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"Motivation for the Soul Winner"

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First of all I would like to thank Brother Faull, my dear friend in Christ, for inviting me to share with you folks in this very important Lectureship on Evangelism. One only has to look at what we are not doing in the way of EVANGELISM, to understand why we need such a timely lectureship!!

By way of introduction, I would like to say that attitudes are so very important to the overall success of our Outreach Ministries, regardless as to the method we may employ in reaching the lost for Christ!

There are as many attitudes among people, as there are people. I have threatened to invent an attitude thermometer, and take everyone's attitude just before I stand to preach or teach the Gospel, but I have come to realize that finding out others attitudes may very well adversely effect my own attitude!!

Unfortunately, there are many folks with a PESSIMISTIC attitude He's the fellow, if you give him an inch, he'd probably measure it!

A PESSIMIST is one who feels bad when he feels good, for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better!!

A PESSIMIST is someone who likes to listen to the patter of little defeats!!

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Then there are OPTIMISTS. . . . AN Optimist is a BALD-HEADED fellow who thinks his condition is only temporary!!!

An OPTIMIST is a fellow who reaches for his hymnal when the preacher says, "In conclusion. . . !

An OPTIMIST is a man who can turn his new car over to a parking lot attendant at a Chicago Cubs ball game without looking back!!!!

The photographer had just taken a studio picture of an elderly man on his 99th birthday. The photographer thanked the gentleman and said, "I hope I'll be around to take your picture when you are a 100"! The elderly man, an optimist, replied, "Why not??? You look healthy enough to me"!

Very best definition of an optimist "An OPTIMIST IS A HAPPY CHONDRIAC".

To a great extent, your general over-all attitude will have a great bearing upon your motivation as a SOUL WINNER!!!!

I want to state clearly at the beginning of the Lectureship that I have no problem with referring to a person involved in Evangelism as a "SOUL WINNER"!!!!

YES, I believe that some plant, others water, but GOD always brings forth the harvest but GOD'S WORD CLEARLY STATES, "THE FRUIT OF THE RIGHTEOUS IS A TREE OF LIFE,

AND HE WHO WINS SOULS IS WISE". **Proverbs 11:30**, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise".

I do not want to even sound judgmental, for my attitude is not judgmental but it has been my experience over the course of thirty two years of preaching the Gospel and conducting "Soul Winning Clinics" in close to a hundred congregations across the country, that those who object to calling Personal Workers Soul Winners instead of Personal Workers, have some problems that cause them to feel that way

Allow me to explain we often times do not want to be called someone or something if we are not doing it!!!

We buy most of our chickens for the table and eating purposes from some Amish families in the community. We buy them either live or killed and dressed, but never cut up, we buy them whole!!

I am an avid hunter, I hunt and kill deer, antelope, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, duck, you name it....

Now I don't mind you telling folks that I cut up my own meat, but PLEASE DON'T TELL FOLKS THAT I AM A 'MEAT CUTTER'.

I HAVE A FAIRLY DECENT ABILITY TO DO MINOR AUTO REPAIRS ON MY VEHICLES, I ENJOY DOING IT AND I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE THEM TO A HIGH PRICED GARAGE TO HAVE THEM DONE. . . . BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL FOLKS THAT MEL HARRELL IS AN AUTO-MECHANIC. . . .

FOLKS DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CALLING PERSONAL WORKERS, PERSONAL WORKERS, BECAUSE THAT SEEMS TO ONLY INDICATE THAT YOU'RE WORKING AT IT, NOT NECESSARILY THAT YOU'RE DOING IT. . . THAT SEEMS TO BE SAFE. . . .

HOWEVER, CALLING A PERSON A 'SOUL WINNER' IS KIND OF SOMETHING ELSE. . . THAT INDICATES THAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING IT. .

AND SINCE MOST OF US AREN'T DOING IT, (THAT IS WINNING SOULS), WE FEEL SAFER AT BEING CALLED "PERSONAL WORKERS". . .

EVEN THOUGH IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT SAVES FOLKS FROM SIN AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST APPLIED IN CHRISTIAN BAPTISM THAT WASHES AWAY THEIR SINS, I AM PROUD TO REPORT TO YOU TONIGHT THAT I AM A SOUL WINNER.

