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from the editor



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GUILT PAVES THE WAY TO HELL

He came to the service dressed in his police uniform. At the end of the service he headed to the altar and fell heavily over it. He had been stealing merchandise from the stores and investigating the same robberies the next morning. He was a respected church member. Every Sunday his sin broke him further toward what he must do: repent and make restitution. Like David his "sin was ever before him." (Psalm 51:3b) Thank God this man, though he lost his job, made restitution and is headed for heaven today. I will never forget the look of agony on his face as he slumped over the altar that night, replaced by the countenance of peace. This is the most positive purpose of guilt—to retore, to adopt, to reclaim the sinner.

Guilt is painful and curable yet destructive beyond description and has eternal, terrifying consequences. Not a single person who drops into the eternal pit of a burning hell will do it without experiencing guilt. Prior to this horrible moment, every person that has ever lived will be pleading for mercy to miss this unthinkable, unfathomable place so often mentioned in the Holy Bible. Memory will be sharp for anyone who has ever walked on planet Earth. Those little warnings (convictions) you felt before your sinful acts will scream in your face as the screen of your life files before you. You may have forgotten them, but God's recording angels make no mistakes. All persons who have ever lived—starting with Adam and Eve who hid in the garden covered with leaves—have a mechanism that goes off warning them of their committed acts of sin. God came walking in the cool of the day and when seeing them hiding covered in leaves asked this telling question, "Who told you that you were naked?" (Genesis 3:11). This was before the church bell, before mother's prayers, before Billy Graham, before the Four Spiritual Laws and, for that matter, before Christ, the cross, the resurrection and Pentecost. The same wrenching agony that tortured Adam and Eve has affected everyone who has walked on planet Earth with the exception of the very young and the seriously mentally impaired.

Conviction is God's loving way of revealing Himself to the guilty. Guilt can be covered up by any number of distractions. One can be so intent on overriding this alarm that he or she can in time be given over to a guilt-free state that is a sure road to hell. In Romans 1, we read of the

Is It Guilt or Shame?

By Dennis Apple

My very first memory of “guilt” came just after I had stolen a candy bar from Mohler’s Grocery store in my hometown of Oaklandon, Indiana. Les Mohler was in the back of the store cutting meat while his wife, Joann, was busy helping Mom with her grocery list. As I stood there alone in front of the candy case, contemplating how that High Noon candy bar might taste, I finally gave in to the temptation. After checking to see that no one was watching, I reached out and quickly grabbed the chocolate bar and hid it in my coat pocket. Later, when we walked out of the store, my 4-year-old conscience was burning with guilt over the knowledge I had done something wrong. I had overwhelming guilt for what I had done, for what I had stolen from Mohler’s store.

Guilt is like a smoke detector, beeping out a warning that something is terribly wrong in our hearts. Guilt is that awful feeling of condemnation that puts us on death row thinking about what we have done and contemplating the coming sentence, the penalty we must pay. As a small child, I lived several years with this awful sense of guilt about myself. Every time I heard a sermon on the need for forgiveness, I tried to evade or not think about what I had done or what I had taken. Still the guilt persisted.

A few years later, after listening to a sermon delivered by Evangelist Billy Graham, I had another strong experience with guilt. This experience made an unforgettable impression on me. I can still recall the exact place where I was seated in the Indiana State Fair Coliseum. I was sitting far from the stage where Graham had preached his message, but I can still recall the awful sense of guilt that came over me as the choir sang, “Just As I Am,” and he extended the invitation to come forward to pray and receive Christ. As a teenage boy, I knew I was spiritually lost and that I needed to step out and make my way to the front with others who were filling the aisles, but I also was fearful of what my friends would think. So, I stood my ground and fought off the horrible feeling of guilt and conviction that was sweeping over me.

Later on January 17, 1960, I obeyed that faithful voice that spoke to my heart and stepped out in a public service and bowed at an altar where I confessed my sins

and experienced the miracle of saving grace. I will never forget the euphoria that swept over my soul when I agreed with God about my sins and confessed them to Him in prayer. The night I felt the joy of knowing my sins were forgiven was one I will always remember.

Now after 35 years of ministry, I have met several who have also come to experience the wonderful joy of having their sins forgiven. However, I have also met several who still feel guilty, even after they have come to faith in Jesus and are living for Him. After talking with these people, I have come to see that many of them are living with a strong sense of shame about themselves.

Perhaps it would help to make a distinction between guilt and shame. Guilt comes from what we have done, but shame is about what we are. It is a heavy feeling that “I do not measure up, and maybe never will measure up, to the sort of person I am meant to be.” This feeling, when we are conscious of it, gives us a vague disgust with ourselves, which in turn weighs like a hunk of lead on our hearts.

Shame-bound people are plentiful in churches. They often know the promises of God and are assured of their own salvation, but they have a haunting sense that something is wrong with them that cannot be corrected. If our churches were department stores, these people would be found on the clearance table at a discounted price. They would be the first to notice the red lines through the previous numbers (on the price tags) as their hope of being selected gradually would fade away. They feel unworthy. Totally! Often they become “pleasers” as they work relentlessly to gain the approval of everyone in their lives, trying to drown out the awful thoughts of “not making the cut.” They are hoping they can somehow manage the perceptions of everyone around them so they themselves will be accepted.

Lewis Smedes, in his book, *Shame and Grace** lists some of the feelings expressed by shame-based people:

- I sometimes feel as if I am a fake.
- I feel that if people who admire me really knew me they might have contempt for me.
- I feel inadequate; I seldom feel as if I am up to what is expected of me.
- When I look inside of myself, I seldom feel any joy at what I am.
- I feel inferior to the really good people that I know.
- I feel as if God must be disgusted with me.
- I feel flawed inside, blemished somehow, dirty sometimes.



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GUILT

by Sherman R. Reed, DMin

THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE HUMAN RACE is clearly stated by the Apostle Paul in his arresting and inclusive statement in Romans 3:23-24, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, justifying freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." Most Arminians affirm original sin as the consequence of Adam's transgression but because of God's marvelous grace deny personal responsibility (guilt) as a result of that sin until it is confirmed by the individual's own sinful choices.

"This prevenient grace removes for every man the guilt inherited from Adam for his sin. Concerning the text, 'As by one man's disobedience all were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, all were made righteous' (Romans 5:19), Wesley has this to say, 'By the means of Christ, all men are cleared from the guilt of Adam's actual sin' (Wesley, *Works*, Vol. V, p.196). None will ever die eternally merely for the sin of Adam.' ...The guilt of original sin is removed in Christ. Man by nature is guilty of Adam's sin, but through the free gift of grace, the guilt is removed. No one actually exists with the guilt of Adam's sin hanging over his head for it is removed in Christ" (Leo George Cox, "John Wesley's Concept of Sin," p.68).

The human race is lost. We all are in need of salvation. To enter the Kingdom of God, man must see and acknowledge his lost condition (repent). The whole purpose of Christ was to provide for us that avenue of salvation and to destroy the works of the devil (I John3: 8). The works of the devil are numerous but can be summarized into three broad statements:

- The devil entices men into acts or deeds of sin (actual sin)
- The devil has already involved human beings in a disposition of sin, which we call the carnal nature (original sin)
- The devil will finally overthrow men in death

Christ came to destroy the above three areas of the devil and to redeem you and me (Leslie Wilcox, *Profiles in Wesleyan Theology*, Vol. 3, p. 120). Each individual must accept the provisions provided through Christ on Calvary.

There are three metaphors used in the Scriptures, referencing God's intimacy with the human race. One is the royal/legal or God/king. A second is the familial one presenting God as the Father. A third is the nuptial one where the church is being made ready as a bride for her

Savior/Christ (Dennis Kinlaw, *Let's Start With Jesus*, pp. 47-87). While all three are necessary for the explanation of the full redemptive process of the Godhead, the focus here is on the royal/legal relationship with man. Viewing Christ's saving act in terms of change in legal status, one definition of justification is to "declare righteous" not to "make righteous." This definition answers the problem of sin's penalty but gives no complete answer to the problem of human sin. Understanding the difference in relating to God himself and relating to God's law is important to an intimate relationship with God. Calvary becomes a pivotal place then in God's great salvation plan, bringing together all three afore mentioned metaphors. God's provision is to deal with the guilt from our acts of sin and the sin problem itself. Before we are made righteous we must be declared righteous before God.

THE REVELATION

Guilt is blameworthiness for having committed a moral offense. It implies responsibility for sin and liability to judgement. Guilt is correlative to righteousness and holiness (W.T. Purkiser, *Beacon Dictionary of the Bible*, p. 244). Wesleyans across the years have accepted the three-fold definition of sin as willful sin, the principle of sin and as infirmity.

Just as many have since, Wesley, following his conversion, could see the depth of sin in every man as the real condition that needed salvation. He indicates that man is so depraved by nature that he cannot even will what is pleasing to God. His power of choosing the right is gone because of the fall of Adam. He cannot perform his duties in this fallen state apart from grace. But the grace of God enables him to do his duty and to choose the right (Wesley, *Works*, Vol. V, p. 547).

Thus far, we have noted that guilt results from two sources. One is accounted to us from the sin of Adam (original sin) and dealt with by prevenient grace until we can assume personal responsibility. The second is guilt to each individual as a result of acts of individual sin dealt with by repentance resulting in justification and a new birth. The sin of Adam, original sin, the sinful nature or carnal nature remains following our conversion or justification. Scriptures such as Galatians 5:17; I Corinthians 1:2, 3:1-3; 2 Corinthians 7:1; and the I Thessalonian letter identify such remains. In his sermon "Sin in Believers," Wesley preached that this evil nature of flesh opposes the Spirit in the justified believer. He identified two contrary principles in believers, namely grace and flesh. In the same sermon he proclaimed that sin remaining in the heart of the believer requires a cleansing (Sin in Believers, *Works*, Vol. V, pp. 209-214). H. Orton Wiley proclaims that justification removes the guilt of sin. Sanctification destroys sin's power (Wiley, CT, Vol. II, p.247).

