

# *The Gospel Herald*

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“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

by

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## *The Hairs of our Head*

*“For innumerable evils have compassed me about: Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore, my heart faileth me. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me:*

*O Lord, make haste to help me.”*

*(Psa. 40:12-13)*

*“Help me O Lord, lest I PERISH,” were the words of Peter as he began to sink into the waters after stepping out of the boat at the Master’s command. It is a common experience of the Lord’s people to be brought to a place where there is NO way, means or method to find relieve from their desperate dilemma when sins dread curse is revealed to their heart and soul.*

*I recall an experience as a young zealot evangelical believer, when attempting to “lead” a co-worker to a saving knowledge of Christ. I told him, “All are sinners and ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” The fellow said, “Who says I am a sinner?” I said, “The Word of God says so.” He replied, “Where’s the Word of God?” I said, “The Bible is the word of God.” He said, “That is your opinion, and I don’t believe that is true, for mere men wrote the Bible and it’s been translated by men to say what they THINK it says.”*

*I learned early on that if a person does NOT believe the Bible is the word of God, that I was possibly throwing pearls before swine. This man refused to accept the fact that he was a sinner just because someone was attempting to persuade him of such matter. Men can NEVER persuade others that they are sinners.*

*The revelation that CAUSES one to be convinced that they are a sinner comes ONLY by divine illumination brought about by the Spirit of the Almighty. And when this divine work of grace manifest this truth upon ones heart and mind, their soul is vexed with the agony of contrition, and this God induced sorrow is the operation of granted*

*repentance being the fruit of the spiritual BIRTH of a soul which was spiritually dead in trespasses and sins.*

*On another occasion, in my "Invitational" efforts to win a lost soul, I shared the words of Christ, "Whosoever believeth in him (Christ) shall never perish, but have everlasting life." I was trying to persuade my own fleshly, natural born brother to BELIEVE in Christ! He replied, "If Christ was to come down here and show himself to me, I would believe what you are telling me." I said, "It is by FAITH that you believe and receive Christ," at which time he expressed, " I do not have this FAITH like you do to believe what you are telling me." HE WAS MERELY TELLING ME HIS HONEST HEART-FELT TRUTH! He DID NOT have the faith to believe what I was saying, and I was TRYING to cause him to exercise something he did not have, nor know anything about.*

*Yes, dear ones, I have been down the missionary neo-evangelical road with a burning desire to WIN SOULS !! Yet, I was a FAILURE in my efforts!*

*Then God by his sovereign divine mercy was gracious to reveal to me in time that a souls DELIVERANCE was the absolute and total operation of God's grace apart from ANY EFFORTS and MEANS of men. And that the gospel was that precious GOOD NEWS that only a spiritual born heir of grace could endorse and rejoice in its sweet truth. "Blessed are they that know the joyful sound," the sound of that gospel trumpet that is heralded from Zion's walls revealing that "Jesus come to seek and to save sinners."*

*O the pitiful, helpless, sin afflicted lost sinner when shown their dreadful state will only then be desirous to seek HELP for their poor needy souls. And just as David cried out, "O Lord deliver me, make haste to deliver (save) me" will be the plea of the heir of grace when drawn by the cords of sovereign love. O, for elective grace I praise thee O mighty God, our Lord of Host, King of Kings, and Prince of peace.*

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