MY ASSIGNMENT TONIGHT TO BEGIN THIS LECTURESHIP ON EVANGELISM IS TO COVER THE TOPIC OF "MOTIVATION" AS IT RELATES TO THE SUBJECT. THIS, THEN, WITH THE HELP OF THE LORD WILL BE MY GOAL.

WEBSTER SAYS MOTIVATE IS, TO STIMULATE TO ACTION; PROVIDE WITH AN INCENTIVE OR MOTIVE. MY DEFINITION IS TO CRANK YOU UP AND TO SHAKE YOUR GRATES. . . .

I BELIEVE A PREACHER HAS AT LEAST A TWO-FOLD JOB, AND THAT IS TO COMFORT THE GRIEVED AND TO GRIEVE THE COMFORTABLE. I HAVE DRIVEN FROM LEGONIER TONIGHT TO MOTIVATE YOU TO BE A SOUL WINNER. SO I INTEND TO SHAKE YOU IN, SHAKE YOU UP, AND SHAKE YOU OUT!

I HAVE EVERY INTENTION TO GET YOU EXCITED ABOUT BEING A SOUL WINNER. I AM GOING TO WORK AS HARD AS I CAN TO GET YOU AS EXCITED ABOUT WINNING THE LOST TO CHRIST AS I AM AND AS GOD EXPECTS ALL OF HIS CHILDREN TO BE.

I WILL DELIBERATELY AND INTENTIONALLY SAY THINGS THAT I WOULD NOT OTHERWISE SAY IF MY JOB WAS NOT TO MOTIVATE YOU TO BE A SOUL WINNER.

I WILL COVER THE SUBJECT OF "MOTIVATION FOR THE SOUL WINNER" IN TWO SEPARATE DIVISIONS.

DIVISION #1. REASONS FOR BEING A SOUL WINNER.

DIVISION #2. PREREQUISITES FOR THE SOUL WINNER.

REASONS FOR BEING A SOUL WINNER.

I WANT TO SHARE HERE IN OUTLINE FORM FIVE (5) REASONS I BELIEVE WE NEED TO BE SOUL WINNERS.

1. WE ARE COMMANDED BY ALMIGHTY GOD.

MATTHEW 28:16-20, "16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen".

MARK 16:15,16, "15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned".

We need to listen when our Father speaks.

Your response to the Father will in part depend upon the love and respect that you had or have for your earthly father!!

I want to make a strong distinction between a suggestion and a command!!

Illustration:

Illustration of the man's comments in Pompano Beach, Florida after a teaching session in a "Soul Winning Clinic" . . . "The God I serve is not that kind of a God"!

My reply: "If the Father was only making a suggestion and I accept it as a command, I'm in far better shape then you will be if you think He gave us a suggestion when it was really a command".

You may not agree with what the Father has COMMANDED, but your little opinion doesn't change **Matthew 28** or nullify **Mark 16**!!!

2. WITHOUT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, MAN IS LOST IN HIS SINS.

Hebrews 9:12, 22, "12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission".

Colossians 1:19-20, "19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven".

3. WE NEED TO REALIZE THE ETERNAL VALUE OF THE SOUL.

II Corinthians 4:13-18, "13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; 14 Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal". **II Corinthians 5:1**,

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens".

4. WE NEED TO SEE THE WISDOM IN WINNING SOULS.

Proverbs 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise".

5. BECAUSE OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF HELL.

Hell is for real.

It's a place of torment.

It lasts forever.

PREREQUISITES FOR THE SOUL WINNER

1. YOU MUST HAVE A BURNING DESIRE TO WIN THE LOST TO CHRIST.

In short, it has to be your idea. Illustration:

There is a real cost that has to be paid to be a Soul Winner.

You MUST love the lost to be a Soul Winner.

Illustration from North Seventh Street:

2. CHRIST MUST BE PUT FIRST IN YOUR LIFE.

Luke 12:22-34, "22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. 23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. 24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? 25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? 26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. 32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also".

You must have a "now or never" attitude about Soul Winning.

"The road to Hell is paved with good intentions"!

3. YOUR PERSONAL LIFE MUST COMPLIMENT YOUR MESSAGE.

In other words, "practice what you preach"!

"I would rather see a sermon than hear a sermon any day"!

4. A PROPER ATTITUDE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO BE A SOUL WINNER.

"Got to be sold on what your selling".

"The power is in the MESSAGE AND NOT IN THE MESSENGER. . .

