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***"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."* Galatians 1:6-8.**

In recent times we have had a number of opportunities to converse with Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons (also known as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). For someone who is unfamiliar with the teachings of these two cults, they could easily be misled into thinking that they are just another Christian denomination.

In one conversation with a gentleman who was distributing Watchtower Society (the publishing arm of the JW's) literature, I made it very clear that the message of the Watchtower Society is not the message which Evangelical Christians hold to. JW's do not believe in the triune nature of God, and also believe that before His incarnation, Jesus was the Archangel Michael.

In 2 Corinthians 11:4 the Apostle Paul warned his hearers about deceivers who will come preaching "...another Jesus whom we have not preached". The above is just one of many examples that one may come across when dealing with different cults. All of this though should make the true believer even more resolute to be a faithful witness of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour.

The following commentary by Rick Renner will hopefully add light to this whole subject and by God's grace allow us, who are heirs of the 'Great Commission' to our generation, to minister with greater boldness.

"The word 'preach' comes from the Greek word '*kerusso*', which means to proclaim, to declare, to announce, or to herald a message. It was the message proclaimed by the kerux [pronounced 'Kay'-roox' Ed.], who was the official spokesman or herald of a

king. Because the kerux was the appointed, official representative of the king or government, his specific job was to announce with a clear and unquestionable voice the desires, dictates, orders, recent events, news, policy changes, or message that the king or government wished to express to the people.

"The position of this kerux ('spokesman' or 'herald') was viewed to be the highest, most noble, privileged position in the kingdom because his position gave him routine access to the king that was afforded only to rare individuals. To be the king's kerux was an honour and supreme privilege that necessitated the highest level of professionalism and excellent performance.

"When the king wanted to give a message to his people, he summoned the kerux. The kerux came to the king's throne room with writing instrument and paper in hand; then he carefully and accurately penned the communication that the king desired to express to his people. After the king was finished dictating his message, the kerux was allowed to freely speak to the king and to ask questions of clarification to make certain he understood every point of the king's message. Because this man was speaking on behalf of the king, there was no room for mistakes in his delivery of the message. When he finally stood before the people to announce the message given to him, it had to be accurate, precise, and faithful to what the king wanted to express to his people.

"As important as it was for the kerux to accurately understand and communicate the king's message, it was equally his responsibility to capture and convey the sentiment, heart, and emotions of the king on these various issues. Thus, the kerux was expected to deliver his message with emotional impact in order to properly represent both the word and the heart of the king."¹

I trust that the application of the above commentary will be obvious to most of us. We are the Lord's 'Kerux' and He is wanting us to be faithful witnesses making known the glorious Gospel of our salvation. In line with this theme we have a number of articles in this issue that I trust will encourage us all to be that faithful witness.

In this issue we have reprinted part 1 of L. M. Munhall's article entitled, "The Doctrines of Successful Evangelism." On page 14, we have an article taken from the 'School of Biblical Evangelism' on "What

makes a group non-Christian". Also in this issue we have a report on the ANZAC Day Gospel tract outreaches that took place around the country this year.

Until next time

¹ Rick Renner, *Sparkling Gems From the Greek* (Tulsa, Oklahoma: Teach All Nations, 2003) p. 469. www.renner.org/evangelism/what-does-preach-mean

What it means to be born again

By Ps Nicholas Onyango

In the book of John 3:3-7, we see Jesus conversing with Nicodemus about being born again. Many can be asking that similar question as did Nicodemus. It is my prayer that at the end of this brief message, you will surely understand what it means to be born again.

The first time we are born, it is physical, that's our 'birth' day. The second time that we must be born, which Jesus stresses to Nicodemus, is spiritual. Hence the term 'born again' is derived. Without this experience, Jesus said, no one can enter the kingdom of God. Now we can see an urgent need of salvation to all the human race. Man is sinful from birth, hence the need of the new birth which we call 'salvation' or being 'born again', without which we are doomed to fiery hell and judgement before God.

Since we are all descendants of Adam, we have the sinful nature in us and we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). When we receive Jesus in our heart by faith, we are born again and all our sinful nature, which is the Adam's-man, dies and the Christ-man arises in us and our self now becomes a new creation. It is not us/self living again but Christ in us, the hope of glory (Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:7). When you're born in the Spirit, you receive the mind and the new heart of Christ which

yields to Godly thoughts and pure desires (Ezekiel 18:31). Everyone born in this world needs salvation in order to get there in Heaven.

Man is prone to sin, and hence needs God's forgiveness and a spiritual rebirth. We sin because we are sinners from birth, not sinners because we sin. Do you now see the need of salvation for yourself, family and friends? You can be saved today, only believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (Romans 10:9). Jesus died for us that no one should perish but have eternal life. This is the free gift of eternal life, no money, no works but only by faith. Heaven is real, Hell is real choose your place of eternal destiny today. God bless.



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HOME-BASED



More and more people are spending most of their days at home. Fifty years ago this was not the case.

Back then the only people you would find staying at home during the working week were mothers and the sick. However, with the advent of modern technology, many today are choosing to leave the office or whatever and work from their own home, whether they be office workers, executives, hairdressers or even graphic designers.

