

The Gospel Herald

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

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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Satisfying Salvation

“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my **expectation** is from him.”
Psalm 62:5

In the day in which we live that are multitudes of people looking here and looking there for spiritual/ emotional satisfaction and peace of mind. They flock to “Positive Thinking” and “Being Successful” seminars searching for something to make one “feel good” about themselves and build a superior self esteem. This is a multi-million-dollar lucrative business for those traveling orators who proclaim a “you can do it” message.

I have known folks that have spent a lot of money going to seminars hoping to become successful in making a lot of money. Yet, after all the hype and excitement has blown away as a vapor by the wind, they find themselves still in the same dilemma in which they begun. In Christendom, there is this same philosophy being taught to the masses in regard to being “Successful Soul Winner” for the Lord. The same humanistic methods that the “Positive Thinker’s” proclaim is being used by the modern neo- evangelicals. Just go through these simple methods of challenging people on their spiritual condition and do they have the peace and assurance that their sins are forgiven, and heaven is their eternal home, and if they do not have this hope, ask them what do they have to loose by “accepting Christ as Saviour?”

I have personally been down the road of “Evangelism Explosion” teachings from the textbook compiled by the late James Kennedy of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church back in the early 1970’s while in the missionary movement. I have seen the results of this “soul winning” zeal in pressuring individuals into making a profession of a belief in Christ. I come to the place where I realized a PARROT can recite “A sinner’s prayer.”

Lip service towards God without the SPIRIT causing the individual to have a contrite and broken heart before the holy God of the scriptures is meaningless and in vain. I had boasted in my early years that I had won this soul or that soul to the Lord!! But, when I followed up on my “soul winning” efforts I realized that these individuals had

not experienced what God had brought about within this sin sick soul of mine? There was NO evidence of a TURNING, no desire to read the word of God, no desire to make the assembling with God's people a priority. I began to question the "so called" conversion experiences in these folks? Was I an exception to the rule of being a Christian? My heart was broken, my soul was vexed with grief and repentance before God which followed by a HUNGER and THIRST to know more of Christ and his glorious attributes. Yet, I did not see these evidences in those who "I PERSUADED TO BELIEVE." Yes, dear ones, man can gain converts and proselyte over hill and dale to get folks to be RELIGIOUS, yet, IT WILL NOT SATISFY THE SOUL of the sinner.

When genuine Holy Ghost awakening, and quickening occurs one becomes passively overwhelmed by their sinful unworthiness, and true Godly sorrow manifest heartbreaking repentance and the longing of the soul becomes **SATISFIED** with a peace that is past understanding, and the poor sinner is blessed with joy unspeakable as Christ Spirit moves the heart and soul of this new born heir of free and sovereign grace. Dear brethren, I **have never met a born-again believer in Jesus Christ that was not "SATISFIED" with the expectation of their soul.** They shall not continue to look here and look there for peace, joy, happiness, and soul soothing means and methods. For Christ "**SATIFIES**" all those called by God the Father into that beloved family of God. They have been revealed this new lover of their souls, this all encompassing Saviour, who alone is our Advocate, Intercessor and Mediator who "**satisfies**" the Father's holy demands.

Dear ones, I have come to meet, over the past 38 years, others who have been brought to this same experience of grace as this lowly sinner, and I was revealed that what I had experienced was "not an exception to the rule", but the work of God's sovereign operation of saving grace. For our Lord Jesus said, "I have come to seek and to save (not try to) sinners". "His name shall be called "**Jesus**", for He shall (not try to) save his people from their sins."

May those which we know and love NEVER to settle for a religious experience which does not break the heart of a sinner, and vex their soul that Godly sorrow would be manifest through God caused repentance and the transformation of the heart, mind and soul. This work of the **Spirit** shall continually **satisfy** the child of God as they continue to seek that precious spiritual food that is found in the word of God. "Father, **sanctify** them through thy word, for they word is truth."

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