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*"Preaching The Same Truth We Preached Before Kentucky Was A State"*

### SOWING THE SEED



*Al Gormley, Pastor*

"And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground.

And should sleep, and rise night and day, and seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear; after that, the full corn in the ear.

But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come" (Mark 4:26-29).

The commission to the church Jesus built is a mis-

sion of sowing the seed or preaching the gospel to every creature and teaching them

all things that Jesus commanded. This parable tells us a great truth about sowing the seed. "The seed should spring up, he knoweth not how" is a verse Baptist need to ponder. The seed sown is the Word of God. The Word of God, like any other seed, is dependent upon God to give it life. A farmer puts a grain of corn in the ground and depends upon God to give it life. I think Baptist need to learn this simple lesson. Jesus said in John 6:63 that

"It is the spirit that quickeneth: the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

I have heard people say that you must win people to yourself in order that you might win them to the Lord. I believe if we will sow the seed in the manner God tells us in Psalms 126:6, God will take care of the giving of life to the hearts in which the seed falls. "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

THE SEED

Mark 4:26 - Cast seed in the ground.

In Mark 4:16, the Word of God is declared to be the seed. As we have already said in John 6:63, the seed is life. In Hebrews 4:12, the Word of God is said to be quick or living. The Word of God is living. It is like Jesus Christ who lives, who is raised from the grave. Anytime you proclaim the Word of God you are sowing good seed which is capable of giving life to the hardest heart. Every Word of God is pure and living.

IS POWERFUL

Hebrews 4:12 says the Word of God is powerful. It was by the Word of God that God spoke this world into existence. Psalm 33:6 says, "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." There is no energy crisis when we preach the Word of God. Paul says in Romans 1:16 that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. God used the Word to cause a person to be born again. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and

abideth forever" (I Peter 1:23). The Word of God liveth. The Word of God must be preached before any man can be born again. It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. (I Corinthians 1:21)

#### WORD IS INCORRUPTIBLE

Some feel that when the Word does not bring forth immediate results, the sower has failed. But remember that the Word of God is living. Also, that it is incorruptible and that it abideth forever. If the Word of God does not give life to the hearer, it will one day face that same man in the day of judgment. "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). So it is the responsibility of the sower to sow the seed. God will either give life to the hearer or if a man rejects the Word, he must give an account to God. Man is responsible to hear the Word of God. We are responsible to preach the gospel to every creature. Men are responsible to hear. And above all that, God is taking out a people for Himself according to the good pleasure of His own will.

#### WORD IS EFFECTUAL

When we preach the Word, it will always be effectual. Baptist need to ponder Isaiah 55:11 carefully. God's Word ...."shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." It will not return unto Him void.

#### LIFE A MYSTERY

Just as life from any

seed is a mystery, even so the new birth is a mystery. The only answer to both is God. God gives it life. God is sovereign and gives life to those that are His sheep. We must sow the seed. We lie down and sleep, but the Word of God is working in the hearts of the hearers, convicting them. Many times we witness to a person and we rest in peace, but the hearer cannot sleep as God does His work by the living Word. When God begins a good work with the Word, He will finish it. (Philemon 1:6)

#### CONCLUSION

Our responsibility is to sow the seed. God will use it either to the saving of souls or the judgment of the lost. Either way, we have assumed our responsibility and the blood of men is off of our hands.

May God help pastors to encourage all of our church members to sow the seed. Not just from the pulpit but from every child of God. The reason for the energy shortage in Baptist churches is that many wells of living waters (every child of God is a well of living water) have been capped and churches are using only the pulpit. Go into all the world and preach the gospel.



"GO YE into all the  
**WORLD**  
 and preach the gospel"

Dear Brother Gormley  
 and Church:

Choice Christian greetings from the Bible Baptist Church of Butuan City, Philippines, in Christ precious Name.

...My name is Jovito Brasileno, and have been in the ministry for 23 years now by the grace of God. By His leading we have seven mission churches and have their own pastor also. To God be the glory all the things He hath done.

...My purpose in writing you is to ask you for two large print Bibles KJV for my personal use in the pulpit. One for my beloved wife who is a great help to my ministry for God....Brother, besides the two Bibles, please, share me also the books which is so nice and sound in doctrine. This is also our doctrinal stand. Please send me your publications.

