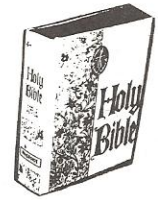
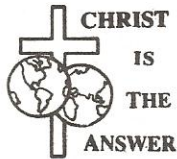


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UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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A Man, in his natural state is in the slave market of sin and a servant of Satan. A Man who has recognized his condition as a sinner, and has repented of his sins and through faith received Jesus Christ as personal Saviour is born again. He has been redeemed, regenerated and set free from the Penalty and Power of sin. Yes, when we become saved we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. Something has happened because we are not the same. This is the teaching of II Cor. 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." This passage deals with saved people or children of God. We have been changed.

Let us notice the following points in this Subject: "UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT."

I. THE MANAGER OF THE SAVED

When one becomes a child of God, he has a new manager. That Manager is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ, himself. My, what a wonderful Manager He is. He can do a whole lot better job of running your life than you can, so submit and surrender your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Notice I Cor. 6:19-20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's."

Let us notice some things He can do and has done for His Children.

(1) He Has Saved Our Souls From a Devil's Hell.

He has done this for every person who has admitted that they were sinners, repented of their sins, and called upon Him to save them. He is the only one who can save an individual. This is taught in so many passages, but a few of them are as follows:

John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh



unto the Father, but by me."

Acts 4:12, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

I Tim. 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

John 10:7-10, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door

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of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

(2) He Has Secured Our Soul For Heavens Glory.

This simply means that he is able to finish what he started. I'm so glad that the Lord who has saved my soul, is able to keep me from falling. Notice this teaching in the following verses of scripture:

John 10:28-29, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Eph. 4:30, "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

Heb. 7:25, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

II Tim. 1:12, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

(3) He Has Satisfied all of His Customers.

Have you ever met a person who was saved who told you they were sorry that they had been saved. Of course you haven't, and the reason is that all who know Him love Him dear-

ly because He has satisfied the deepest longings of their soul. He has filled that empty vacuum or void in their life that has made them now acceptable unto God, their creator. He is such a satisfying Lord that we just can't help but tell others about Him. Look at the example of the Woman of Samaria in John Chapter 4. She was so thrilled and satisfied, that she left her water pots and went back to the city telling every one else about Him.

(4) He Strengthens His Children.

No wonder the Apostle Paul said in Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Paul realized that his availability to the Almighty ability of the Lord could accomplish any task. Yes, our Manager strengthens His Children.

(5) He Supplies Their Needs.

This is taught in Phil. 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

He does this daily. Certainly we should know the difference between our wants and needs.

II. THE MISSION OF THE SAVED

Now, let us notice this mission in a 4-fold way.

(1) We Should Be Concerned About Pleasing the Lord.

When one becomes concerned about Pleasing the World or others, he'll find that in reality this action will be displeasing to the Lord. All of us certainly have a desire to be accepted by others but one must be careful not to let the standards of others be the format from which they mold their lifestyle. If one seeks to please the Lord, then they will be doing the best for those who are around them. Others may not appreciate your deeds but in the sight of God your

lifestyle will be that which God desires for them to see if you're pleasing Him.

(2) We Should Be Promoting The Work of the Lord.

This is all done in and through a New Testament Church. Eph. 3:21 states, "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." This teaches that all of the work of the Lord should be done in and through and under the authority of a Local New Testament Church.

This includes the correct teaching about Salvation, Scriptural Baptism, Scriptural Growth, Stability, Soul Winning, and Separation.

(3) We Should be Proclaiming the Gospel.

As saved individuals, we are Ambassadors for Christ. To us has been committed the ministry of reconciliation. We must be busy seeking to lead others to Christ and supporting others with our prayers and finances as they do the same.

(4) We Should Be Preserving The Truth.

Jude presented this truth in verse 3, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." We do this by teaching it, supporting others of like faith and order with our prayers and finances.