THE RECOGNITION

One Biblical example of experiencing guilt from acts of sin is recorded in two Psalms. Both are attributed to King David. The first is Psalm 32. Verses one through seven record the results of both confessed and unconfessed personal sins. The contrast is clear and the results are vivid. The second is in Psalm 51. Biblical scholars place this Psalm at a time following David's act of adultery with Bathsheba and being confronted by the prophet Nathan. The entire Psalm teaches that guilt follows acts of sin and that God's remedy is contriteness, confession and cleansing.

Wesley believed human nature to be sensual and "devilish" and fallen lower even than the animals (Cox, *John Wesley's Concept of Sin*, p.36). He also preached the doctrine of Christian Perfection as an incentive that would motivate all believers—not just a select few. He records, "As I converse with the believers in Cornwall, the more I am convinced that they have sustained great loss for want (lack) of hearing the doctrine of Christian Perfection clearly and strongly enforced.... I see, wherever this is not done, the believers grow dead and cold. Nor can this be prevented, but by keeping up in them an hourly expectation of being perfected in love. I say an hourly expectation; for to expect it at death, or some time hence, is much the same as not experiencing it at all" (*Journal*, Vol. III, p 93).

The Apostle Paul believed the sinful nature in man led to acts of sin. In Romans 7, Paul describes that when years of accountability arrived, his sinful nature impelled him to transgress bringing to him guilt and death. Sin is more than an act; it is a state (I John 5:17). Sin not only consists of perverted acts but also a disorder of the moral nature, causing the commitment of such acts of lawlessness (I John 3:4). Guilt leading to repentance and confession is the work of the Holy Spirit as an act of God's grace, the grace that comes to us awakening our need of forgiveness and Christ (John 16:7-11).

The theologian William Burton Pope tells us that sin as an individual act is an abuse of freedom and is a voluntary separation from God. Personal responsibility (guilt) resulting from this sin is a personal fault and will be punished as such (Pope, Vol. II, p. 65, 241). In this same pattern of thinking, Wesley felt that all men are "liable for their own outward and inward sins, which, through their own fault, spring from the infection of their nature" (Wesley, *Works*, Vol. V, p. 556).

THE REMEDY

The guilt and condemnation of committed sins must be remedied. The remedy for personal guilt is individual justification as set forth in Paul's sustained argument in Romans 1:18 through 5:11. Wesley viewed justification as a forensic or judicial act in which God declares the sinner free

from the guilt and penalty of sin and therefore righteous (I John 1:9ff). Justification, resulting from repentance, places the believer before God absolved of moral responsibility for the guilty past (I Timothy 1:15-16). Therefore, justification is the instantaneous act resulting from the immediate response of God to the cry of faith from the sinner/offender in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1). Wesleyan evangelists commonly noted that they first preached the law (of sin) so they could bring men and women to realize the fullness of grace (Quoted by Melvin E. Dieter; John Cox, *Wesley's Concept of Sin*, Introduction, p.6). Concerning the evangelistic preaching of both John and Charles Wesley, Mendell Taylor writes, "John and Charles preached, taught, and constantly urged the necessity of the 'second blessing properly so-called,' the removal of all sin from the heart and the heart made perfect in love for God and man" (Taylor, *Exploring Evangelism*, p. 270).

We must use the grace afforded to us for it to be personally effective. Willard Taylor stated the remedy clearly when he identified justification as "a gracious and judicial act of God by which He grants the sinner full pardon of all guilt, releases him from the penalty of sins committed, and accepts him as righteous and makes him a new creature with initial righteousness, on the basis of the sinners trustful and obedient response to the redeeming work of Christ on the Cross" (Beacon Bible Dictionary, p. 298).

Wesley saw eternal punishment reserved only for those whose sin is personal. By nature or birth, man is guilty of original sin. The Church of the Nazarene, in the tradition of Wesley and Biblical holiness, distinguishes between the two definitions of sin in the Article of Faith on Original Sin: "We believe that original sin differs from actual sin in that it constitutes an inherited propensity to actual sin for which no one is accountable until its divinely provided remedy is neglected or rejected" (*Manual*, Church of the Nazarene, paragraph 5.2). We are restored to the ability to choose and are given divine light called conscience (John 1). When we sense this responsibility or guilt, we may choose to thank God and act positively upon this guilt by accepting Christ and His provision for us. From the poetic mind of Charles Wesley we read these powerful lines:

All ye that pass by, to Jesus draw nigh!

To you is it nothing that Jesus should die?

Your ransom He is, your Surety and Peace!

Come! See if there ever was sorrow like His! (Quoted by Mendell Taylor, *Exploring Evangelism*, p. 266).

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the Verdict is GUILTY

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THE VERDICT IS GUILTY. Judicially speaking, these shocking words are frequently heard in the criminal court. When Adam committed the sin of disobedience to God, the entire human race came under the indictment of guilt. Consequently, God sent the Holy Spirit to convict of sin and judgment to come. Conviction produces a feeling of guilt. Guilt inflicts emotional pain upon the perpetrator. When the disciples preached on the day of Pentecost, the people were “pricked in their hearts.” Because of guilt, they suffered the pain of conviction.

I was in attendance at a conference of ministers where the first speaker, who was unknown to me, was introduced. I was troubled by his opening statement. He said, “I find it difficult to preach in revival at night when I have committed sin during the day.” The “difficulty” he suffered was conviction for the sin. Hopefully, he has repented and been reconciled to God.

After I had preached a sermon on the subject of “The Great White Throne Judgment,” a man confronted me and said, “The preaching of judgment drives young people from church. They want to hear about the love of God.” I responded, “Do you believe the Bible is the infallible word of God?” He answered, “Yes.” I said, “Everything I preached concerning judgment is documented by God’s Word, and the people who refuse to hear it will be required to give an account at the Judgment.” I asked if he would agree that the greatest love verse in the Bible is John 3:16 and he agreed. I said, “In the same chapter of the greatest love verse, if you will look at the last verse, it speaks of the wrath of God. Jesus spoke more often of hell than He did of heaven.”

I was told of a minister who opposed and prevented an Evangelist from preaching in a revival because he complained the Evangelist’s preaching made the people feel guilty. There were some who made the same complaint against the truth of God preached by Christ and His disciples.

Saul was a strict, religious man, but he opposed Christ and the truth of God that He preached. On the road to Damascus a voice from heaven said, “Saul, why persecutest thou me?” Saul, trembling and astonished, said “Who is it, Lord?” The voice replied, “It is Jesus whom

thou persecutest.” Saul trembled because he was convicted by the Holy Spirit. He was charged with persecuting Jesus. Anybody who opposes the preaching of the truth of God is charged with persecuting Jesus. We would be astonished to know the number of “Jesus persecutors” who sit piously in the pew opposing the preaching of the truth of God.

When Stephen preached, the people were “cut to the heart.” The “cutting to the heart” was emotional pain inflicted by the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

The saintly Dr. Chalmers once said, “Most of the people we encounter each day are lost and on their way to hell.” I wondered what prompted his statement; then I remembered the words of Christ. He said, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many will seek to enter in and not be able. Broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be that go therein. Strait is the way which leadeth unto life eternal, and FEW there be that find it.”

The Prophet Ezekiel said, “If we warn not the wicked and he dies in his sins, we will be held responsible.” Every minister called of God is required to preach the Holy Scriptures without fear or favor to the people.

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The verdict is guilty. The penalty is confinement in the prison house of hell for eternity. As we face the sentence to hell, do we have any hope? Yes! We can seek Jesus to make an appeal to the Supreme Court of God. Christ will intercede for the mercy of God to grant us a pardon. The pardon is so complete God says in Isaiah 43:25. “I will blot out your transgressions for mine own sake and will not remember thy sins.” Psalm 103:12 David said, “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.” The distance from the east to the west is immeasurable. For example, start walking east until you cannot take another step. It remains you have not diminished the distance from the east to the west because the earth is spherical in shape. Therefore, the east and the west twain shall never meet.

The Lord in mercy can grant you a pardon, so if it were possible for Satan to saw the rainbow into a fine toothed comb and use it as a rake—from one end of the earth to the other—he couldn’t scrape up one sin to condemn you before the judgment of God. The mercy of God has granted us a pardon because the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin! **ep**



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The Call

A GREAT ADVENTURE

by Mike Adams

It all started with a ten day revival—twelve sermons in a row from a preacher who did not have one good one! I was twenty years old and had been invited by my fiancée’s father to preach at his church. It turned out to be a great adventure. Every day I prayed, searched, and sweated out that evening’s sermon. Following the daily agony, I would rush to the church with nerves on edge and adrenalin pumping through my body to preach what I had gleaned from the Scripture. I’m quite sure the results were in spite of me rather than because of me.

I think the call to evangelism and revivalism was born in that early meeting. There was never a doubt about my call to preach. The call came as a small child, was abandoned for years due to rebellion, was graciously renewed in college, and grew more intense as the Spirit did His work of reclamation and redemption.

During ten years of pastoral ministry, I had many opportunities to preach in revival campaigns, perhaps, in looking back, preparing me for work on the road. One day while trying to settle on a Sunday morning sermon, I found the struggle was not for a sermon, but for a release from pastoral ministry. Wonderful peace and confirmation came as I accepted what I sensed to be His call to revivalism.

We spent six wonderful years on the road with our sons. We lived in a forty-four foot, fifth-wheel trailer and the boys had a great home-school teacher in my wife Elizabeth.

Near the end of the sixth year we got the surprise of our life as the Lord powerfully directed us to re-enter the pastorate. I was totally shocked and amazed. He was


clear, so we obeyed. It was difficult to cancel meetings and cut ties realizing we might never be back in that role and those relationships. However, He always gives grace to follow.

