christian beliefs.

Though they were initially granted asylum by a district judge, an immigration court and the justice Department have sought to send them back to Germany...

...The Justice Department supports a German court's reasoning for forcing the Romeikes to send their children to public school.

The value of Germany's law, the DOJ explained, is to bring "people of differing views together to learn from each other and to learn to accept those whose views differ from their own." The brief praised this goal of an "open, pluralistic society."

"Teaching tolerance to children of all backgrounds helps to develop the ability to interact as a fully functioning citizen of Germany" the DOJ wrote.

With this goal in mind, the brief continued, it is "scarcely feasible" that Germany is persecuting home schoolers.

Since Germany's mandatory public schooling law applies to everyone, not just home schoolers, the department reasons, it does not discriminate against home schoolers.

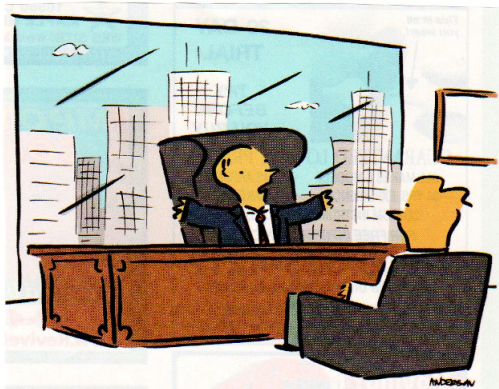
In other words, it is reasonable, the Justice Department argues, for Germany to work toward the goal of an open, pluralistic society by forcing the children of religious minorities to attend public school.

The Justice Department brief also states in the introduction that government rather than parents, should decide whether home schools, public schools, or private schools are best.

"American legal academics have made the argument that American home schooling should be banned or curtailed to promote tolerance. The [attorney general's] argument marches to the dangerous cadence of the drumbeat of these scholars. Silencing the "intolerant" to promote tolerance is not only illogical; it is antithetical to any theory of freedom of conscience," he wrote. *Napp Nazworth for ChristianPost.com*

What kind of seed are you sowing?

*A TRAVELER CHECKED IN TO A RUN-DOWN MOTEL AND ASKED THE COST OF A NIGHT'S STAY.
"THIRTY DOLLARS A NIGHT," THE MANAGER REPLIED. "TEN DOLLARS IF YOU MAKE YOUR OWN BED."
"I CAN DO THAT," THE TRAVELER SAID.
THE MANAGER SAID, "WHATEVER YOU WANT. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK WITH SOME NAILS AND WOOD."*



"Someday, all this will be yours for about 90 days before you undoubtedly run it into the ground."

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| Apple Crisp | |
| Filling | |
| 4 large apples, such as Granny Smith 2 tbsp. firmly packed brown sugar 1 tsp. cinnamon | |
| Topping | |
| 2/3 cup all-purpose flour 1/3 cup rolled oats | 3 tbsp. granulated sugar 1 stick butter |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preheat oven to 425°F Grease a 2-quart baking dish. 2. For the topping, place the flour, rolled oats, granulated sugar and butter in a large bowl. Mix well. 3. For the filling, peel, core and slice the apples. Layer the apple slices in the prepared baking dish. Sprinkle the brown sugar and cinnamon over the apple slices. Sprinkle the topping mixture over the top. 4. Bake until the apples have softened and the crumble is lightly golden, 20-25 minutes. Serve warm. | |

*A MAN SUED HIS WIFE FOR ASSAULT. "SHE HIT ME WITH AN OAK LEAF!" HE TOLD THE JUDGE.
"SURELY THAT DIDN'T HURT YOU," THE JUDGE SCOFFED.
"IT WAS FROM OUR DINING ROOM TABLE!"*

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, I Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**

We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

I Corinthians 15:3-4, I Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority
Autonomy of the Local Church
Priesthood of ALL Believers
Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion
Immersed Church Membership
Soul-liberty
Two officers - Pastors and Deacons
Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- John the Baptist, Exalter of Christ
- Meno Simons (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- Roger Williams (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island
- John Bunyan (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- John Newton (1725-1807), Baptist preacher that wrote *Amazing Grace*
- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- John Franklyn Norris (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- Jack Frasure Hyles (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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