III. THE MOTTO OF THE SAVED

One should join in with the Apostle Paul and have the same philosophy that he had which was penned by him as he wrote by the inspiration of the spirit in Phil. 1:21, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." He also said, "I am crucified with Christ:

nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Gal. 2:20

IV. THE MESSAGE OF THE SAVED

Of course our message should be the Word of God. In presenting the Word of God, we present the Person of Jesus Christ, for the Written Word is simply a Revelation of the Living Word. Jesus expressed this reality in John 5:39 when he said, "Search the scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me."

Surely, our desire as a born again believer should be the same as Paul's as coined by him in I Cor. 2:1-5.

"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

May we, as God's Children, exemplify this new life in our every day walk. May the world be able to truly look at our lives and know that we are UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.



HAVE YOU THANKED THE LORD

BY
JOHNNY WILLIAMS



TEXT: I THESS. 5:18

INTRODUCTION:

In modern times you very rarely hear these beautiful words, "Thank You!"

I. A CHRISTIAN HOME - JOSH. 24:15

A. A Christian Mate

1. If not a Christian, witness and pray for him or her.

B. Christian Parents

1. If not, witness and pray for them.

C. Christian Children

1. If not, witness and teach them the Word of God. Bring them to church.

II. A CHRIST-PREACHING CHURCH - II COR. 4:5

A. Telling the Good News.

B. Teaching the Converts.

C. Training New Disciples.

III. A CRUCIFIED SAVIOUR - LUKE 19:10

A. Who died for Sinners.

B. Who rose victorious over death.

C. Who saves all who come to Him in Faith.

IV. A CROWN YOU'LL RECEIVE IN HEAVEN - II Tim. 4:8

A. If you know the Lord.

B. When we meet with Jesus.

C. Where we will lay it at the feet of Christ.

Rev. 4:10

V. A CHRIST-FOLLOWING PASTOR - I TIM. 4:14-16

A. Things he must know.

1. That he is saved.....I John 5:13

2. That God has called him to preach. I Tim. 1:12

3. That men are lost.....John 3:18

4. God's remedy for the lost...I Cor. 15:1-4

B. Things He must do.

1. Preach the Word without fear...II Tim. 1:6-8

2. Practice what he preaches.

3. He must love people.

"THE MAN WHO ROWS THE BOAT DOESN'T HAVE
TIME TO ROCK THE BOAT."

THE ROLE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN IN GOD'S NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES

BY
RUTH PHILLIPS

I. INTRODUCTION

I suppose each woman as a wife and mother has her own view of marriage, the home, and her place in church. You have to agree that Satan, through the world, has corrupted God's original plan and purpose for women. Today, therefore, there's a great need to go to the Bible and search out what God tells us concerning women. Also, to seek God's will through the wonderful privilege of prayer. Psalms 11:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

II. BODY

For us to examine The Role of Christian Women in God's New Testament Churches, let's consider 4 questions:

- A. What is a church?
- B. What is the work/purpose of a church?
- C. What is a woman's place in a church?
- D. What can I do in my church?

A. What is a church? Is this a foolish question? No! Too many are caught up in "worthy" organizations or the charisma of a spiritual-sounding leader and are led away from the truth, Eph. 4:14,15. A church is not a building--it is a local body of baptized believers covenanted together with the Bible as their rule of faith and practice. Jesus Christ is the Head of all true New Testament churches. Since Churches are composed of people, Jesus is the head of each individual member, I Cor. 11:3. See The Glorious Church by Roy M. Reed.

B. What is the Work/Purpose of a church? Stated simply, the main purpose is to carry out

the Great Commission, Matt. 28:19,20. Ministering to lost souls is important, but members of blood-bought churches ought also to minister to each other, James 5:16 and Gal.6:2. We have the privilege of worshipping God together, Ps.22:22 and Ps. 35:18. growing, IITim.2:15, and teaching others God's truths, IITim. 2:2. After salvation, God has a purpose for each of His children--and that purpose can best be fulfilled in and through one of His Holy Churches, Eph. 3:21.