Ten years of pastoral ministry, board meetings, plans, excitement, growth, mission trips outside the United States, and even the merger of two great churches kept us busy. I had peace about this ministry but the cause of revivalism was never very distant. During the summer of 1998 a call came to fill a last minute opening at the Northwest Ohio District Camp Meeting. This week was to be a major turning point in our lives. It was great to be back with the great NWO family! My co-worker for the week was evangelist Norman Moore. The Lord had this fabulous encourager strategically placed for a week of team ministry.

The night before the camp meeting started Elizabeth remarked off handedly that it would really be something if this week God would release us to return to the road. She had no idea why she thought that, and I was completely surprised to hear her say it. Amazingly, that is exactly what happened. From the first service to the end of the camp the Lord gave repeated confirmation to return to the field. My new friend Norman was an instrument to further open our hearts to a return to the road, and we will always be thankful for his sensitivity to the Lord’s prompting. The witness came with peace and joy. We had a powerful scripture hand delivered by a spirit-filled layman who knew nothing about how the Lord was leading, “Nevertheless at Your Word.” When he handed me the note he said, “I don’t know what this means but you probably will.” The will of God was becoming clear for us to return to the work of evangelism and revivalism. We were ready to follow.

We announced that we were leaving the local church ministry again returning to evangelism. The Lord began to fill our slate right away and the first year back we had forty-two meetings. He is still leading, directing, and providing seven years down the road.

As I write these words we are working in an exciting zone camp meeting. The sense of anticipation as we see God bless His church and change lives still moves us. A lot of things have changed in this work, and we are embracing new methods all the time. We are excited about using our time in churches for specialized ministries, men’s ministry, women’s ministry, shorter intensive work utilizing Friday-over-Sunday as well as the more stereotypical service arrangements. We are using some settings for humor and comedy with a powerful Gospel hook! The point is utilizing any means necessary to meet the needs of the local church in a fresh relevant way. It’s great to see all the ways we can reach people.

The call to this work and the drive to “by all means save some” has never been clearer in our lives. It’s great work at a great time with the greatest message. We’ll look forward to seeing you somewhere down the road! 



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CONFRONTATIONAL PREACHING

by *G. Stuart McWhirter*

Confrontational preaching is a hallmark of Judeo-Christian history. Elijah, Nathan, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Jesus, Peter, Stephen, Chrysostom, Luther, John Knox, and Wesley, to name only a few, are representative of the long line of God's fearless preachers. Today's ordained, animated question marks will never fill the shoes of those pulpit giants. And the malaise of modernism will never produce a Wesley, a Whitfield or a Jonathon Edwards. To deny the validity of confrontational preaching is to virtually erase the history of the Hebrew prophets and the Christian religion. It is clear that the history of preaching, through the ages, is the story of a continuous tradition of frequently unpopular preaching.

A humble but uncompromisingly confrontational preacher keeps the pulpit hot. And a hot pulpit requires a hot heart. When the preacher's heart is not hot, it is likely because she or he has lost confidence in the truthfulness and power of the gospel. The preacher is then more vulnerable to the pressure of pseudo-relevance and the lust for popularity. The mouth of the minister is muzzled. A muted, muffled message follows. Applause meters determine the criteria for sermon content. The preacher then becomes what Donald Macleod described as "a walking incarnation of the Gallup Poll." Integrity is lost. The influence of the pulpit and the importance of preaching are greatly diminished. Secular culture takes control and confirms the correctness of Carlyle Marney's comment on preaching: "We have become blessers of culture." This entire trag-

ic development indicates far more than human failure. This is sinful.

With the rise of commercialized, seeker-sensitive Christianity, some voices within the church are critical of confrontational preaching that uses straightforward scriptural language to describe mankind's fallen and lost condition without Christ. They say such preaching, particularly any reference to sin, produces false guilt and does much psychological harm, especially to emotionally unstable people. We must candidly admit this risk does exist. But a much greater risk exists if the silence of the preacher leaves people bound and blinded by sin, with immeasurable physical and spiritual damage as a result.

Those who deny or evade the fallen nature of the human race naively ignore reality. They dismiss what Thomas Oden described as "the radical depth of sin passing through the generations." A. Skevington Wood said, "Man as sinner—that must be the starting-point of fruitful evangelism." Salvation is the message of the gospel. How can people understand salvation without knowing why they need to be saved and what they need to be saved from? How can preaching that does not confront and address man's deepest need be respectable or relevant? Salvation is salvation from sin, or it is not salvation at all.

Adam sinned and consequently fell from his paradisiacal relationship with God. The entire human race fell with Adam. Our fallen nature stands in stark contrast to the absolute, inflexible Holiness of God, the Holiness that is intrinsic in God alone. No one

will ever truly, totally realize the horribleness of sin who has not had an overwhelming awareness of the Holiness of God and the sinlessness of Christ. Why are we so smitten by the sinlessness of Christ? He is different from us. None of us is sinless. We are in solidarity with human sinfulness and guilt. Christ alone, of all humans, incarnates the intrinsic Holiness of God. Our human location is between the animals and the angels, but we are neither. We are far from Eden and estranged from God. But God offers us lavish love and grace and beckons us toward glory. The dedicated, disciplined, spirit-guided preacher will skillfully balance alternating notes of guilt and grace, judgment and mercy, sinful man and a seeking God. Tact is needed but tact does not require timidity.

Of course, the imposters of the pulpit are with us. They have always been with us. Long ago in Rome the Apostle Paul encountered those who preached Christ with a wrong motive. One kind of these charlatans is the obnoxious egoist, pretending to be an evangelist, playing on human emotions in a cynical, manipulative way to induce false guilt and practice what John Stott called "verbal sadism." The harsh, reckless ranting of renegade preachers is an embarrassment

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 Jul 30, Colfax, IN, Wesleyan
 Sep 3, Oogilville, IN, Woods-N-Water Camp Grounds
 Sep 11-16, Louisville, KY, National Quartet Convention
 Sep 17, New Castle, IN, Westview
 Sep 24, Hammond, IN,
 Oct 1, Grant City, IN, Wesleyan
 Oct 8, Fishersburg, IN, Wesleyan
 Oct 15, Bloomington, IN, Country Store

ADAMS, MICHAEL

Jul 12-16, Augusta, ME, Maine District Nazarene Camp Mtg.
 Jul 17-23, Pleasant Ridge, PA
 Jul 26-30, Butler, PA, Pittsburg District Nazarene Camp Mtg.
 Aug 2-6, Mooers, NY, Mooers Camp Meeting
 Aug 9-13, Campton, KY, Wolfe Countywide Revival
 Aug 16-20, Louisville, OH, East OH Nazarene District Campmtg.
 Aug 27-30, Veedersburg, IN
 Sep 8-13, Goose Creek, SC, Charleston Calvary
 Sep 17-20, Newport, TN
 Sep 22-24, Fresno, CA, Central CA District Lay Retreat
 Oct 1-4, Sherrodsville, OH, Wesleyan
 Oct 6-8, Houston, TX, S. TX District Lay Retreat
 Oct 16-18, Springwater, NY
 Oct 22-25, Youngstown, OH, Grace
 Oct 29-Nov 1, West Columbia, SC, Central

ALDERMAN, ARLO; AERIE MINISTRIES

Jul 9-12, Deer Lodge, TN, Pleasant Green

ARMSTRONG, LEON**ARMSTRONG FAMILY MINISTRIES**

Jul 7-16, Wilmington, NY, Interdenominational Holiness Camp
 Jul 17-23, Rutland, OH
 Jul 31-Aug 6, Greenfield, IN, Stringtown
 Aug 7-13, Sprouses Corner, VA, VA Nazarene District Family Camp
 Aug 14-20, Archdale, NC
 Aug 21-27, Oakland City, IN, Oakland City Holiness Camp
 Sep 6-10, Orland, IN
 Sep 13-17, Cumberland, MD, First
 Sep 19-24, Grafton, WV, Blueville
 Sep 26-Oct 1, Oakland, MD
 Oct 4-8, Royallton, IL, First
 Oct 11-15, Kewanee, IL, Grace
 Oct 18-22, Arcola, IL, First
 Oct 26-29, Macomb, IL
 Oct 31-Nov 6, Ellisville, IL

ARNOLD, DANIEL

Sep 8-10, Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Laymen's Retreat
 Sep 10-14, Brookfield, MO
 Sep 19-23, Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Pastors/Wives Meeting
 Sep 24-28, Indianola, IA
 Oct 8-12, Chariton, IA
 Oct 18-22, Clinton, IA, First

BAKER, JUDITH; JUDITH BAKER MINISTRIES (MUSIC EVANGELISM)

Jul 10-14, Dothan, AL, Bethel AME
 Jul 17-21, Ozark, AL, Bethel AME
 Aug 27, West Columbia, SC, Central
 Oct 14-15, Goose Creek, SC, Charleston Calvary
 Oct 15, Goose Creek, SC, Sunrise Christian Church

BALLARD, DONALD

Jul 2, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community Start
 Jul 9, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place Community Start
 Jul 16, Germantown, TN, Plantation Community Start
 Jul 23, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place Community Start
 Jul 30, Germantown, TN, Southerland Place Community Start