So, how can these people ever reach the lost, if they rarely leave home. Hopefully this article will give some suggestions for those who are house-bound, whether by choice or not, while nevertheless encouraging those who can, to still venture out into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

For myself, Home-based Evangelism (which is my name

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for it), came about out of necessity. I am a 'mostly' stay-at-home Mum who homeschools two of my three children, runs among other things a Graphic Design business, and along with my husband, writes and designs this magazine, as well as tracts and other material as part of our call to equip believers in evangelism. So my days can get quite busy - to the point that I may not go anywhere for two or three days. Even then, it is often just a trip to the shops or kids' sport.

Whilst being a witness to my children is, and should be, my first priority, it is nevertheless my daily prayer that the Lord would give me Divine Appointments every day. And He does. Whether it be door salesmen, Mormons or Jehovah Witnesses, the Lord just brings people along who need to hear the Gospel.

But do you know my most fruitful place of sharing the Gospel, and my main reason for sharing this story? Telemarketers.

You know, the people who ring you up about funeral insurance, life insurance or even the computer scammers. Well, I used to just fob them off or say I wasn't interested and hang up. Then the Lord really convicted me that these were missed opportunities for the Gospel.

So ever since then, I try to take every opportunity to share the Gospel. Out of this, I have had many very fruitful conversations with people from all over the world, especially from India, where a lot of Australian companies get their telemarketers.

Probably the easiest conversations are with funeral insurance people, because they are already talking to you about death. It is a natural progression then to talk about where we go when we die and then about sin, righteousness, judgement, the cross, repentance and faith.

But phone witnessing is not limited to telemarketers calling you. In fact, anytime I am on the phone these days - which can be a lot - I try to talk to whomsoever about the Lord.

Recently, I had to update some details on my phone account. I tried unsuccessfully to do it online and even 'chatted' to someone from their company online. (For those who don't know, 'chat' is like texting, but online.) However, eventually I had to call someone. My 'chat' person stayed online to make sure it all got fixed.

Well, long story short, I spoke on the phone to someone who sorted it all out. I then started asking if they believed in God and what happens when we die. This led

into a really fruitful conversation about the Gospel. After I hung up, I got back to my 'chat' person who was still online waiting. After I thanked them for their help, I started a similar conversation with them about the Gospel, still via 'chat'.

What I am trying to say, is that opportunities are there every day, in your home, if you will ask the Lord to give them to you.

When I *do* go out, I am more focused on using that time for the Lord. Not surprisingly, opportunities present themselves everywhere - mums at the kid's tennis practice, people sitting on the next bench at lunch, shop assistants in the supermarket or the salespeople who set up temporary stalls in shopping centres.

So whether you are home-based by choice or necessity, a Mum, Dad, worker, elderly, or even injured, ask the Lord each day to give you opportunities to be His witness. And then "*make the most of every opportunity*". (Colossians 4:5)

WITNESSING TIPS FOR TELEMARKETERS

- ▶ Let them give their 'spiel' before talking about the things of God. You will have a much better chance of them listening to you, if you *first* listen to them.
- ▶ Be mindful that they are on a time limit and usually monitored, so learn to share the Gospel clearly, but succinctly, as you may get cut short at any time.
- ▶ Don't ask for personal information, except their first name, unless they offer it.
- ▶ Always try to at least give them a website to go to such as www.needgod.com

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The ANZAC Day outreach is a wonderful opportunity to share the message of Christ's sacrifice for sinful man at a time when people's hearts are tender to think about death and sacrifice. This year was no different.

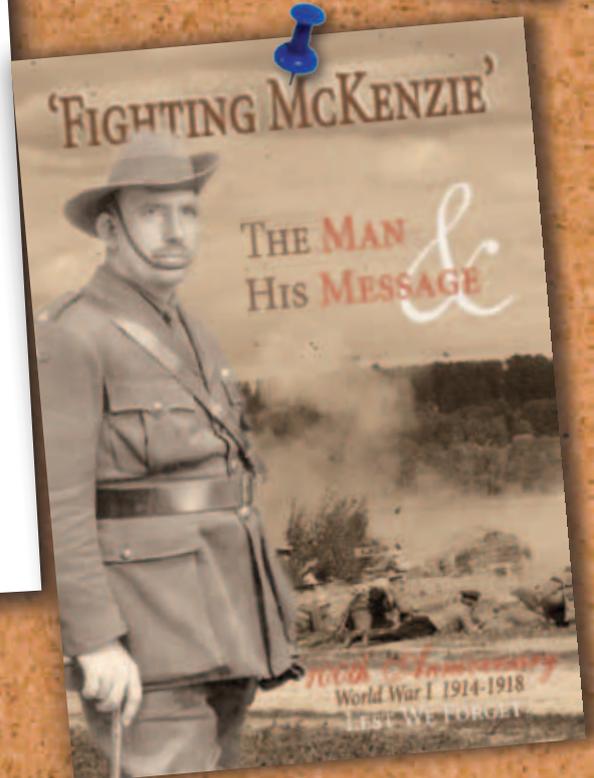
Using our 'Fighting McKenzie' Gospel tract, Christians from around the country and overseas mobilised to be His witnesses. In past years we have only shared testimonies from our Rockhampton outreach, but this year asked for testimonies from others who used our tract in an outreach.

This year, over 12,000 tracts were distributed throughout Australia and New Zealand by people of all ages and backgrounds. For some this was their first time to share the Gospel or do anything for the Kingdom, others were seasoned evangelists. Their common thread? Their mutual love for the Lord and desire to see the lost saved.