"Smile, it will make folks wonder what you have been up to"!

Remember, God has promised to go with the Soul Winner.

John 14:16, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever".

MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER:

"GOD DOES NOT HOLD US RESPONSIBLE FOR RESULTS, BUT FOR EFFORT"!

"WE ARE NOT ASKED TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT FAITHFUL"!

Here is a Chinese proverb worthy of your consideration:

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person"!

I would like to add: "If you are planning for Eternity, obey the LORD"!

Read **Ezekiel 3:16-21**, "16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul".

I want to close my lecture on "MOTIVATION TO BE A SOUL WINNER" with a true story taken from my ministry with the Church of Christ in Traverse City, Michigan.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO BE A SOUL-WINNER?

- A. One's own salvation experience.
- B. The faith that we can do it for Christ and through Christ - **Philippians 4:13**, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me".
- C. Knowledge of God's Word.
- D. Faith in God's Word.
- E. Knowledge of people.
- F. Love for people.
- G. Knowledge of false doctrines and the refutation of it.
- H. Patience as you fish for men.
- I. Enthusiasm for Christ and their souls.
- J. **"God in you"** is an optimistic view of the power of the Gospel to change men's hearts.

MAKING THE CALL:

- A. If done in pairs, decide who will talk, and who will be silent.
- B. Pray together.
- C. Remember the family name.
- D. Approach the house silently.
- E. Look at the yard and house.
- F. Knock and step back....**smile**.
- G. Lean back and announce yourself, your partner and the church.

SPEAKER:

- A. "If your husband is home, we would like to come in". Vise-versa, if ladies are calling.
 - 1. Find out when he will be in.
 - 2. Invite the lady to church.
 - 3. Give a tract.
 - 4. Notice if anyone is ill, sleeping, busy, or if they have company.

SMILE, BE FRIENDLY, NOTE CHILDREN:

- A. Find something to compliment.
- B. Never acknowledge an apology.
- C. Get the television turned off....offer to return.
- D. Talk in general areas....sports, weather.
- E. Sit by the lost, if possible.

IF YOU ARE THE SILENT PARTNER:

- A. Aid your partner in getting beside the sinner.
 - 1. Baby-sit.
 - 2. Engage the interrupter in a quiet conversation about some other subject.
 - 3. Look interested, and pray.

SPEAKER:

- A. Sell yourself first.
- B. After you see that you have done this, put yourself in the background.
- C. Have enthusiasm.
- D. Establish a need.

SIX QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do you ever give much thought to spiritual things?
- 2. What would you say is man's greatest spiritual need?
- 3. Was there ever a time in your life that you seriously thought about your need of salvation?
- 4. What would you say a person needs to do to be saved?
- 5. Well, of course, those things all have to be done, but how do you go about receiving salvation?
- 6. Would it be all right if we look at two or three verses to see what we must do?
Could we do that? (Nod your head as you expect them to do).

DENOMINATIONAL APPROACH:

- A. Gain common ground, then:
 - 1. Have you ever thought that you may be wrong?
 - 2. Would you want to know it?
 - 3. Would you change if you were wrong?
 - 4. Point out that we cannot both be right.
 - 5. Always be on the offensive.

ANOTHER SINNER APPROACH:

- A. Are you interested in spiritual things?
- B. Have you ever thought about being a Christian?
- C. What is a Christian?

ANOTHER APPROACH:

- A. If you died right now, would you go to Heaven?
- B. Would you like to know how to get to Heaven?
- C. If I showed you how you could know, would you do what the Bible says you must do?

STILL ANOTHER APPROACH:

- A. Are you interested in spiritual things?
- B. Do you believe that you are right with God?
- C. Do you wish that you were?
- D. Would you like me to show you what the Bible says?
- E. Would you do it?

POINTERS: DO'S AND DON'TS:

- A. Don't begin with criticism.
- B. Don't act superior.
- C. Don't be dogmatic.