C. What is a woman's place in a church? God is not the author of confusion, ICor.14:33. His same orderliness that is seen in the universe and nature is also seen in the delegation of authority in His Churches. Each wife is to act in subjection to Christ and her husband, Eph.5:21-24. She is also to show deference to her pastor--as he follows Christ, IITim.2:12. I think there is nothing more beautiful or fulfilled than a woman who KNOWS God's special place for her, FILLS it, and RADIATES her happiness with God's design for her life.

D. What can I do in my church? Before answering, let me say that a Christian woman, wife, and mother has a great responsibility, not only in her church, but at home. Her first commitments ought to be to her own family. Here is a great opportunity to instill God's laws into her children, Deut.6:1-7: here is a wonderful opportunity to stand firm behind her husband and to encourage him in his daily walk for Jesus Christ Prov.31:10-31.

If you are truly searching for God's will in your life and a place of service in your church--the door will be opened.



There are many areas of service:

Pray, Fast, Give Offerings, Teach, Sing, Attend, Fellowship (plan or sponsor them), Visit, Telephone, Counsel, Train your children, Aid pastor, Write (letters, skits, tracts, books, poetry, music) Study, Encourage, Play an instrument, Clean (bring flowers, paint, yardwork) Cook, Witness, Keep nursery, Illustrate (bulletins, tracts, literature), Start a library, Paperwork, Help (VBS, Camp, SS, BTC, Auxiliary, Children's Chapel), AND MUCH MORE.

III. CONCLUSION

There is a place for you in God's work. God has no age limitation -- Ps. 71:17 and 18. The time is short (John 9:4, Luke 10:2) -- so get Rolling!



PEARLS

BY
GLEN E. TROPP

EPHESIANS 1:1

- I. THE PENMAN
- II. THE PEOPLE
- III. THE POSITION

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

- I. THE BLESSER
- II. THE BLESSED
- III. THE BLESSING

EPHESIANS 1:15-19

- I. THE SEEING
- II. THE SECURITY
- III. THE SUPPLY
- IV. THE STRENGTH

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

- I. OUR STATE BY NATURE
- II. OUR STANDING BY GRACE
- III. OUR SERVICE IN LOVE

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

- I. THEIR PAST ALIENATION
- II. THE PRESENT ACCEPTANCE
- III. THE PERMANENT ASSOCIATION.

EPHESIANS 3:13-21

- I. THE APPROACH
- II. THE APPEAL
- III. THE APPLAUSE

EPHESIANS 4:25-32

The Separated Walk should be seen:

- I. IN OUR ARTICULATIONS
- II. IN OUR ACTIONS
- III. IN OUR ATTITUDES

EPHESIANS 5:1-7

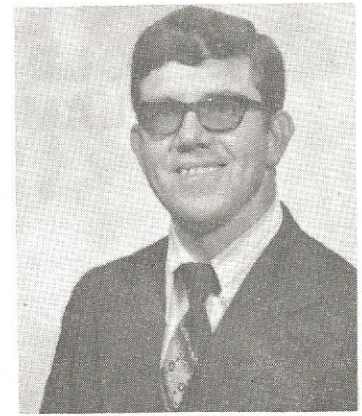
- I. THE LEADER
- II. THE LOVE
- III. THE LUSTFULNESS

EPHESIANS 5:10-14

- I. THE FOCUS OF THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT.
- II. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT.
- III. THE FIRE OF THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT.

GOD'S JEWELS

BY
CHARLES SWILLING



TEXT: MALACHI 3:16-17

INTRODUCTION:

Malachi wrote this letter to rebuke the Israelites for their sinfulness. They had drifted and were backslidden. They had broken and violated God's Word until they perverted the way of the Lord and even said, "...It is vain to serve God....." There was a small group of people who were still serving the Lord as mentioned in the text.

I. GOD'S JEWELS ARE FAITHFUL.

- A. Faithful to God.....I Cor. 4:2
- B. Faithful to the Faith
 1. Jude 3
 2. They did things according to God's Word.
- C. Faithful to the Faithful.....Text

II. GOD'S JEWELS ARE DUTIFUL.

- A. They realize their duty to God.....Eccl. 12:13
- B. They realize their duty to man.
 1. Rom. 1:15
 2. When bound by duty to God we realize we are duty bound to man.
- C. They realize their duty to family...Eph. 5:25-6:1-4
- D. They realize their duty to their church.
 1. Eph. 3:21
 2. Heb. 10:25
- E. They realize their duty to their community.