It is our hope in sharing testimonies from faithful witnesses that you, the reader, would be encouraged to boldly go forth and "preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15), realising that it is God Who saves, not us. We can give someone a tract, or share the Gospel message, but ultimately, how they respond is between them and God. Rest assured, however, they will respond.

1 Corinthians 1:18 says "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." The Gospel polarises people. When someone hears or, as in the case of a tract, reads the Gospel, generally three responses will result. Some will, by the Grace of God, believe the message and, through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, repent and trust in Christ as Lord and Saviour. Others, like one man that I met, will get angry with the message and the messenger, because the Word has convicted them of their sin and they, like many of us at one time, don't want to deal with it. Still others will remain proud of heart and reject the message by dismissing it as foolishness. Regardless of the response to the Gospel, God calls us to be faithful to Him and His Word. He will do the rest, so that the Glory goes to Him, not to us.

If you are encouraged by these testimonies and wish to organise your own ANZAC Day outreach next year, please contact us (See page 2 for details) or One Million Tracts Australia (www.evangelism.com.au).



The 100th Anniversary of our ANZACs was an incredibly beautiful autumn day where huge crowds turned up to pay respects at the traditional march. It was therefore also fitting that we were there to help freely distribute a small ANZAC tract about an Army Chaplain, Captain William (Mac) McKenzie.

It was our privilege to remind people of not only the great sacrifices made for our country but of the greatest sacrifice ever made for our souls. We thank the ANZACs for their sacrifice but we are ever more thankful for the sacrifice Jesus made. So in the same spirit our small part to play of distribution of tracts was to see seeds sown to the masses and know that it is He that watereth and make it grow and that not one of His words ever falls to the ground without bearing fruit.

Maybe next ANZAC Day you could also be like us, privileged to distribute the greatest Good News ever told.

Tjof & Debbie Straatmans, **Rockhampton**



Debbie Straatmans explaining the Gospel at the ANZAC Day parade in Rockhampton

I have always been a quiet person and after my "falling off the rails" it was hard for me to go public with my rededication because of what I had done. After I prayed and asked for boldness I got a little bolder so I went to give out tracts at Anzac Day and I was greeted well. Nobody knew me and I relaxed enough to say to people that God brought me to this stage and I know He is doing good in me so I believe I should do His will knowing that He will be there what ever I do for Him.

Phill Douglas, **Rockhampton**

Before I do anything for the Lord, I pray and always ask him to lead and guide me by his Holy Spirit and in this particular case, it was, show me who to give these cards to, which people. I was placed on the corner of Derby and Bolsover Streets, [in Rockhampton - Ed.], where the ANZAC parade was to end. I was given 200 tracts and it was very slow to start with. But before a lot of the people started arriving, I went for a walk and on the way there and back to my spot, I gave out about 10.... There was one gentlemen who made a comment and said that his name was McKenzie and I explained to him the story of what the tract was all about.

Learning from the Australia Day witnessing, as I gave each tract out I said, 'Good Morning, Happy 100th Anniversary and have a wonderful day'. Once again, after doing the Lord's will I came away from there energized with excitement, just like Jesus when he witnessed to the woman at the well, he was tired and hungry but after doing and speaking the Lord's will, he was energized and when the disciples came back they were wondering where he got this extra energy from. John 4:1-26

So, Tim & Leah, I really enjoy giving out these tracts and have been wanting to do this for years and it's finally come and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Because, there is more to life than going to church. Please let me know about for your next expedition.):):)

Deb Maza, **Rockhampton**



Phill Douglas handing out tracts at the Rockhampton ANZAC Day parade

"Thank you for the opportunity to share how the Lord used us to distribute the Anzac Day tracts! My husband and I received an email from One Million Tracts which contained a picture and description of the Anzac tracts. As soon as we saw this, we knew they would be popular and readily accepted by a wide variety of people.

Wanting to get the truth of the glorious gospel to as many people as possible, we started thinking of ways in which we could best hand these tracts out. We were already planning to go to Sydney on the Anzac weekend (we live in Newcastle), so we decided to use one of our days in Sydney to go into the city and give away as many tracts as possible. We weren't sure how many tracts just the two of us would be able to hand out in only one day, so we ended up ordering 2000 tracts.

We spent most of the day walking around Sydney city, managing to hand out about 1500. Something that we absolutely loved about these tracts: we usually find that middle-aged and elderly people are very hesitant to accept tracts. However because these tracts related to Anzac Day, many people in this age group took them. We especially enjoyed giving the tracts to those in Anzac Day uniforms! We continue to pray and ask for your prayers that the seeds which were sown that day would bring forth much fruit. Thank you for producing these high quality tracts!"

Jonathan and Renee Navarro, Sydney

I handed out 150 of them during summer 2014 and new year 2015, a mix of letterbox and directly to people. Have ordered a whole lot more! will keep ordering them if they are available. Great for all age groups. Very good for handing out to older people who can often be a little resistant to receiving Gospel tracts, but they usually take the ANZAC TRACT. Very popular.