...Brother Gormley, my prayer that these materials will be a real blessing to me personally, to the Church and also I will teach these doctrine in Bible School as one of the faculty. Brother Gormley, I am asking these materials free of charge, because as a Filipino minister, we have a limited income and this is the reason that we cannot buy good materials like the books that you are printing. How I wish, I can own these kind of books, knowing that these books will strengthen my members and also the churches wherever I go as an invited speaker.

Brother Gormley, thank you in advance. A million thanks to you and the Church. May the good Lord bless you and use you more in helping the needy ministers through these materials which is so very rare now a days. Bless your heart.

In His Service,  
 Jovito Brasileno  
 Philippines

#### WHAT OF TOMORROW?

I do not know what still awaits,  
 Or what the morrow brings;  
 But with the glad salute of faith,  
 I hail its opening wings!

For this I know--that in my Lord  
 Shall all my needs be met;  
 And I can trust the heart of him  
 Who has not failed me yet.

--Author unknown

Death is the golden key that opens  
 the palace of eternity. -Milton.

# THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

C. D. Cole

As preached in Titusville, Florida on October 19, 1930.

"For we are saved by hope. But hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?" Romans 8:24.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

See also; Romans 5:2; Colossians 1:5; I Peter 1:3; 1:13; I Peter 1:21; 3:15; and Hebrews 6:19.

The word "hope" is used in a very careless way in much of our modern speech; but, in the Bible the word is used with great care, and accuracy. Some use the word simply to express an uncertainty or doubt. Let us remember that the word is always used in the Bible in respect to the future. We do not hope for some thing we already have. The things hoped for must be waited for. But a mere wish about the future is not the believer's hope. Get this definition: "Hope is a well-founded expectation for future good." Any wish or expectation that is not well-founded is not hope. Hope is that grace of the soul that looks forward to the fulfillment of the exceeding great and precious promises of our God. God makes a promise, faith appropriates it, hope begins to look forward to the fulfillment of it, and patience waits for it. The Christian's hope is a bright star on a very dark background; it is a blessed sequel to a tragic story of sin and ruin. "Now abideth faith, hope and love." Let us analyze our

hope and in so doing, like the precious metals, it will become brighter for the using.

I. The object of our hope is the glory of God. Man was originally created in the likeness and image of God; but, through the fall, this image was terribly marred. Through the riches of grace, the believer hopes that he will some day again reflect God's glory in his very person. He has the well-founded expectation of one day being conformed to the likeness of Christ. Believers are not yet what they hope to be. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." I John 3:2.

Nowhere is pure Christianity seen to be a distinct system of religion than in the object of the hope of its followers. The romanist's best hope is that when he dies he will come out alright in the end, but that meanwhile he must undergo the purging fires of purgatory. We do not know much about that place, for the Bible makes no mention of it, but those who invented it and who claim to have the keys to it, tell us it is a dreary, dismal region where even great Cardinals and Bishops must go. There is nothing in a hope like that to cause rejoicing. The hope of the infidel is that when he dies he will be like a cat or a dog, and be done for. I would be ashamed of a hope like that.

II. The ground of the believer's hope is the death of Christ. "My hope is built

on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." "My only plea Christ died for me." Can you give a reason for the hope that is in you? What are you basing your hope for heaven upon? If upon anything but the death of Christ, you will one day be ashamed of that hope. "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand."

III. The assurance of the believer's hope is the word of God. I know that I will receive the things hoped for because God's word assures me. The blood secures; the word assures.

IV. The consummation of our hope is the second coming of Christ. So much of our blessedness depends upon His return. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." (Bonar and Spurgeon)

## THANK GOD FOR YOU

*Thank God for you, good friend of mine,  
Seldom is friendship such as thine;  
How very much I wish to be  
As helpful as you've been to me.  
Thank God for you.*

*When I recall from time to time  
How you inspired this heart of mine,  
I find myself inclined to pray,  
"God bless my friend this very day."  
Thank God for you.*

*Of many prayer requests, one thou art  
On whom I ask God to impart  
Rich blessings from his storehouse rare,  
And grant to you his gracious care.  
Thank God for you.*

*So often at the throne of grace,  
There comes a picture of your face,  
And then instinctively I pray  
That God may guide you all the way.  
Thank God for you.*

*Some day I hope with you to stand  
Before the throne at God's right hand,  
And say to you at journey's end,  
You've been to me a faithful friend.  
Thank God for you.*

--Author unknown