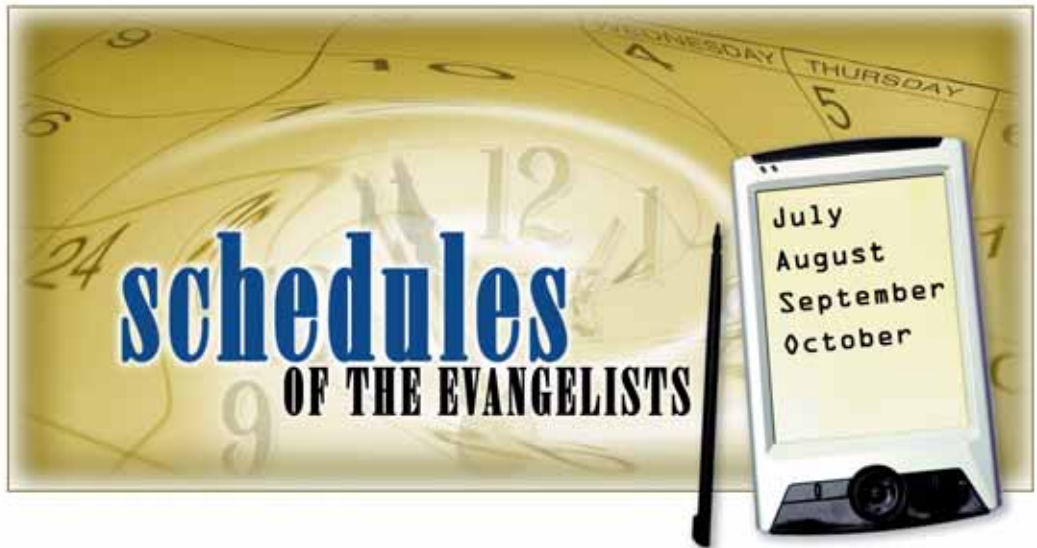
BELZER, DAVID

Sep 19-24, Danville, IL, Cedar Grove
 Sep 26-Oct 1, Arenzville, IL, Bethel Community
 Oct 3-8, Dana, IN

BENDER, TIMOTHY

Jul 12-16, Oak Hill, FL, Grace

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Jul 24-30, Parkersburg, WV, Broadway
 Aug 30-Sept 3, Selma, AL, Bible Methodist
 Sep 6-10, Swainsboro, GA, First
 Sep 13-17, Columbia, SC, Covenant Community Fellowship
 Sep 27-Oct 1, Columbia, SC, Covenant Community Fellowship
 Oct 3-8, Harrisonville, PA,
 Oct 10-15, Fostoria, OH, Trinity United Brethren
 Oct 25-29, Ironton, MO

BEVILLE, SHERMAN

Aug 27-30, Clay City, IN, Union Chapel
 Sep 6-10, Salem, IN
 Oct 3-8, Connersville, IN, First
 Oct 18-22, Decatur, IL, Trinity

BIRT, ALVIN LEE; HAPPY HEART MINISTRIES

Oct 22-26, Cardington, OH

BOLICH, JEREMIAH; CROSS STYLE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

Jul 7-16, Logan, OH, Central OH District Camp Meeting
 Jul 17-22, Brooktondale, NY, Upstate NY District Teen Camp
 Jul 29-Aug 5, Ludlow Falls, OH,
 Aug 6-13, Bucyrus, OH,
 Sep 1-4, Rapid City, SD, Dakota Dist Family Camp
 Sep 10-13, Cory, IN, Cory Community
 Sep 17-20, Brainerd, MN
 Sep 24-27, Sandstone, MN, Community Worship Center

BOND, GARY; GARY BOND MINISTRIES

Jul 16-23, Grand Lodge, MI, Michigan District Camp Meeting
 Jul 24-30, Conneautville, PA, Peniel Holiness Camp
 Aug 6-13, Dallas, TX, Dallas Nazarene Indoor Camp Meeting
 Aug 20-27, Richwood, OH, Burning Bush Camp Meeting
 Sep 10-13, Gageton, MI
 Sep 17-20, Ashland, KY, Grace
 Sep 24-27, Paden City, WV
 Oct 1-4, Nashville, MI
 Oct 8-11, Hartford, CT, IN
 Oct 15-18, Monticello, KY
 Oct 22-25, Reading, MI
 Oct 29-Nov 1, Pelham, TN, Chapman's Chapel

BURKHALTER, PAT; BURKHALTER MINISTRIES

Aug 16-20, Denver City, TX
 Aug 23-27, Macon, MO
 Aug 30-Sept 3, Borger, TX, Trinity
 Sep 10-13, Bowling Green, MO
 Sep 14-17, Anna, IL, First
 Sep 20-24, Lawton, OK, Lawton Heights
 Sep 27-Oct 1, Iberia, MO
 Oct 4-8, Union, MO, Word of Life
 Oct 11-15, Port Arthur, TX, Grace
 Oct 18-22, Mount Vernon, IN, Point Township

**CANFIELD, DAVID
CANFIELD EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES**

Sep 10-13, Waynesville, OH
 Oct 4-8, Lexington, KY, Lafayette
 Oct 15-18, Beckley, WV, First
 Oct 22-25, Radcliff, OH, Point Rock

CHAPMAN, JAMES; BIG CHAP MINISTRIES

Jul 12-16, Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Junior High Camp
 Jul 17-21, Manville, IL, NW Illinois District Sr. Teen Camp

Jul 24-28, Shel Knob, MO, Camp Fun in the Sun
 Aug 13-17, Webb City, MO
 Aug 18-20, Girard, KS, Living Faith
 Oct 8-11, Neosho, MO

COVINGTON, NATHAN; LIFE MENDERS

Jul 30-Aug 2, Hutchinson, KS, Bethany
 Aug 13-16, Oklahoma City, OK, Shield of Faith
 Aug 26-26, Hattisburg, MS, District Lay Retreat
 Sep 10-13, Temple, TX, First
 Sep 17-20, Amarillo, TX, First
 Sep 24-27, Lincoln, NE, First
 Oct 1-4, Wister, OK
 Oct 15-18, Richmond, IN, First
 Oct 22-25, Quincy, IL, Emmanuel
 Oct 29-Nov 1, Rogersville, MO, Harvest Community

**CRABTREE, DR. J.C.
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Oct 8-11, Gallipolis, OH, First

CURRY, MICHAEL

Oct 6-8, Plymouth, IL, Men's Retreat

DABYDEEN, ROBERT

Jul 2, Carthage, TN
 Jul 9, Jasper, AL, First
 Jul 16-19, Decatur, AL, First
 Jul 23, Jasper, AL, First
 Aug 6-11, Hartford, CT, First
 Aug 13, Hartford, CT, Independent Holiness
 Sep 3, Greensboro, IN
 Sep 10-13, Helena, AL, Trinity
 Sep 19-24, Charleston, WV, North Side
 Oct 1-4, Chattanooga, TN, Lookout Valley
 Oct 8-11, Dunbar, WV
 Oct 15-18, Belle, WV
 Oct 22-25, Cullman, AL, First
 Oct 29-Nov 1, Mount Pleasant, TX

DEFORD, KENDALL; TENTMAKER MINISTRIES

Jul 1-Sept 3, Howell, MI

DEGENKOLB, WILLIAM

Jul 21-30, Mt. Chestnut, PA, Nazarene Dist. Assembly & Camp

DELL, JIMMY; JIMMY DELL MINISTRIES

Jul 9-16, Union, ME
 Jul 23-30, Fenton, MI

**DOLE, CHARLES
EVERLASTING SONG MINISTRIES**

Jul 22, Lafayette, IN, Lafayette Gospel Concert

**DONNERBERG, JOHN
JOHN DONNERBERG MINISTRIES**

Jul 1-7, Brooktondale, NY, Upstate NY District Camp
 Jul 8-9, Schenectady, NY,
 Jul 23-31, Fort Worth, TX, Crossroads Tabernacle
 Aug 6-13, Ferndale, TX, Washington Camp Meeting
 Aug 20-23, Tahoka, TX, Grassland
 Aug 27-30, Fayetteville, AR, First
 Sep 10-13, Medford, OK
 Sep 17-20, Shreveport, LA, Huntington Park
 Sep 24-27, Oklahoma City, OK, Oakcliff
 Oct 1-4, Abilene, TX, First
 Oct 8-11, Shawnee, OK
 Oct 15-18, Dewey, OK
 Oct 22-25, Saint Marys, OH, First
 Oct 29-Nov 1, Mount Vernon, OH, Lakeholm

DOWNING, ANN; ANN DOWNING MINISTRIES

Jul 9, Garnett, KS
 Jul 22, Rumney, NH, Rumney Bible Camp
 Jul 26, Rumney, NH, Rumney Bible Camp
 Aug 13, Eldorado, IL, Star General Baptist Church
 Aug 19, Ringgold, GA, Burning Bush Baptist Ladies Lunch
 Aug 19, Ringgold, GA, Burning Bush Church Gospel Sing
 Aug 26, Mt. Olive, AL, United Methodist Church
 Aug 29, Antioch, TN, Mt. View Baptist Church
 Sep 8, Rogersville, TN, Holston Valley Baptist Women's Conf
 Sep 17, New Albany, IN, Christ's Community
 Sep 23, Ruskin, FL, Women's Retreat-Cypress Creek
 Sep 24, Ruskin, FL, United Methodist Church
 Oct 14, Pittsburg, TX
 Oct 28, Belle, WV
 Oct 28, Belle, WV
 Oct 29, Dunbar, WV
 Oct 29, Dunbar, WV

DUNHAM, SCOTT

Jul 20-30, Eaton Rapids, MI, Holiness Camp Meeting
 Aug 9, Olathe, KS, Olathe College

ELLIS, PAUL; LIBERTY QUARTET

Jul 13-15, Red Deer, AB, First
 Jul 16, Red Deer, AB, West Park
 Jul 16, Aik, AB, Western Canada Church of God Campmtg
 Jul 22, Homer, AK
 Jul 29, Soldotna, AK
 Jul 29, NIKISKI, AK
 Jul 30, Anchorage, AK, Baptist Temple
 Aug 11, Gerber, CA, Gerber Bible Fellowship
 Aug 12, Lake Almanor, CA, Community Church
 Aug 13, Truckee, CA, Sierra Bible Church
 Aug 13, Carson City, NV, Good Shepherd Wesleyan
 Aug 18, Puyallup, WA, South Hills Christian Center
 Aug 20, Marysville, WA
 Aug 20, Kent, WA, Kent First
 Sep 8, Lapwai, ID, Assembly of God
 Sep 10, Spokane, WA, First
 Sep 11, Colfax, WA
 Sep 29, Lakeview, OR
 Oct 1, Redmond, OR, Assembly of God
 Oct 1, Redmond, OR, Highland Baptist Church
 Oct 6, Mount Vernon, WA, Bethany Covenant Church
 Oct 8, Ritzville, WA, Menno Mennonite Church
 Oct 9, Grants Pass, OR, Redwood Country Church
 Oct 13, Sheridan, WY, First Baptist Church
 Oct 14, Billings, MT, First
 Oct 15, Cody, WY, Shoshone Bible Church
 Oct 16, Thermopolis, WY, First Baptist Church
 Oct 18, Cambridge, ID, First Baptist Church
 Oct 20, McMinnville, OR, Linfield College

**FLINT, ROBERT
LIFE THROUGH THE WORD MINISTRIES**

Jul 16-18, Pioneer, OH,
 Jul 20-30, Sebring, OH, Holiness Camp Meeting
 Jul 31-Aug 6, St. Marys, OH, NW Ohio District Camp Meeting
 Aug 13-27, Milford, OH, Lifespring
 Sep 10-11, Perrysburg, OH, Bridgeway
 Sep 27-Oct 1, Sallisaw, OK
 Oct 15-18, West Milton, OH
 Oct 21-23, Pioneer, OH
 Oct 25-29, Lakeview, OH, Indian Lake Northside

GALLIMORE, DAVID; DAVID GALLIMORE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.