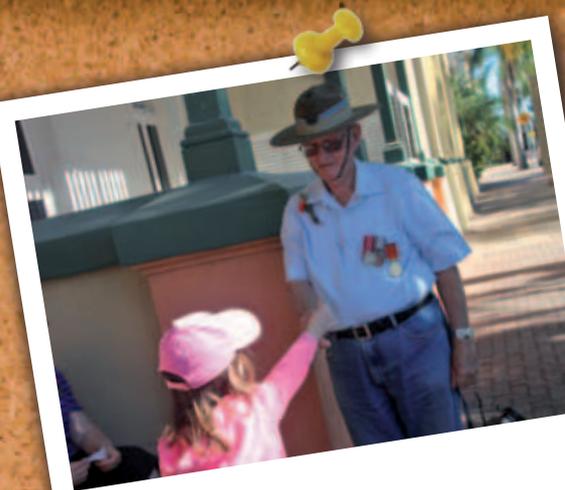
People receiving them were really happy to take them. Generally I would offer a tract and say it had a really fabulous story of an ANZAC chaplain who took great care of the men who were in his care while serving at Gallipoli. I always mentioned there was a Gospel message too. One lady of about late 80's early 90's who was a volunteer at the cottage historic museum in Te Kuiti took the tract and roses chocolates. She was really happy with the tract, promised she would read it, and told me she was putting together an ANZAC information board and that she would like to put the Fighting McKenzie tract up on the display!:) she wasn't a christian, but she really loved it.

After the dawn parade in Wellington, I gave a couple of ANZAC biscuits and the ANZAC tract to a young security guard, he was really happy to receive it.... He thanked me for the tract and was really happy to take the biscuits too :) At Te Papa, on ANZAC day, two staff members were really interested in the Fighting McKenzie tract. Both were happy to take the tract.

Above just a few stories. Often the tracts go out after a friendly conversation. People really love these tracts and are happy to take them. My Mum, who is not a christian, loved it so much she has it standing displayed on her side board for visitors to look at!! now that is amazing.

Thanks so much for putting this tract together, if you keep printing and selling them I am so excited to be able to keep handing them out over the next few years. Well done.

Karen Meredith-Cox, Wellington, NZ



Even children can do it. Our six year old eagerly hands a tract to a veteran at the ANZAC Day parade in Rockhampton

Firstly an article you wrote encouraged me to make use of the day to reach out to others.

I ordered 500 copies of the Anzac Day Tracts and made use of the day to reach out to others. On the day of the parade in Brisbane I made use of the day to reach out to others. On the day of the parade in Brisbane the parade commences, I will hand out the tracts to as many people as I can. I simply walked up to people and said "Remembering the Anzacs", they gladly took them and others asked me for some because they were missing out on something. I think I was about 45 minutes to hand them out and I believe in depositing a seed into people to think about the Gospel. On this occasion I didn't purposely go to people in conversation however a girl from the parade and mentioned that her husband was marching and interested to know what I was doing. I gave her a tract and she smiled and we chatted briefly.... I believe it will make a simple decision to go into the city to talk with the Gospel.

Brad Woods, Brisbane



It was a wet and cold morning going to the outside of the MCG [Melbourne Cricket Ground - Ed] before the Anzac Day Game. But I've come home with warmth and the joy of the Lord. I love sharing the gospel. I went with my sister Viki and I had a friend called Paul. My son Jordan came with me & he handed some tracts. Was very proud of him.

I've given hundreds out. People wanted to read as Aussies we have a huge respect for the Anzac heroes. I hope they see and read the greater message. Many great chats. I didn't get all names. A lot of it was giving tracts and some brief chats. Probably shared the gospel with about 10 people where it was chat as opposed to handing them out.

Also for any Collingwood supporters I gave one to Joffa. He knew who I was. He didn't have time for a chat but said he'd read it. Anyway pray for the many seeds sown that we'd see a harvest. Next time I go out would love to see some more people come as we Go! To Him be all glory!

Ben Price, **Melbourne**



Ben Price giving out tracts and sharing the Gospel outside the MCG before the ANZAC Day Game.

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On 25th April, I mounted an exhibition on Salvation Army Chaplains in WW1 as part of an RSL Expo in Hobart. Following the Dawn Service some 1500 people attended a Gun-Fire Breakfast organised by the RSL. Following the March, several hundred attended a hot dog and coffee lunch. As William McKenzie is The Salvation Army's best known military chaplain, the exhibition (pictured) was built around him. The tracts were splayed out in front of a display case, and about 200 were taken.

On 7th May, the Victorian Government's travelling theatrical commemorative production on Victorians during WW1, was presented at Coburg (Moreland City), Melbourne. I put up the display for the night and about 50 people attended, and some 35 tracts were taken.

At the time of writing, I am heading to Hurtsville in Sydney, where the Salvation Army Historical Society is presenting an ANZAC concert and commemorative evening. Probably some two hundred people will attend. I am taking the exhibition to Sydney, and will make available the tracts there.

Lindsay Cox, **Territorial Archivist**
The Salvation Army - Australia Southern Territory

Editor's Note: We, at SOTC, are very grateful to Lindsay for freely permitting us to use the image of William McKenzie on the front our ANZAC Day tract.

First of all, What constitutes Successful Evangelism? Some will answer, "Great audiences, eloquent preaching and soul-stirring music." But I reply, "We may have all these and not have real evangelism; as we may have successful evangelism without them."

Others will answer, "Any movement that will add large numbers to the membership of the churches." I reply, "We may have successful evangelism and not many be added to the churches; and, we may have large numbers added to the churches' membership without successful evangelism."