- D. Don't be ashamed to admit that you don't know the answer.
- E. Don't **strain at a gnat** with the lost; stick to main subject.
- F. Don't answer all his objections; some of them are not really objections.
- G. Don't do all the talking.
- H. Don't use too much Scripture.
- I. Don't get angry with him.
- J. Don't talk about other members, preacher or petty difficulties.
- K. Don't stay too long.
- L. Don't be in too big a hurry.
- M. Don't apologize for the truth, but do not be antagonistic.
- N. Don't push - persuade.
- O. Don't talk over the head of the prospect.
- P. Don't defend the Bible, use it.
- Q. Don't be an authority on any thing but the Scriptures.
- R. Don't think of these people as another member or another tither.
- S. Do admit you are wrong, when you are wrong.
- T. Do admit you don't know.
- U. Do notice the children.
- V. Do stress the things upon which you are agreed.
- W. Do notice his facial expressions and his actions.
- X. Do listen to what he says.
- Y. Do be neat, clean, dressed for the occasion, and moderate in your dress.
- Z. Do your utmost to be tactful, but be firm in your statements.
- AA. Do remember that you are introducing a person.

ATTITUDES:

- A. Be happy!
- B. Be respectful!
- C. Be loving.
- D. Be patient.
- E. Be confident.
- F. Be interested in the people and their problems.
- G. Be humble.
- H. Be persistent.
- I. Be attentive.
- J. Be appreciative.
- K. Be serious.

THREE IMPORTANT RULES:

1. Look him in the eye - this is what your eyes must do.
2. Move your body - this is what your arms and fingers must do.
3. Speak clearly to him - this is what your tongue must do.

JESUS: AUTHOR OF SALVATION

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Matthew 28:18-20	Mark 16:15-16	Luke 24:44-49	Acts 1:4-8	Acts 2
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				Jews Of All Nations - 2:5 Promise To All - 2:39
				Baptized - 2:38 3,000 Same Day - 2:41
				Continued Steadfastly In Teaching - 2:42
				Gift Of The Holy Spirit - 2:38
				Pricked In Their Heart Implies Belief - 2:37
				Repent - 2:38
				Baptized For Remission Of Sins - 2:38
				Began At Jerusalem 2:5
				Promise Of The Father Came - 2:1-2
				Filled With Power Of The Holy Spirit - 2:3-4

THE PLAN OF JESUS FOR REDEMPTION

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All Nations	All The World Every Creature	Among All Nations	Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Earth	Jews Of All Nations - 2:5 Promise To All - 2:39
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UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN

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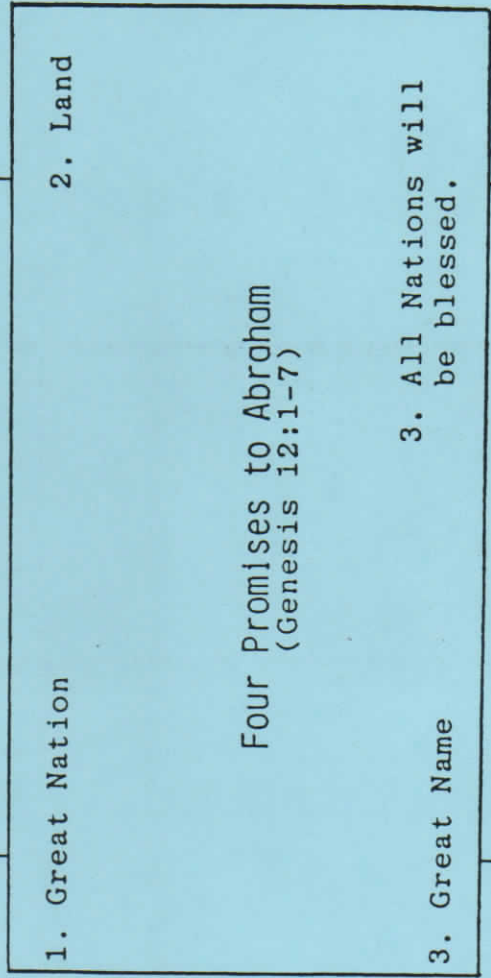
Genesis
Exodus
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Deuteronomy

1:46-47
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History: The Preparation (12)

Joshua
Judges
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I & II Samuel
I & II Kings
*I & II Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

21:43-45



Poetic Books (5)

Prophetic Books (17)

Gospels: The Foundation (4)

*Matthew
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Luke
*John

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History: The Plan (1)