Jul 9-15, Portland, OR, Multnomah Camp Meeting
Jul 16-23, Columbus, OH, West Central District
Camp (CCCU)

Jul 16, Springfield, OH, Springfield High Street
Jul 24-29, Hinton, WV, Mt. Olivet Camp
Aug 26-Sept 4, Hinton, WV, Peyton Camp
Sep 10-13, Lakewood, CO
Sep 17-20, Yukon, OK, First
Sep 24-27, Muncie, IN, South Side
Oct 1-4, East Liverpool, OH, First
Oct 8-11, Oak Hill, WV
Oct 16-18, Huntington, IN, First
Oct 22-25, Charleston, WV, Elk River
Oct 29-Nov 1, Baton Rouge, LA, First

GESSNER . DON AND SHIRL GESSNER MUSIC MINISTRIES, INC.

Jul 1-9, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe [Evangelism
Focus Week]
Jul 14-23, Logan, OH, Central Ohio District Camp
Jul 24-30, Pittsburgh, PA, Pittsburgh District Camp
Jul 31-Aug 6, Marysville, OH, Northwest Ohio
District Camp

Aug 7-31, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe
[Evangelism Focus Weeks]
Sep 1-30, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe
[Evangelism Focus Weeks]

Oct 1-31, Indianapolis, IN, Grace Pointe [Evangelism
Focus Weeks]

GOSS, MIKKI; M & J MINISTRIES, INC./THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

Jun 30-Jul 2, Elukwatini 1192, *N, Nhlazatshe
Jul 3-5, Matsulu 1203, *N, Kamhushwa
Jul 6, Nhlangano, *N, Swaziland South
Jul 8, Hazvyiv 1242, *N, Mahushu
Jul 9, Elukwatini 1192, *N, Nhlazatshe
Jul 17-23, Pinetown 3610, *N, South Africa RSA
Kwa Zulu Natal
Aug 14-31, Mabopane 0100, *N, Soshanguve
Sep 1-30, Jane Furse, 1065, *N, South Africa RSA
North Central

GRAY, ROBERT; BOB AND BECKY GRAY/SINGING INTO THE LORD

Jul 3-9, Camillus, NY, Upstate NY District Camp
Jul 11-16, Calero, AL, ALABAMA DISTRICT CAMP
Jul 17-23, Flemingsburg, KY, East Kentucky District
Camp
Jul 29-Aug 6, Glen Brynie, MD, Mid-Atlantic District
Camp
Aug 7-13, West Harrison, IN, SW Ohio District Camp
Meeting
Aug 16-20, Valley Stream, NY, Metro New York
Camp Meeting
Sep 17-20, Amarillo, TX, First
Sep 24-28, Greensburg, KY, Summersville
Oct 1-4, Hannibal, MO, First
Oct 8-11, Monongahela, PA

GREENWAY, KENNETH; GREENWAY MINISTRIES

Jul 16-23, Asheboro, NC, Heaven Bound Ministries
Aug 6-9, Cherryville, NC
Aug 13-16, Myrtle, MS, United Methodist
Aug 18-23, Gloster, MS
Aug 27-30, Hickory, NC, Bethel Wesleyan
Sep 10-13, Asheboro, NC, Mt. View Independent
Methodist
Sep 17-20, Seagrave, NC, Trinity Wesleyan
Sep 24-29, Eagle Springs, NC, Rock Hill Friends
Meeting
Oct 1-5, Tabor City, NC, Old Zion Wesleyan
Oct 8-11, Kings Mountain, NC
Oct 15-19, Hickory, NC, Sandy Ridge Wesleyan
Oct 22-26, McAdenville, NC, Wesleyan

HAINES, GARY; GARY HAINES EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Jul 23, Colorado Springs, CO, First
Jul 31-Aug 6, Capitan, NM, Bonita Park Family
Camp
Aug 15-20, Taconic, NY, NY Metro District Camp
Aug 27-30, Jonesboro, AR, Forest Home
Sep 10-13, Clarksville, TN, Grace
Sep 24-27, Birdsboro, PA
Oct 8-11, Sherman, TX
Oct 22-26, Anadarko, OK

HANCOCK, TIMOTHY

Jul 2, Sunbury, OH
Jul 9-14, Taylor, GA, Taylor County Camp Meeting
Jul 16-18, North East, MD, Philadelphia District
Family Camp
Jul 23, Coshocton, OH, First
Jul 30-Aug 6, St. Marys, OH, NW Ohio District
Family Camp
Aug 9-13, Buckingham, VA, Virginia District Family
Camp
Aug 27-30, Ravenswood, WV
Sep 10-13, Waverly, TN, First
Sep 16-20, Virden, IL
Sep 24-27, Malden, MO, First
Oct 1-4, Brownstown, IN
Oct 8-11, Roseville, OH
Oct 15-18, Mifflinburg, PA
Oct 29-Nov 1, Bucyrus, OH

HAZLETT, GEORGE

Jul 1-31, Clinton, OH
Aug 1-31, Clinton, OH
Sep 1-30, Clinton, OH
Oct 1-31, Clinton, OH

HICKS, JOHN DAVID; FAITH ENCOUNTER, INC.

Sep 10-13, Moses Lake, WA
Sep 17-20, Trenton, MO
Oct 1-4, Jackson, MO
Oct 9-12, Bishop, CA
Oct 15-18, Pittsburgh, PA, Lincoln Place
Oct 22-26, Poplar Bluff, MO
Oct 30-Nov 2, Erie, PA, First

HUGHES, JAMES; JIM HUGHES MINISTRIES, INC.

Jul 2-8, Tabernacle, NJ, Delanco Camp Meeting
Jul 9, Pocono, PA, Mt. Retreat
Jul 22-29, Brandywine, PA, Brandywine Summit
Camp

JACKSON, PAUL & PATRICIA JETSTREAM MINISTRIES

Jul 12-16, Illinois, IL, Concerts
Jul 17-22, Watertown, WI, CGMA Central Conv.

JONES, MARVIN

Jul 9-14, North East, MD, Philadelphia District Camp
Jul 17-18, Bedford, IN, SW IN District NMI
Convention
Jul 18-19, Bedford, IN, SW IN District Assembly
Aug 6-11, Summersville, WV, WV Nazarene District
Camp Meeting

KEARCE, DOUG & DARLA; CROSSTYLE KIDS

Jul 3-6, Nashville, TN, TN District Primary Camp
Jul 11-15, Fredericksburg, MO, MO District Preteen
Camp
Jul 17-23, Manhattan, KS
Jul 24-28, Marion, IN, NE IN District Preteen Girls
Camp
Jul 31-Aug 4, Northeast, MD, Mid-Atlantic Family
Camp

KYONKA, JAMI

Jul 1-31, Belfontaine, MO, Evangelism Training-
Teens Mo DYS

LACOMBE, CHARLES

Jul 15-19, East Palestine, OH
Aug 6-9, Skowhegan, ME
Aug 18-20, Jackman, ME
Aug 26-30, Bethel, ME
Sep 1-3, East Millinocket, ME, Living Hope
Sep 10-13, Mechanic Falls, ME
Oct 8-11, Alamosa, CO, Real Life on the Rock
Oct 22-26, Cortez, CO
Oct 29-Nov 1, Rock Hill, NY

LAXSON, WALLY & GINGER

Jul 1-30, Decatur, AL, Decatur Spring Avenue

LEAGUE, PAUL

EAGLES' WINGS MINISTRIES, INC.
Jul 26-Aug 6, Imperial, NE, Imperial Valley Holiness
Camp
Sep 14-17, Alton, IL, Free Methodist Church
Sep 20-24, Olney, IL
Oct 8-11, Kalspell, MT, First
Oct 15-18, Pablo, MT
Oct 22-26, Victor, MT
Oct 29-Nov 1, Johnson, KS, Bethel

LECKRONE, LARRY**LECKRONE MINISTRIES, INC.**

Jul 11-16, Adrian, GA, Georgia District Family Camp
Jul 27-Aug 6, Imperial, NB, Imperial Valley Holiness
Assoc. Camp
Aug 10-20, Portage, OH, Portage Holiness Camp
Aug 26-30, Vassar, MI
Sep 3, Sherrodsville, OH, Wesleyan
Sep 9-13, Roanoke, VA, East Gate
Sep 16-20, Allen Park, MI
Sep 29-27, Wyoming, MI, Grand Rapids Clyde Park
Sep 30-Oct 4, Fortville, IN
Oct 7-11, Burton, MI, Flint South
Oct 14-18, Spencer, IN
Oct 21-26, Greenfield, IN, First
Oct 28-Nov 1, Stringtown, IN,