Yet others will answer, "A work or effort that will bring into the church people who will be steadfast." I reply, "We may have members added to the church who will hold out, and the work, evangelistically, be unsuccessful; and we may have a highly successful evangelistic work and the accessions to the churches from it not hold out for any great length of time." Let us briefly consider three points:

First, No matter how great the multitude, eloquent the preaching and soul stirring the singing, if the God-ordained conditions are not fully met, failure is inevitable. While these things are of value they are dispensable. Great successes have been achieved without them.

Second, I have known not a few evangelistic campaigns to be successful, as such, in a marked degree, and one or more churches identified with it, professedly, received but a few members, or none, from the movement. They united in the movement from wrong motives. They were not prepared for the work; were formal, worldly and unspiritual; were without faith. Putting nothing of value into the work, they got nothing out of it. Or the work was not properly followed up.

Also, I have known not a few widely advertised and thoroughly organized evangelistic campaigns, in which mere sentiment was far more conspicuous than the Holy Spirit, and the lachrymals more frequently appealed to than the intellect and

conscience; and large numbers were added to the membership of the cooperating churches, who knew nothing whatever of the regenerating work of the Holy Ghost.

Third, I have known not a few persons who have been faithful members of the church for many years and never been born again - "had a name to live and were dead." There are many churches full of life, and apparently great successes, because of humanitarian, educational and socialistic matters in which they are engaged, and entertainments that they give from time to time; and some of the members who give most time and money to these things, and take most pride in them, are spiritually dead.

Also, I have known persons, were, without doubt, saved sincere,

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unite with the church as a result of an evangelistic campaign, to run well for a season and then fall away; and the falling away was unjustly charged to the campaign. The real cause of it may have been one or more of the following reasons:

First, The atmosphere of the church was not congenial, being unspiritual and cold. This is of vital importance to "babes in Christ."

Second, In not a few instances the pastors, instead of "feeding the church of God," with "the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby," were like those mentioned in the twenty-third chapter of Jeremiah; or have turned their pulpits into lecture platforms, and the members going for bread received a stone; and in many cases were off after false teachers who promised them what they needed, and what they should have received at home.

Third, The positively bad example set by a large majority of the members of most churches, in that they conspicuously fail to meet their solemn obligations to God and the church. And there are yet other reasons for the falling away of the weak and inexperienced.

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By Leander W

But again it is asked, "What constitutes successful evangelism?" I answer, "Preaching the Gospel according to Divine conditions and directions." In the great commission, as given by Matthew, Jesus said, "Teach all nations." Make disciples, is what the word "teach" here means. Mark puts it in these words, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Luke states it thus, "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations." And in Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Conditions

What are the conditions? *First, Discipleship.* Jesus commissioned only such. One must know, experimentally, the power and joy of the Gospel before he is competent to tell it out.

Second, Power. The disciples were told to "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Since the apostles and disciples of our Lord, who waited personally upon His wonderful ministry and witnessed His marvellous doings, were not qualified for testimony and service without power from on high, we, most surely, must have Divine help. "Without Me ye can do nothing."

Third, Faith. Since the Almighty One has said, "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth

not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it," the proclaimer need have no misgiving as to the result, knowing full well that "He is faithful that promised."

The Directions

What are the directions? *First, "Go into all the world"* and tell it "to every creature." The field is the wide world; and the good news is for every soul of man.

Second, It is to be "preached." The God-sent preacher is a *kerux* - a herald. He has no message of his own. It is the King's message he is to proclaim. According to the heraldic law, if the herald substituted so much as a word of his own for the king's, he was beheaded. If this law was enforced in these days a lot of preachers would lose their heads, indeed many have lost their heads, judging by the kind of messages they are delivering.

Third, The preacher is to be brave, a witness-*martus*-martyr. All the apostles, like our Lord, went to martyrdom for faithfully proclaiming the Word of God. The Master said, "If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you." And, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets." Paul said, "If I yet pleased men, I should not be the

servant of Christ." The mind of the natural man is enmity against God; therefore the unsaved demand of the preacher, "Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits;" and a premium is placed upon finesse by many in authority in the church. Because of this, it requires as sublime courage in these days to speak faithfully the Word of God as was shown by Micaiah, when he stood before Ahab, Jehosaphat and the four hundred lying prophets; or Simon Peter when he said to the threatening, wrathful rulers of Israel, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." There never was so much need of fearlessness on the part of the servant of God as in these days; brave true men, who will not receive honors of men, or seek their own, are absolutely necessary to successful evangelism.

The Message

Now then, as to the message itself: Timothy was commanded to "Do the work of an evangelist;" and, in doing it, to "Preach the Word ... with all long-suffering and doctrine." Doctrinal preaching is therefore necessary to evangelistic success. But what doctrines? I answer, **First, Sin - its universality, nature and consequences.**

(a) Universality. "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned, ... by one man's offence death reigned by one, ... by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, ... by one man's

Doctrines of Successful Evangelism

Part 1

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disobedience many were made sinners," etc. (Romans 5:12-21. See also Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10; 1 John 1:8,10, etc.)

(b) Nature. There are numerous words in the Bible rendered sin; and these words mean iniquity, offence, trespass, failure, error, go astray, to cause to sin, and miss the mark. In 1 John 3:4 we are told that "*Sin is the transgression of the law.*" The word rendered transgression is *anomia*, and means lawlessness. Failure to conform to the law is as certainly sin as to violate the commandments of God. Unbelief is sin. (John 16:9; 3:18).