III. GOD'S JEWELS ARE FRUITFUL.

- A. They bear the fruit of the Spirit.....Gal. 5:22-23
- B. They bear the mind of Christ.....Phil. 2:5
- C. They bear the fruit of righteousness.

IV. GOD'S JEWELS ARE TRUTHFUL.

- A. They are truthful with God.
- B. They are truthful with self.
- C. They are truthful with man.
- D. They are truthful with the Word.
 1. The truth makes men free.
 2. John 8:32

V. GOD'S JEWELS ARE BOUNTIFUL.

- A. They abound in love.....Rom. 5:8
- B. They abound in grace.....II Cor. 12:9
- C. They abound in giving.....II Cor. 8:7
- C. They abound in testimony.

The trouble with being a leader today is that you can't be sure whether the people are following or chasing you.

BEHOLD JESUS, THE LAMB OF GOD

BY
D. B. WRIGHT



TEXT: JOHN 1:29

INTRODUCTION:

- A. From the Garden of Eden through the Book of Revelation, there is the mention of a SACRIFICIAL ANIMAL or THE LAMB of our Text.
1. The "Animal" of Gen. 3:21 had to give it's life that fallen man and wife might be clothed!
 2. The ultimate fulfillment of this is seen in the words of Paul in IICor. 5:21
- B. From the Book of Revelation, one learns of the PROMINENT place the Lamb will hold in the future!
1. Ten Kings will make war with the Lamb.....Rev. 17:14
 2. The Marriage of the Lamb.
Rev. 19:7-9
 3. The Lamb will be the TEMPLE and the LIGHT of the "New Jerusalem."
Rev. 21:22-23
 4. Only such as are written in the Lamb's Book of Life will enter.
Rev. 21:27
- C. That Acceptable Lamb is needed.
1. Rom. 5:12
 2. Rom. 3:23
 3. Rom. 6:23
- D. BEHOLD THE LAMB---JESUS IS THE LAMB!
- I. BEHOLD-----A SPOTLESS LAMB
- A. Exodus 12:5
 - B. Lev. 23:12
 - C. I Pet. 1:18-20
- II. BEHOLD-----A SUBSTITUTE LAMB!
- A. As the "sin bearer" of the human race.
 1. Isa. 53:6
 2. I Pet. 2:24
 3. As pictured in the Ram dying in the stead of Isaac.
 - a. Gen. 22:7-8
 - b. Gen. 22:13
 - B. Note Pauls personal testimony.....
Gal. 2:20....."For Me..."
 - C. Heb. 2:9
 - D. I Tim. 2:5-6
- III. BEHOLD-----A SILENT LAMB!
- A. Isa. 53:7
 - B. Acts 8:32

1. From the age of twelve, Jesus had been dedicated to His Father's Will.
2. When His Time was come, He kept silent and became obedient unto death.
 - a. Phil. 2:8b

IV. BEHOLD-----THE SACRIFICED LAMB!

- A. From before the world it was ordained to be thus.
 1. Rev. 13:8
- B. Rev. 5:8-9
- C. Luke 23:33
- D. Isa. 53:10
 1. Jesus was sacrificed, slain, to shed His blood...the sinners only hope for cleansing!
 2. Eph. 1:7
 3. I John 1:7
 4. Acts 4:12

V. BEHOLD-----THE SATISFYING LAMB!

- A. At His Baptism, and on the Mount of Transfiguration, and the Father spoke from heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased....."
- B. The Son, looking toward the cross, Jesus prayed....."These words spake Jesus, and lifted his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee."
 1. John 17:1
- C. From the Cross the Lamb cried....
"It is finished."
- D. Isa. 53:11

VI. BEHOLD-----THE SHINING LIGHT, WHO LIGHTS EVERY MAN COMING INTO THE WORLD!



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ANATHEMA MARANATHA

BY
JOE STEVENS



TEXT: I CORINTHIANS 16:22

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The Word Anathema means cursed while the word Maranatha means "our Lord cometh."
- B. In Paul's closing remarks to the Corinthians he did the following things:
 1. He Stated A Condition.
 2. He Revealed A Consequence
 3. He Drew A Conclusion.