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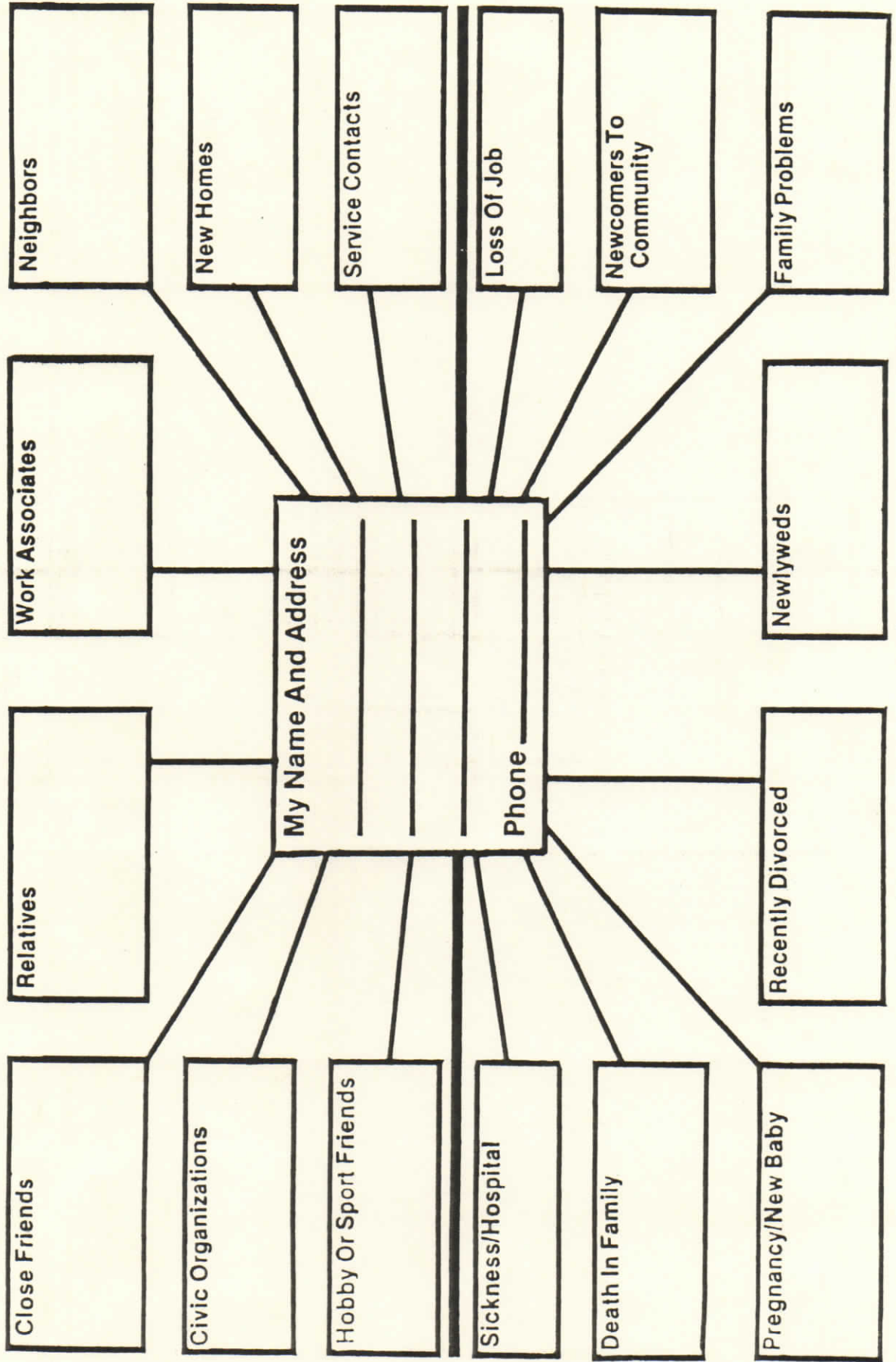
Acts
(Galatians 3:7-8)

Didactic Books (21)

Prophetic Book (1)

NOTE: The chronological, historical story of the Bible can be understood by reading the 22 books listed on this chart. This can even be shortened more by omitting the books with a * in front of them in your reading since they either duplicate other time periods or else do not contain material pertinent to the chronological history.

PERSONAL PROSPECT FINDER



Person To Person Evangelism
Hillsboro, Ohio

DAILY PERSONAL WORSHIP

Book I THESS.
Passage _____
Date ____ / ____ / ____

CHAPTER 2.

How they received the gospel.