In Genesis 6:5 we are told, "*God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually,*" and in Genesis 8:21, "*The imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.*" The word rendered imagination in these passages signifies also the desires and purposes of the individual.

Therefore guilt lies in the desires and purposes as certainly as in the act. The common law requires that one shall have committed an overt act of violation before he can be adjudged guilty. But according to the Divine law one is guilty even though he never committed an overt act, since guilt lies in the desires and purposes of the heart. "*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer*" (1 John 3:15). "*Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart*" (Matthew 5:28). "*The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart*" (1 Samuel 16:7).

Because of the "*lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life,*" every mouth is stopped and the whole world is guilty before God. (Romans 3:19).

The Almighty and Sovereign Creator is infinite in holiness. Therefore His "*law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*" Sin is ruinous, heinous and damning: the most awful thing in the universe.

(c) Consequences. Sin separates and estranges the sinner from God; and he becomes an enemy of God by wicked works (Romans 8:7), has no peace (Isaiah 57:21), no rest (Isaiah 57:20), is polluted

Ephesians 4:17-19), condemned (John 3:18), and without hope (Ephesians 2:12). Oh, the curse and ruin of sin!

If unrepenting and unbelieving, the future has for him, First, inexorable and awful judgment. (See Matthew 25:30-46; Hebrews 9:27; Jude 14,15; Revelation 20:11-13; 22:11-15). Second, the wrath of God. (See Ezra 8:22; Psalm 21:9; John 3:36; Romans 1:18; 2:5; 4:15; 5:9; 12:19; 13:4; Ephesians 2:3; 5:6; Colossians 3:6; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Revelation 6:16,17; 14:10; 16:19; 19:15, etc.). And third, eternal torments. (See Psalm 11:6; Isaiah 33:14; Daniel 12:2; Matthew 3:12; 22:11-13; 23:33; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43,48; Luke 12:5; 16:22-31; John 5:28,29; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Hebrews 10:28,29; 2 Peter 3:5-12; Revelation 19:20; 20:14,15; 21:8, etc.)

The preacher who ignores these three awful and inexorable truths preaches an emasculated gospel, be he never so faithful in proclaiming other truth.

He who preaches the love of God to the exclusion of God's justice and wrath proclaims but idle sentiment. No one will ever truly desire salvation unless he first realizes that there is something to be saved from. "*By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house*" (Hebrews 11:7); all of which symbolizes the sinner's condition, need, motive and hope. In no way can the love of God be so clearly, beautifully and convincingly set forth as in the fact that God makes plain to the sinner his condition and peril, and then shows him the way of escape, having, in His great mercy, Himself provided it at infinite cost. Now, at this point the Gospel comes in as indeed good news, showing God's love for the sinner.

The supreme motive for the atoning work of our Lord was His infinite love for us. The supreme object had in view was to save us from eternal ruin. "*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*" (John 3:16).

Our Lord, while among men, had far more to say about the doom of the finally impenitent than about love and heaven. Is it not wise and safe to follow His example who said, "*The word which ye hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me.*"

How can any minister reasonably expect to have evangelistic success if he fails to imitate the Master in this particular?

"When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thy hand" (Ezekiel 33:8).

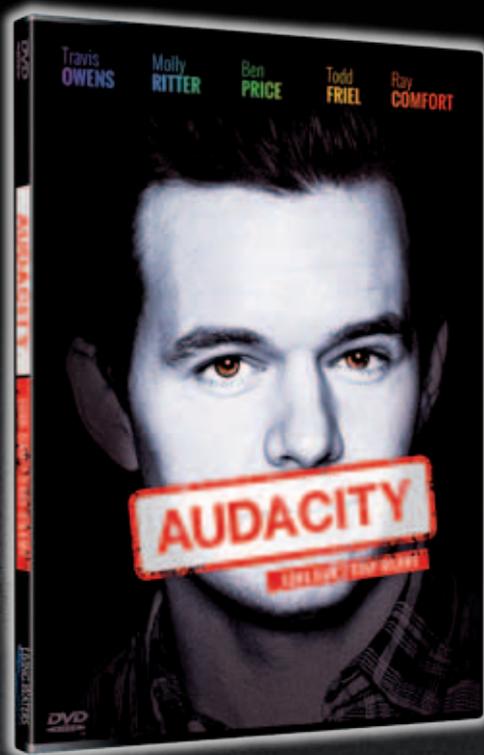
Second, Redemption through Jesus' blood.

"The Lord laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6). "*The Son of Man came ... to give His life a ransom for many*" (Mark 10:45). "*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit*" (1 Peter 3:18). "*For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him*" (2 Corinthians 5:21). "*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth*" (Romans 10:4). "*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*" (Galatians 3:13). "*And ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price*" (1 Corinthians 6:20). See also Leviticus 17:11; Hebrews 9:22; Matthew 20:28; 26:28; John 3:14,16; Romans 3:24-26; 5:9; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 10:16; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Ephesians 1:7; 2:13-17; Colossians 1:14,19-22; 1 Timothy 2:6; Hebrews 9:12-14,24-26; 10:19; 13:12; 1 Peter 1:2,18,19; 2:24; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 1:5; 5:9; 12:11).



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Born in Zanesville, Ohio in 1843, the son of David Munhall and Abigail Rice Moore, Munhall was a Methodist evangelist. He married Mary Emily Thomas and had five children. Munhall did a fair amount of moving: In 1850 he was still in Zanesville, but he was in Mill Creek Township, Ohio, by 1860; Indianapolis, Indiana, by 1880; and from 1910 to 1930 he was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania until his death on January 7, 1934.