LEIDY, ARNOLD

UPWARD CALL MINISTRIES, INC.
Jul 3-4, Buhl, ID, Community 4th Celebration
Concert
Aug 24-27, Guthrie, OK
Sep 2-3, Shadyside, OH
Sep 6-10, Lizemores, WV
Sep 13-17, South Lebanon, OH, Crossroads
Sep 21-24, Sullivan, IN

LIVELY, JOSH

Jul 2, Hilliard, OH, Community
Sep 24-27, Parkersburg, WV, First

LIVERSAGE, JERRY

JERRY LIVERSAGE MINISTRIES, INC.
Sep 23-24, Phillipsburg, NJ, Blessed Hope
Oct 1-4, Saugus, MA,
Oct 15-18, Fitchburg, MA,

LOMAN, LANE; LOMAN MINISTRIES

Jul 10-16, Louisville, IL, Clay County Camp
Jul 20-30, Sebring, OH,
Jul 30-Aug 6, Frankfort, IN, Wesleyan District Camp
Aug 9-13, Chillicothe, OH, First
Aug 20-23, Eden, NC, Bethlehem United Methodist
Church
Aug 27-30, Woodsfield, OH
Sep 3-6, Grassy Creek, NC,
Sep 9-13, Niles, OH, First
Sep 17-20, Decatur, IL, West Side
Sep 24-27, Live Oak, FL, First
Oct 1-4, Randleman, NC, Friends Church
Oct 8-11, Fort Mill, SC, First
Oct 15-18, Albermarle, NC, Bethel United Methodist
Oct 22-26, Decatur, IL, West Side
Oct 29-Nov 1, Syracuse, NY, Christ Community

MANLEY, STEPHEN; SMEA

Jul 6-15, Taylor, GA, Taylor County Camp Meeting
Jul 17-24, Louisville, KY, Eastern KY District Camp
Jul 28-Aug 6, Ludlow Falls, TN,
Aug 7-13, Johnson, VT, Ithiel Falls Camp
Aug 18-20, Delaware, OH, Highpoint
Aug 25-27, Bloomington, IL, First
Aug 30-Sept 3, Elizabethtown, PA, Conoy Brethren
in Christ
Sep 8-10, Joliet, IL, Crystal Lawns
Sep 12-13, Batavia, OH, Batavia Community
Sep 17-20, Colorado Springs, CO, Trinity
Sep 22-24, Hemet, CA
Oct 1-4, Warren, MI, Warren Woods
Oct 11-16, Deford, MI, Deford Community
Oct 18-22, Warren, OH, First
Oct 25-29, Rock Hill, SC, Trinity

MCCARTY, FRED

Sep 10-17, Canvas, WV, Summersville

MCKENZIE, ROBERT; RLM MINISTRIES

Aug 27-31, Roanoke, AL
Sep 10-13, Sharpsburg, GA, First
Sep 17-20, Warner Robins, GA, First
Oct 1-4, Sandersville, GA
Oct 8-11, Saraland, AL
Oct 22-26, Jackson, GA
Oct 29-Nov 1, Nancy, KY,
MILLER, WESLEY; C. WESLEY MINISTRIES
Jul 14-16, Vici, OK, Woodward Children's Camp
Aug 27-30, Ponca City, OK, St. Luke's
Sep 10-13, Owasso, OK, Silver Creek
Sep 24-27, Guymon, OK

MILLHUFF, CHARLES; MILLHUFF MINISTRIES

Jun 26-Jul 9, Hendersonville, NC, Hendersonville
Camp
Jul 29-Aug 6, Capitan, NM, NM District Camp
Meeting
Aug 7-13, Kampsville, IL, Hillcrest Camp
Sep 8-10, Kampsville, IL, Illinois District Lay Retreat
Sep 27-Oct 1, Delta, FL
Oct 11-16, Noble, OK

MITCHELL, ROYCE; LIBERTY QUARTET

Jul 13-15, Red Deer, AB, First
Jul 16, Red Deer, AB, West Park
Jul 16, Aik, AB, Western Canada Church of God
Camp Mtg
Jul 22, Homer, AK
Jul 29, Soldotna, AK
Jul 30, Nikiski, AK
Jul 30, Anchorage, AK, Baptist Temple
Aug 11, Gerber, CA, Gerber Bible Fellowship
Aug 12, Lake Almanor, CA, Community Church
Aug 13, Truckee, CA, Sierra Bible Church
Aug 13, Carson City, NV, Good Shepherd Wesleyan
Aug 18, Puyallup, WA, South Hills Christian Center
Aug 20, Marysville, WA
Aug 20, Kent, WA, Kent First
Sep 8, Lapwai, ID, Assembly of God
Sep 10, Spokane, WA, First
Sep 11, Colfax, WA
Sep 29, Lakeview, OR
Oct 1, Redmond, OR, Assembly of God
Oct 1, Redmond, OR, Highland Baptist Church
Oct 6, Mount Vernon, WA, Bethany Covenant
Church
Oct 8, Ritzville, WA, Menno Mennonite Church
Oct 9, Grants Pass, OR, Redwood Country Church
Oct 13, Sheridan, WY, First Baptist Church
Oct 14, Billings, MT, First
Oct 15, Cody, WY, Shoshone Bible Church
Oct 16, Thermopolis, WY, First Baptist Church
Oct 18, Cambridge, ID, First Baptist Church
Oct 20, McMinnville, OR, Linfield College

MOORE, NORMAN

Jul 21-30, Prescott, AZ, Arizona District Camp
Meeting
Aug 7-13, West Harrison, IN, SW Ohio District Camp
Meeting
Aug 20-23, Maysville, KY
Sep 10-13, Portage, IN, Grace
Sep 17-20, Phoenix, AZ, Monte Vista
Sep 24-27, Salisbury, MD, Cross Pointe
Oct 1-4, Cadillac, MI, First
Oct 8-11, Glen Burnie, MD, Marley Park
Oct 29-Nov 1, Mount Vernon, OH, First

MUNCIE, BOB & JANE; BOB AND JANE MUNCIE

Aug 15-20, Chandler, IN, Nazarene Holiness Camp
Sep 10-13, Kempton, IL
Sep 16-20, Rockford, IL, Samuelson Road
Oct 1-4, Bloomington, IN, Eastview
Oct 7-12, Kurtz, IN
Oct 15-19, Edinburg, IN,
Oct 22-26, Connerville, IN, Gorther Memorial

MURPHY, MARK

Jul 3-9, Fredericktown, MO, MO District Camp
Meeting
Jul 14-23, Indian Lake, MI, MI District Camp
Meeting
Jul 29-Aug 3, Madison, WI, WI District Assembly
and Campmtg
Aug 13, Allen Park, MI
Aug 14-20, Akron, OH, East OH District Camp
Aug 20, Marion, IN, First

NICHOLAS, CLAUDE**RENEWING LOVE MINISTRIES**

Jul 23-30, Howell, MI, Eastern Michigan Camp
Sep 10-13, Fayette, OH
Sep 17-20, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Sep 24-27, Celina, OH
Oct 1-4, Saint Paris, OH, St. Paris Community
Oct 8-11, Commerce Township, MI, Union Lake
Oct 15-18, Medway, OH, Bethel Community
Oct 22-26, Eaton, OH, First
Oct 29-Nov 1, Fort Recovery, OH

PEARSON, RICK

Jul 3-7, Bourbonnais, IL, Naz Youth Camp-College &
First Church
Jul 10-14, Springfield, MO, Fun in the Son Camp
Jul 24-28, Siloam Springs, AR, N. Ark. District
Nazarene Youth Camp
Jul 30-Aug 5, Shell Knob, MO, Hmong Assemblies
of God Youth Camp
Sep 1-3, Oskaloosa, IA, First
Sep 7-9, Shell Knob, MO, National Youth Leaders
Retreat

PERDUE, DR. NELSON; PERDUE MINISTRIES

Jul 4-9, Manville, IL, NW Illinois Nazarene District
Camp
Jul 10-16, West Des Moines, IA, Iowa Nazarene
District Camp
Jul 20-30, Mount Vernon, OH, Hollow Rock Holiness
Camp
Aug 6-13, Summersville, WV, West Virginia Nazarene
District Camp
Sep 6-10, Warren, OH, Champion
Sep 13-17, Willoughby Hills, OH, Evangelical
Friends Church
Sep 20-24, Lenoir City, TN
Sep 27-Aug 1, Bradford, OH
Oct 4-8, Indianapolis, IN, Southwest
Oct 11-16, London, OH
Oct 18-22, Logan, OH
Oct 26-29, Springfield, OH, High Street

PETTIT, BENJAMIN & AMANDA**ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES**

Oct 1-4, Belpre, OH
Oct 22-26, Elgin, IL
Oct 29-Nov 1, Nevada, MO

PETTIT, ELAINE; ELAINE PETTIT MINISTRIES

Jul 7-14, Bradford, PA, Free Methodist Family Camp
Sep 10-12, Dublin, GA, First
Sep 17-20, Erin, TN
Sep 24-27, Wichita, KS, West Side
Oct 1-4, Fort Worth, KY, Covington Central
Oct 8-11, Heber Springs, AR
Sep 10-18, Nacogdoches, TX
Oct 22-26, Pennington, NJ, Trenton
Oct 27-Nov 1, Lubbock, TX, Lubbock First

PHELPS, PHILLIP; PHILLIP PHELPS MINISTRIES

Jul 11-18, Dallas, TX, Noonday Camp Meeting
Jul 18-23, Ft. Jesup, LA,
Aug 20-23, Natchitoches, LA
Sep 20-24, Greenville, TX, Peniel
Oct 22-26, Dallas, TX, Central