For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Phi-lip'pi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation *was* not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

I. ATTRIBUTE OF GOD: _____

II. PRAISE OF GOD (For this attribute and the way it relates to me.)

III. CONFESSION OF SIN

A. Committed toward God relating to this attribute.

B. Other sins that need confession. (Express orally if you wish.)

IV. THANKSGIVING

V. MEDITATION (Personal application of the passage to my life.)

VI. PETITION (Personal requests.)

VII. INTERCESSION

A. Evangelism

B. Needs of others. (Sick, marital problems, depressed, etc.)

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FIRST EFFECT

PROBLEMS IT PRODUCES

ERRORS IT FOSTERED ARE TWO-FOLD

<p>PROOF TEXTS</p> <p>Psalms 51:5 Job 14:4 Romans 5:12 1 Corinthians 15:21-22</p>	<p>1. Who then can be saved?</p>	<p>FALSE DOCTRINES</p> <p>Predestination Universalism Election Eternal security Purgatory</p> <p>RESULTED IN</p> <p>RESULTED IN RESULTED IN RESULTED IN RESULTED IN RESULTED IN</p>	<p>FALSE PRACTICES</p> <p>Mourner's bench Ordinances abandoned Recounting Experience Ungodly living Praying for the dead</p>
<p>DOGMA OF ORIGINAL SIN</p>	<p>2. What must be done for salvation?</p>	<p>FAITH ONLY</p> <p>RESULTED IN</p>	<p>Sinners Prayer Raise your hand Lay hand on radio Altar call Kneel where you are</p>
<p>REFUTATION:</p> <p>Ezekiel 18:1-5 Ezekiel 18:19 ff Jeremiah 31:29</p>	<p>3. And what of Christ?</p>	<p>WORKS ONLY</p> <p>RESULTED IN</p>	<p>Infant Baptism Sprinkling and pouring Baptismal regeneration Confirmation Sacerdotalism Supererogation Indulgences</p>
<p>T O T A L</p>		<p>H E R E D I T A R Y</p>	
<p>D E P R A V I T Y</p>		<p>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</p>	<p>RESULTED IN</p> <p>Saint Worship Rosary Praying through Mary Idolatry Bogus Appearings</p>
<p>MARIOLATRY</p>		<p>RESULTED IN</p>	
<p>ASSUMPTION OF MARY</p>		<p>RESULTED IN</p>	

ORIGINAL SIN – Total Hereditary Depravity

George L. Faull, Rel. D.

If the dogma of original sin is true, then some things must necessarily follow. If man is spiritually dead from conception, because of Adam's sin, then he must be totally depraved. Again, if he inherited at birth the guilt of Adam, as well as his own sinful nature, who then can be saved?

WHO IS SAVED?

Universalism answers, "Everybody will be saved, and there will be universal salvation". Predestination answers that everything in the most minute detail was planned by God, and everything will come out to the Glory of God. Some will be damned, and others saved. Election says, that God has fore planned not only the course of history, as Predestination teaches, but that a select few of Elect personages will be saved. The Elect will involuntarily be drawn to accept God, and those who are non-elect will not accept it. If election is true, then if a man is drawn to God and is saved, and if he is part of the Elect, he must be eternally secure. The ordinances of Christ are unnecessary, if Universalism is true. The Mourner's bench of trying to **pray through** is the result of Predestination, and the recounting of experiences were given to prove that one was **one of the Elect**. The Elect, who gave their testimonies, were welcomed into the Church and were considered eternally saved. Since they were eternally saved, they took no thought of godly living. Augustines Purgatory was added for those who were not quite sanctified in this life, and prayers for the dead were thus necessary to expedite their sojourn through Purgatory.

WHAT MUST BE DONE FOR SALVATION?

This is the next problem that arose from the lie of original sin. If man had the guilt and nature of Adam, then how can he be saved, if he is spiritually dead? How can he be born again? This problem is answered in two ways.

The first is by "**grace only**" or "**faith only.**" If you were predestined to be saved, or you were one of the elect, simply believe it. At **altar call, go to the Mourner's bench**, and **pray through** for an evidence that you are of the election. History shows that those people who believe in doctrine of election or predestination, are those who also teach **faith only**. Simply raise your hand or lay your hand on the radio or kneel where you are, say the sinners prayer and let Jesus come into your heart.