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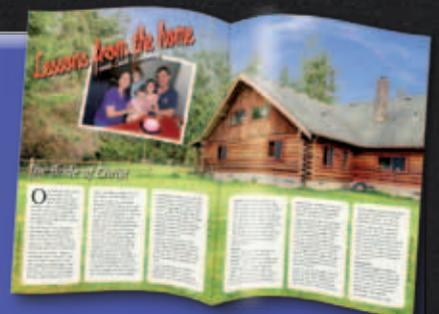
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What ma

By Matthew J. Slick

There are many non-Christian religions and cults in America: Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Unity, The Way International, Unitarianism, etc. All claim special revelation and privilege.

The dictionary defines a cult as "a system of religious worship or ritual; devoted attachment to, or extravagant admiration for, a person, principle, etc.; a group of followers." This is a typical secular definition and by it, any believer in any god is a cultist, even atheists since they have an admiration for a principle and are a group of followers of the philosophy of atheism.

The definition I use for "non-Christian cult" or "non-Christian religion" encompasses groups that may or may not include the Bible in their set of authoritative scriptures. If a group does include the Bible, it distorts the true biblical doctrines that effect salvation sufficiently so as to void salvation. If it doesn't use the Bible, it is a non-Christian religion and does not participate in the benefit of divine revelation.

The term "cult" can range from any group of worshipers of any god who pay no attention to the Bible, to a small, highly paranoid, apocalyptic people who gather

around a charismatic leader who uses the Bible to control them. Groups like the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses object to the label "cult" because it often gets an emotional reaction and is a label they want to avoid.

Most Christian bookstores have "cult" sections that include Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc., so I am not alone in describing what a non-Christian, Bible-based cult is. Nevertheless, a group is non-Christian when it denies the essential doctrines of the Bible:

- The deity of Christ, which involves the Trinity

Makes a group non-Christian?

- The resurrection of Jesus
- Salvation by grace alone

All of the cults add to the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Some cult groups even add to the Bible, e.g., Mormonism has the Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and The Pearl of Great Price. Christian Science has added Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures. The Jehovah's Witnesses, however, have actually changed the text of the Bible to make it fit what they want it to.

Cults add their own efforts, their own works of righteousness to the finished work of salvation accomplished by Jesus on the cross. All cults say that Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient, yet our works must be "mixed with" or "added to" His in order to prove that we are saved and worthy of salvation. They say one thing but believe another. They maintain that they must try their best to please God and prove to Him that they are sincere, have worked hard, and are then worthy to be with Him. In other words, they do their best and God takes care of the rest.

This is absolutely wrong. The Bible says that we are saved by grace, not by works:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith . . . not as a result of works, that no one should boast".

(Ephesians 2:8,9, NASB); we are not saved by anything we do: *"For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law"* (Romans 3:28, NASB). Because if there was anything that we could do to merit the forgiveness of our sins, then Jesus died needlessly: *"nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in*

Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law shall no flesh be justified . . . I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly" (Galatians 2:16,21,NASB).

People in cults will often cite James 2:26, which says that faith without works is dead, in an attempt to demonstrate that works are part of becoming saved. While it is true that faith without works is dead, it isn't the works that save us. James is saying that if you have real and true faith, it will result in real and true works of Christianity. In other words, you do good works because you are saved, not to get saved. He isn't saying that our works are what saves us, or that they, in combination with the finished work of Christ, save us. This agrees with Paul who tells us that faith is what saves us: *"Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 5:1). This faith is real faith, or true saving faith, not just an empty mental acknowledgment of God's existence, which is what those who "say" they have faith but show no corresponding godliness are guilty of. Incidentally, you should realize that faith is only as good as the object in which you place it. Just having faith in something doesn't mean you're saved. That is why it is important to have the true Jesus, because if you have great faith but it is in the wrong Jesus, then your faith is useless.

In Mormonism, Jesus is the brother of the devil begotten through sexual intercourse with a god who came from another planet. In Jehovah's Witnesses, he is Michael the Archangel who became a man. In the New Age Movement, he is a man in tune with the divine consciousness. Which is true? The only true Jesus is the one of the Bible, the one who is prayed to (1 Corinthians 1:1,2; Acts 7:55-60); worshiped (Matthew 2:2-11; 14:33, John 9:35-38; Hebrews 1:8), and called God (John 20:28; Colossians 2:9). The Jesus of the cults is

not prayed to, worshiped, or called God. And since the Jesus of the Bible is the only one who reveals the Father (Luke 10:22) so that you may have eternal life (John 17:3), you must have the true Jesus who alone is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6).