PICKERING, DEAN & TWANDA**PICKERING MINISTRIES**

Jul 6, Schuykill Haven, PA
Jul 8, Bell, FL, Gospel Post Convention
Jul 9, Birdsboro, PA
Jul 14, Northeast, MD
Jul 23, Ocoee, FL, Harmony
Jul 23, Winter Garden, FL, Garden Cathedral Church
of God
Jul 30, Enterprise, FL, Christ Wesleyan
Jul 30, Kissimmee, FL, Bible Baptist
Aug 4, Jacksonville, FL, Old Plank Road Baptist
Aug 5, Sun City, FL, Christian Center
Aug 6, Palmetto, FL, Church of God
Aug 6, Bradenton, FL, Happy Gospel Center
Aug 19, Avon Park, FL, Florida Avenue Baptist
Aug 20, Avon Park, FL, Pentecostal Holiness
Aug 20, Orlando, FL, Eastside Baptist
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Aug 6-11, Delaware, OH, Highpoint
Aug 13-16, Oakley, MI, Community Church
Aug 20-22, Hannibal, MO, First
Sep 8-10, Mahomet, IL
Oct 27-29, Delaware, OH, Highpoint

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Oct 6, Myrtle Beach, SC, Good Sam's Club-Ocean Lakes Camp
Oct 8, Myrtle Beach, SC, Myrtle Beach-The Connection
Oct 16-18, Northville, MI, Detroit First

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Jul 11-16, Fort Wright, KY, Covington Central
Jul 17-23, Flemingsburg, KY, Eastern Kentucky Camp Meeting
Aug 4-13, Portsmouth, RI
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Sep 9-13, Pryor, OK
Sep 16-20, Colona, IL, Grace Community
Sep 23-27, East Palestine, OH
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Jul 23, Wolcottville, IN, Gordon's Campground
Jul 27, Indianapolis, IN, Four Square - Coffee House Concert
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Aug 26, Indianapolis, IN, Eastlawn Wesleyan
Sep 3-6, Greensboro, IN
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Sep 24, Rochester, IN, First Christian
Oct 16, Thornstown, IN, Old Mill Run Campgrounds
Oct 27, Shirley, IN, Murray Marketplace Concert

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Sep 22-23, Marion, IN, NE IN District Women's Retreat
Sep 29-30, Minneapolis, MN
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Aug 6-13, Summersville, WV, W. VA Nazarene District Camp Mtg.
Sep 6-10, Hagerstown, IN
Sep 13-17, Cambridge City, IN
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Sep 27-Oct 1, Shenwood, AR, First
Oct 4-8, Whitney, TX
Oct 11-15, Terrell, TX
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Aug 14-20, Olney, IL
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Sep 17-20, Albany, KY, United
Sep 24-27, Erie, PA, Millcreek
Oct 1-4, Saginaw, MI, First Free Methodist
Oct 10-15, Grenada, MS, First
Oct 22-25, Pineville, LA, First
Oct 29-Nov 1, Mauston, WI

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Jul 17-23, Pinetown 3610, *N, South Africa RSA Kwa Zulu Natal
Aug 14-31, Mabopane 0100, *N, Soshanguve
Sep 1-30, Jane Furse, 1085, *N, South Africa RSA North Central

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Aug 4, Paducah, KY
Sep 15, Louisville, KY, National Quartet Convention

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Oct 1-4, Owensville, IN
Oct 16-18, Sullivan, IN, Wesleyan

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Jul 4-9, Manville, IL, NW Illinois Camp Meeting
Jul 11-16, Henryetta, OK
Jul 19-23, Nashville, TN, Christ's Church Worship School
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Aug 20-23, Greenbrier, AR
Sep 8-10, West Des Moines, IA, Iowa District Lay Retreat
Sep 15-17, Crestline, OH
Oct 1-4, McAllen, TX
Oct 8-11, Springfield, MO, Grace
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Oct 22-24, Amarillo, TX, North Beacon
Oct 29-Nov 1, Vicksburg, MS, First

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Sep 10-13, Findlay, OH, First
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REVIVALISM—Alive and Enlivening!

by Brent Cobb

Having recently returned to pastoral ministry after nearly 11 years of overseas service as the Asia-Pacific regional director for the Church of the Nazarene, my wife Marty and I feel privileged now to serve the people of Lewiston (Idaho) First Church.

We learned early in our time here that it has been quite a while since the church last had special revival services. Some people suggested that perhaps revival meetings are passé. Fine leaders in our congregation alerted us to the fact that our church has not had a good record of the turnout of people for weeknight services.

After prayer, we sensed God leading us to contact Evangelist Gary Haines, whom I've known and brought for revivals to churches I've served during the past 25 years, beginning at Dallas, Texas. Gary had an opening in his schedule that would be challenging for any church that accepted those dates. They were for Saturday through Wednesday evening services that included Super Bowl Sunday. The game would not end before the normal start of the Sunday evening service.

Becoming convinced that the Lord was leading us to go ahead and have Gary come for those days, we resolved to find creative ways to make the dates work and to assure a high level of commitment of our people in praying, participating in all of the services, and in preparing their own minds and hearts for spiritual renewal.

The five Sundays prior to Gary's coming, I preached about personal and congregational renewal, communicating to our people the reality that the pastoral leadership team and all of our members should be experiencing beginning renewal *before* our evangelist arrived. It began to happen, with strong responses to altar invitations during that five-week period prior to our revival that we called "Family Renewal Days."

Here's a brief overview glimpse of what God enabled us to see occur during the days that Evangelist Gary Haines was with us:

- Saturday night's turnout for our initial time to get to know our Evangelist, for him to get to know us, and for us to pray for the special services was five times as large as many of us expected.
- Sunday morning's service was extremely well attended. There was an awe-inspiring spirit of expectancy in the air. Evangelist Gary Haines' story of the miracle of God's grace in his life that changed him from a night club entertainer with addictions, from which he needed divine deliverance, into an effective evangelist in our denomination for more than 30 years was spellbinding. An awesome altar service followed in which core people made renewed commitments to Spirit-filled living and service, and pre-Christian people came to a strong trust in Jesus as their Savior.
- Sunday night's concert after the Super Bowl game was well attended and greatly

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blessed by God. We simply moved our service time an hour later than usual in order to assure a good attendance. Gary's ministry in song was greatly anointed by Christ's Spirit.

- On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we served supper for free, starting one hour before time for the service to begin.
- Monday night's attendance was surprisingly large. All of our people seemed amazed.
- Gary led in congregational singing in all of the services, but our choir sang a special song each service as well, helping to assure larger attendance.
- On Monday evening, following a powerful message that Gary preached, he gave an altar invitation to which scores of people responded. Nearly two hundred people prayed for their own needs or prayed with others who came forward.
- Several people had told that Tuesday night's attendance would likely drop dramatically. It did not.
- Many who came to the evening services had not come to any previous evening services for a very long time.
- On Tuesday evening, the Spirit of God brought conviction to a majority of people present, and the message was followed, once again, by a glorious altar service.
- Wednesday night's attendance was huge, and there was an amazing altar service with a huge number of our outreach children and youth, who don't come on Sundays but only on Wednesday nights, coming under the Holy Spirit's conviction, coming forward to pray, repenting with loud weeping, and "praying through" to assurance of their salvation.

One couple that has been in the church for 34 years said that this was by far the best-attended revival during those years. Many people that we expected to see only on Sunday morning came to every service of the revival and came to the altar several times. People that had not been seen to shed a tear in church in years had tears streaming down their faces. Getting things right with God and one another and giving hugs became huge and contagious.

The turnout for supper before each evening service was large. One young wife and mom of three children wrote to me after the revival, saying, "We would not have been able to make it most of the services without the huge help the pre-service dinners provided. Whoever came up with that excellent idea had their finger on our family's pulse.

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IS IT GUILT OR SHAME?

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- I feel as if I just cannot measure up to what I ought to be.
- I feel as if I will never be acceptable.


Historically, we have known exactly where to go with guilty people—to the cross of Christ. It is here we find the grace of God poured out to us through the blood of Jesus. Grace is shorthand for the love of God, and the cross is the place where we also find healing for our shame. The One who was despised and rejected is the One who can deliver us from our shame (Isaiah 53:3)

Smedes points out that most people experience Grace on one (or more) of four levels:

- We experience grace as ***pardon***: we are forgiven for wrongs we have done. Pardoning grace is the answer to guilt.
- We experience grace as ***acceptance***: we are reunited with God and our true selves, accepted, cradled, held, affirmed, and loved. Accepting grace is the answer to shame.
- We experience grace as ***power***: it provides a spiritual energy to shed the heaviness of shame and, in the lightness of grace, move toward the true self God intends us to be.
- We experience grace as ***gratitude***: it gives us a sense for the gift of life, a sense of wonder and sometimes elation at the lavish generosity of God.

Churches can sometimes be places of tremendous shaming, and volumes have been written by church dropouts who are still angry at the church. However, churches can also be places of wonderful acceptance. This is an important key for shame-bound people: to find their place in the body of Christ where they too have a seat at the great table of God and know they are a valued member of God's family. Much of my work as a pastor is spent reassuring these shame-full persons that the church is a safe place where they are totally accepted. Once they feel this acceptance, they begin to enjoy their walk with the Lord and feel at home with His family.

Someone has said, "One of the goals of the evangelist is to comfort the disturbed, and to disturb the comfortable." If this is true, then much care should be taken when we enter the pulpit, and proclaim the Good News.

We should never apologize when the preaching of the Word brings guilt on a person's soul. However, we must be quick to comfort a person who is struggling with shame. 

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REVIVALISM— ALIVE AND ENLIVENING

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We were all much more relaxed and open to listening and participating without the stress of rushing to eat elsewhere before arriving.” The scenes at the round dinner tables in the fellowship hall where significant networking and building of friendship bridges occurred were a heartening sight to behold.

Our choir sang with great inspiration each night. Gary’s leading congregational singing, as well as his special music and preaching were Spirit-led and Spirit-anointed. A number of our “outreach kids” came under the strong conviction of the Holy Spirit as Gary preached and invited people to the altar.

Because of the horrible conditions in his dysfunctional home, Jeremiah had been the hardest child for anyone to help understand the love of God the Father. He had shown all of the signs of being an abused child. On the final night of the revival Jeremiah opened his heart to Christ. The change in him has been remarkable.