I. THE CONDITION STATED.

"If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ."

- A. He does not have Christ in his heart...Rev. 3:20
- B. He does not have trust in the redemptive work of Christ.
- C. He does not obey His Commandments.
- D. He does not come to the house of Worship.
- E. He does not meet Christ at the place of prayer.
- F. He does not forsake the World...Matt. 16:24
- G. He does not seek to glorify God...Gal. 6:14

II. THE CONSEQUENCE REVEALED.

"Let him be anathema.."

- A. Cut off and delivered for punishment.
- B. Cut off from the presence of God.
- C. Cut off from the source of grace and mercy.
- D. Cut off from the company of the redeemed.
- E. Cut off forever..

III. THE CONCLUSION DRAWN

"MARANATHA"

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ is Coming.
- B. In view of Maranatha one should:
 1. Accept Christ's grace and mercy.
 2. Serve as if today was the day of maranatha.
 3. Love the Lord Jesus Christ so that you will not be anathema when maranatha.

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SATAN'S PUNCTALITY, POWER AND PURPOSE

BY
GEORGE CRAWFORD



TEXT: LUKE 8:4-15 (Spec. v-12)

INTRODUCTION:

The Good Seed of God's Word has been sown for many years, yet the main stream of mankind is still unsaved. Is there not a cause? Remember, the chief enemy of God and man is opposed to the salvation of souls, and therefore; he is present with destructive power wherever the gospel is being sown. He is out of sight, but we may know he is present. He will be in every service during revival. He never misses a Sunday Morning, or night service. It is well that we be warned against the wicked one and let the Grace of God frustrate Satan's designs.

I. THE PUNCTUALITY OF SATAN.

- A. No sooner does the seed fall than the fowls devour it.
 1. Then, there and then cometh the devil.
 2. Mark says "Satan cometh immediately."
- B. Whoever else may loiter, Satan never does.
 1. No sooner does an animal fall dead than the vultures appear and soon they are gorging themselves with flesh.
 2. Even so, do the spirits of evil scent their prey from afar and hasten to their destroying work.
- C. When the Gospel begins to effect the hearer--then swifter than an eagle the Devil removes it.
 1. If he delayed, the case might get beyond him.
 2. His diabolic activity in this service is to keep you from "believing" and "being saved."
- D. As Satan cannot be everywhere present at one time, he frequently does his evil work by spirits.
 1. Inferior spirits--or demons--act as fowls in devouring the seed.
 - a. They employ various agents.
 1. It may be the sleeping of saints.

2. It may be the whispering of another member of the congregation.

2. The Bible doesn't say whether the seed is devoured by black crow or white doves, great fowls or little sparrows, but if the word does not abide in the heart, it cannot bring forth fruit.

II. THE POWER OF SATAN

- A. It is not said "he tries to do it," but rather, "He Does it."
 1. He sees, he comes, and he conquers.
 2. The Word is there, and the devil takes it away as easily as a bird removes a seed from the ways.
 3. When Satan thinks its worth his while to come immediately he means business.
 - a. He does not want the Gospel to lodge in your heart and you be saved.
- B. Did you notice he takes the word from the heart?
 1. Satan doesn't care for the intellect if he can keep your heart free of the gospel.
 2. There are too many baptists aiming at the mind or head with their messages instead of the heart.
 - a. We don't go to heaven head first--but rather heart first.
- C. Let us pray the Lord to renew the heart that the testimony of the gospel will be believed.
 1. Great is the need for such prayer because our adversary is no imaginery being.
 - a. His existence is Real.
 - b. His Presence Constant.
 - c. His Power is Great.

III. THE PURPOSE OF SATAN.

- A. Satan is a sound theologian--he knows that Salvation is by believing in the Lord Jesus.
- B. Watch out for Him!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!