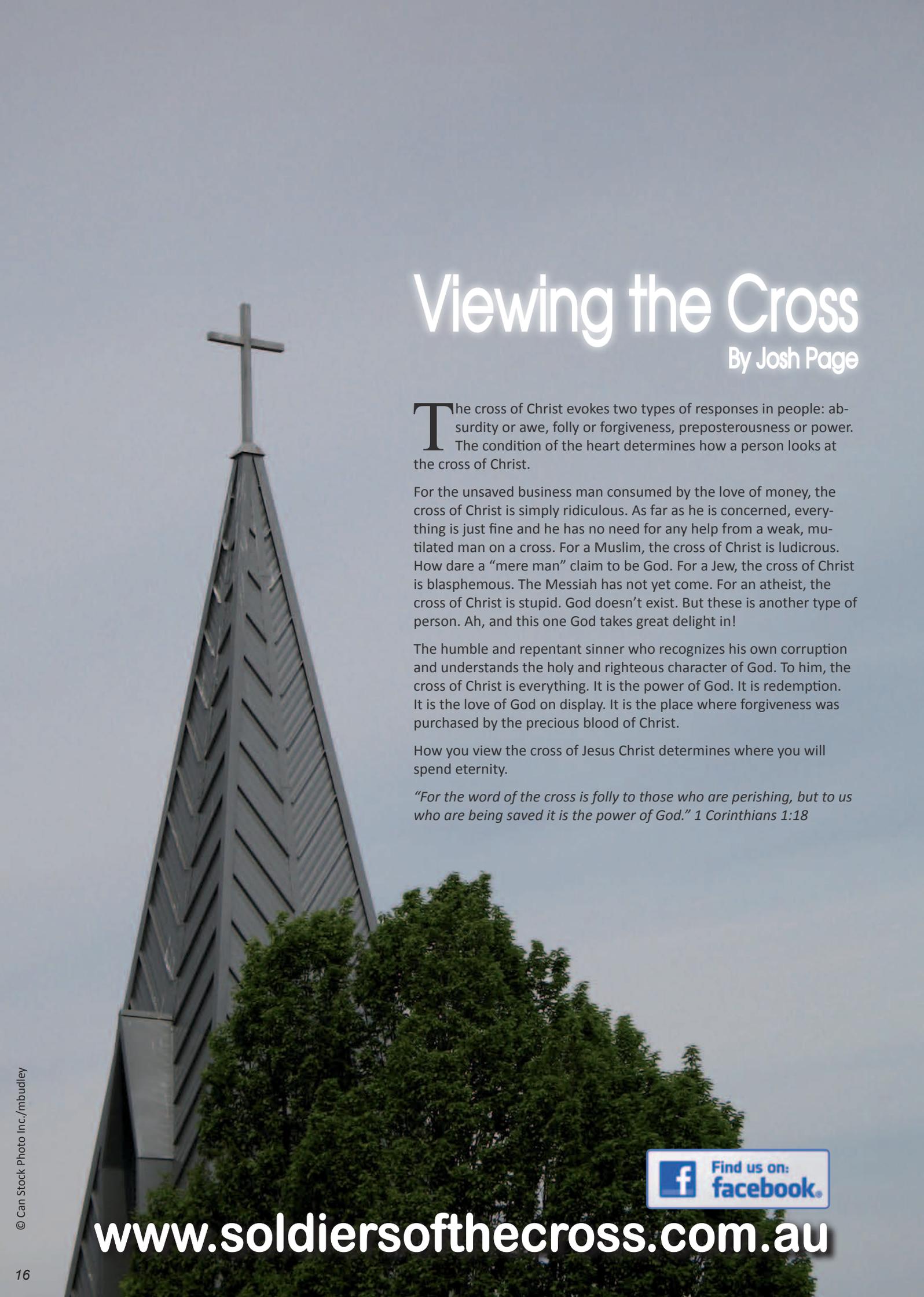
Another common denominator among cults is their methods of twisting Scripture. Some of the errors they commit in interpreting Scripture are: 1) taking Scripture out of context; 2) reading into the Scriptures information that is not there; 3) picking and choosing only Scriptures that suit their needs; 4) ignoring other explanations; 5) combining Scriptures that don't have anything to do with each other; 6) quoting a verse without giving its location; 7) incorrect definitions of key words; and 8) mistranslations. These are only a few of the many ways cults misuse Scripture.

If you want to be able to witness well to a person in a cult, you need to understand their doctrines as well as your own. It would be a good idea to study Christian doctrine regarding the Bible, God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, salvation, creation, man, etc., to become better equipped. Through study you will be able to answer questions that often come up in witnessing encounters. A Christian should know his doctrine well enough to be able to recognize not only what is true, but also what is false in a religious system (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Jesus warned us that in the last days false Christs and false prophets would arise and deceive many (Matthew 24:24). The Lord knew that there would be a rise of the spirit of antichrist (1 John 4:1-3) in the last days. Its manifestation is here in the forms of Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, and the New Age Movement, among others.

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Viewing the Cross

By Josh Page

The cross of Christ evokes two types of responses in people: absurdity or awe, folly or forgiveness, preposterousness or power. The condition of the heart determines how a person looks at the cross of Christ.

For the unsaved business man consumed by the love of money, the cross of Christ is simply ridiculous. As far as he is concerned, everything is just fine and he has no need for any help from a weak, mutilated man on a cross. For a Muslim, the cross of Christ is ludicrous. How dare a “mere man” claim to be God. For a Jew, the cross of Christ is blasphemous. The Messiah has not yet come. For an atheist, the cross of Christ is stupid. God doesn’t exist. But these is another type of person. Ah, and this one God takes great delight in!

The humble and repentant sinner who recognizes his own corruption and understands the holy and righteous character of God. To him, the cross of Christ is everything. It is the power of God. It is redemption. It is the love of God on display. It is the place where forgiveness was purchased by the precious blood of Christ.

How you view the cross of Jesus Christ determines where you will spend eternity.

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18



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