Among the large number of teens who generally attend only our midweek outreach ministries, several later testified that the combination of our spiritual retreat for them just prior to the revival and the revival services themselves greatly impacted them. Those who came to saving faith in Jesus during out “Family Renewal Days” were guided afterward into study of God’s Word and into a disciple-making relationship with a mentor who will help them develop a prayer life and learn to share their faith in Christ.

I have indelible memories of our teens and college students praising God with radiant faces and uplifted hands and hearts. Our experience has proved to me and to our entire church family that revivalism is still very much alive and enlivening. We give all praise and glory to God. **EP**



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GUILT PAVES THE WAY TO HELL

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reprobate mind (Romans 1:29). These are the walking damned. What a horrible state to even comprehend, much less be in. The Western world is so given to this level of debauchery as described in this portion of Holy Scripture that one can only wonder how many cross this line every day. Can they recross this line? I would believe that through the mercy of God they could, but it would be rare, and that may be a bit of my theology creeping in. You say, “What a horrible thing to suggest!” Well, it is not this preacher that is suggesting this; it is the Holy Bible. The prophet Hosea in the book that bears his name in referring to this same horrific situation in Old Testament times cries out, “Ephraim is joined to his idols; let him alone” (Hosea 4:17).

Shame and guilt are not to be confused as the same thing. Guilt is born of one’s inner moral self; shame is born of one’s psychological self. Guilt comes from the heart; shame comes from the mind. Satan has plagued many a sanctified person with shame, torturing this one with memories. Our memories will not be fully mended until we are with Christ in our new bodies. As a rule, false guilt is never specific. Conviction is. False guilt mingled with shame can paralyze a saint. One must come in the name of Jesus and rebuke this accuser of the brethren.

What is a revival meeting and why is guilt a part of one? It is a time when an atmosphere is set and a gifted, anointed messenger is released to explain the eternal reality of these truths. These oft-times forgotten, eternal realities are *revived*. Now if one does not believe in a literal, eternal hell or at least finds dealing with it uncomfortable, then this would not be what he would want in his church or school or convention. Oil and water do not mix. In my opinion such an unorthodox position is criminal. There is more said in the Holy Bible about hell than about heaven.

I heard not long ago a person in charge of a fellowship say of an Evangelist, “All he does is leave a lot of guilt.” I know the person referred to here, and I can assure you that this Evangelist not only exposes the problem with Holy Scripture and the support of the Holy Spirit but presents the saving grace of Christ that releases the sinners from their guilt and sends them on their way rejoicing.

My dear little mother told me not long before she died, “Charles, the best thing you can say is, ‘once I was blind but now I can see.’” Dr. Edward Lawler my mentor and dear friend, a prince of preachers told me, leaning over his desk 40 years ago, “What we are dying for are weeping, Judgment-Day preachers.” Many are the times I have actually gotten on my knees and begged the unsaved, “Please don’t be lost.” You see, I believe in a real hell and a real grinding guilt that tortures the unsaved. I have been sent to:

Rescue the perishing, / Care for the dying
Tell them of Jesus, / the mighty to save.

This pulling back from the potential guilt-ridden dialog with the souls of men and women is taking the seeker-friendly approach way too far. I am not an after-dinner speaker giving little talks on morality. No, I have traveled all these year to reach the

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GUILTY OF WHAT?

by *Stephen Manley*

John the Baptist knew the need of his culture and time. He also had a glimpse into what was coming. After 400 years of silence, he was a part of the Divine stirrings. The Kingdom of Heaven was present and knocking on their door. Would they be open to the new actions of God in Christ? His approach was simple. ***“Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”*** (Matthew 3:2).

The basis of the call was ***for the kingdom of heaven is at hand***. Herein lies the foundation from which we step into repentance. The word ***for*** is a translation of the Greek word “gar.” It is a causative particle. It is placed after one or more words in a clause to express the reason for what was previously stated. Therefore, the very reason for the command of repentance is that ***the kingdom of heaven is at hand***. This is not a call to repent so the Kingdom of Heaven can come. The Kingdom of Heaven has come and is knocking on our foreheads. God has come to us in forgiveness and love. Repentance does not cause Him to provide reconciliation with us; rather, reconciliation is all around us calling us to repentance. Repentance is the natural response to the love of God that is embracing us this moment!

Someone noted that this is the worst translation in the New Testament. The problem resides in the meaning of the English word ***repent***. It means “remorse” or “to be sorry.” There is a Greek word (metamelomai) that expresses this. It is used to describe the spiritual attitude of Judas after his betrayal of Christ (Matthew 27:3). But it is not repentance. The primary idea of repentance is not sorrow. Paul wrote, ***“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death”*** (2 Corinthians 7:10). Certainly one can experience guilt and remorse without repentance.

The cry of John the Baptist was beyond this sorrow. The Greek word (metanoieite) translated ***repent*** is a root word with a prefix. The prefix is “meta” which means


“after” or “with.” The root word (noeoo) means “consider your ways,” “change your minds,” “you have thought amiss,” “think again,” and “think aright.” This was a radical call to the leadership of Israel. He was not addressing the evil actions in breaking the laws of God. He was not a legalist lecturing them on the law. He was not a reformer attempting to correct ceremonial actions in the temple. He knew the Kingdom of Heaven was in their vicinity. He confronted his people, offering a new level of intimacy with God through Christ. Would they be open and receptive to the new revelation of Christ?

Self-centeredness focused their thought pattern. Would they be able to change their minds? In order to have another thought, they would have to admit that their first thought was wrong. Changing their minds would violate all they had established as who they were. It dealt with the very core of their value system. Repentance would be a radical change in their self-perspective. They risked their traditions if they repented.

John the Baptist was calling the Jews to repentance. While prostitutes and publicans heard his message, the Pharisees and Sadducees (Matthew 3:7) seemed to be a major target. He addresses the most righteous people of his day. Of what were they guilty? His message to them was fierce. He called them a ***brood of vipers*** (Matthew 3:7). He confronted them for hiding behind their heritage (Matthew 3:9).

Surely John had something specific in mind when he called them to repentance. The focus is Jesus. They desperately needed to rethink their position concerning their traditions and Jesus. This was a preliminary confrontation of the new thing God was doing in the Divine stirrings. If the leaders of Israel could rethink their traditions (repentance) in light of John the Baptist, they would have no problem with Christ. John the Baptist was a beginning step in the process. Their response to him would set the pattern by which they could respond to Christ. John the Baptist’s confrontation would be continued with Christ’s confrontation.

John was not asking for the single act of baptism. Repentance is the establishment of a new attitude. It is to be open, to seek, to ***hunger and thirst for righteousness*** (Matthew 5:6). This would be the constant attitude in the new level, the Kingdom of Heaven. It is interesting that those who had the most difficulty with repentance were the members of the established religious institution. The harlots and tax collectors responded with openness. John the Baptist called his church to repentance. The religious leaders were guilty of hiding in their comfortable traditions. They forgot their theology was what they had comprehended with their own minds, but God is bigger than their minds. He was revealing a new level in Christ.

I am guilty. Closed, narrow, and knowing it all is my mindset. I express attitudes of “having arrived.” I lack seeking and hungering after Him in His ever expanding revelation. I need to repent! 



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GUILT

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John Wesley's words stated long ago confront us with the truth of the remedy: "Keep to the plain, old faith, once delivered to the saints, and delivered by the Spirit of God to our hearts. Know your disease! Know your cure! Ye were born in sin: therefore 'ye must be born again,' born of God. By nature ye are wholly corrupted: by grace ye shall be wholly renewed. In Adam ye all died: in the second Adam, in Christ, ye all are made alive" (Wesley, *Works*, Vol. I, pp. 65, 241, 399).

In a real sense, guilt is God's gift to us to remind us that we are not in a proper state with Him. Our will to choose freely is ever present. The very fact that there may be resistance to such a state indicates a need for correction. The provision and correction is for us to talk to Him about this relationship and to allow restoration of our standing and status resulting in His stamp of approval upon our life and living. God never expects us to live in a prolonged broken or ineffective relationship with Him. It is His desire that unbroken inner peace and rest be the norm. When the situation is otherwise, God wants (and we should urgently seek) immediate repentance and/or obedience. [ep](#)

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to Christianity and a hindrance to the gospel. Such preaching, if it can be called preaching, expresses the personal aggression of the preacher rather than the word of God. God's true preacher must never try to convict anyone. The work of the Holy Spirit must be left to the Holy Spirit. To do otherwise may lead to grave irreverence or even an insult to the Holy Spirit.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, suffering constant hardship, beatings, imprisonment and great afflictions, one lone man, the Apostle Paul, set the Mediterranean world ablaze with the gospel. He changed the whole course of Christian history and of Western Civilization. And mark well that he was, undeniably, a consummate confrontational, controversial preacher. He was on fire with the message of Christ. Gospel truth came irrepressibly forth from his lips and from his pen like a volcanic eruption of holy passion from within his very soul. God is still God. Today, he will imbue any man or woman with holy power who will dare to be a bold, unflinching herald of God to a world that is reeling toward death and hell. [ep](#)

GUILT PAVES THE WAY TO HELL

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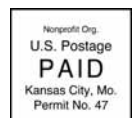
lost because Christ has put a real love in my heart for them, and I actually believe that every one of them wants to be saved.

No. People don't go to hell wondering, "What is this all about?" They go with the same guilt that turned their knuckles white as they gripped the pew in front of them while God's loving conviction pulled at every heart string they had after a preacher made the point of eternal damnation clear. We all do it in different ways, and in different places; but the end result is that we pray the same prayer of repentance to get to heaven through the grace of Jesus Christ at the invitation of the Holy Spirit's convicting love.

Like the policeman who gave his sin and guilt to Christ, you need not live a guilt-ridden life. You can be set gloriously free through the saving and sanctifying grace of God. Why hurt so when there is no need to? David said in that same 51st Psalm in verse 12, "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." And He will! [ep](#)

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