But the Papists and some denominations go to the other extreme, and teach **salvation by works only**. Since a child was guilty of Adam's sin and depraved, he should be baptized to get rid of that sin. Thus, infant baptism and the doctrine of **Baptismal Regeneration** resulted. If infants were to be baptized, immersion should be replaced with sprinkling or pouring. When they get of age, they should be confirmed. These rites must be practiced, and thus necessitates **Sacerdotalism** (priestly offices). If man is saved by works, then **Supererogation** would aid both in this life and in Purgatory. These **over and above** works purchased indulgences, and of course, added to the long list of unscriptural practices such as celibacy and poverty vows.

AND WHAT OF CHRIST?

If each individual coming into life is born with original sin, then what of Christ? He must be protected of this guilt, and thus Mary was immaculately conceived and so exalted and idolized to the place of the mother of God. The worship of Mary has gone so far as to teach that she was assumed into Heaven because death is the penalty for original sin, and since she was supposedly born of the immaculate conception, death should not fall upon her. Saint worship, rosaries, praying through Mary, and idolatry are the end of this doctrine of **Original Sin**.

FALSE DOCTRINE – GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Pope Pius XII defined this dogma as an article of faith revealed by God. It is said to incur the wrath of God and the holy apostles to deny this doctrine. Mary, having ended her sojourn in this life, is believed to have been assumed into Heaven, body and soul, to heavenly glory. Catholics believe that the Lord would not permit the sacred body in which He was born to become the object of corruption.

BAPTISMAL REGENERATION

This doctrine teaches that through the merits of baptism one is regenerated. Baptism is supposed to work an instant regeneration in the baby being baptized simply because he is being baptized. It is believed that original sin is removed in the child, and therefore, the child is regenerated or born again.

CELIBACY

The state of being unmarried. A single life, especially that of a person bound by vows not to marry.

CONFIRMATION

In Catholicism it is sanctifying grace increasing in the soul, and a special sacramental grace consisting of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which is conferred on the recipient. It is only administered once. In Protestant Churches it confirms the baptismal vow of his babyhood or, in other words, it completes the sacramental rite of baptism.

ELECTION

This doctrine teaches that God from eternity has chosen for everlasting life certain depraved men while it condemns the rest of the depraved to eternal destruction. Election assures that the Elect depraved will be drawn to obedience to God.

ETERNAL SECURITY

This doctrine teaches that once a man has been **born again**, and therefore, a child of God, it is impossible, regardless of how deeply he may go into sin, for him to be damned. When once saved, he is eternally saved, though he may lose his reward, his salvation is guaranteed for eternity.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Roman Catholic tradition was that Mary was preserved from original sin, therefore, Pope Pius IX (1846-78) in A bull called **effabilis Deus** (December 8, 1854) defined the position. *“We declare, pronounce and define: The doctrine that maintains that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a unique grace and privilege of the Omnipotent God and consideration for the merits of Christ Jesus, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore, must be firmly and constantly held by all the faithful.”*

INDULGENCES

According to the **Catholic Encyclopedia**, (VII, p 783), *“A remission of the temporal punishment due to sin, the guilt of which has been forgiven.”* An indulgence in Catholic theology is actually a change in the form of penance necessary for the removal for the temporal penalty of sin. Pope Urban II in 1095 counted the journey of all who went on the first crusade to Jerusalem out of devotion, a substitute for all penance. Later indulgences were granted for those in Purgatory and then when indulgences were sold for money for some worthwhile cause in the church, the Protestant Reformation was founded.

MARIOLATRY

The worship of Mary as the Mother of God, or Our Lady, or Our Refuge. Prayers are addressed through her and to her.

ORIGINAL SIN

The dogma of original sin is best described by those who believe it. *“By this sin (eating of the forbidden fruit), the (Adam and Eve) fell from the original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all their faculties and parts of body and soul. They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed and the same death in sin and corrupt nature conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. From this original corruption whereby we are indisposed, disabled, and made opposite of all good, and wholly inclined to evil. Do proceed all actual transgressions.”*

Confessions of Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. 1939 Edition, p. 25-26

PREDESTINATION

“God, from all eternity and by the most wise and Holy Counsel of His own will fully and unchangeable, ordains whatsoever comes to pass. Yet so as thereby neither is God the Author of sin nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.”

Westminster Confession of Faith

PURGATORY

The abode between Heaven and Hell of the great mass of persons who were partially sanctified while in this life. The suffering varies with the degrees of sin and may last for hours or thousands of years. Gifts or services rendered to the church by the relatives of the ones being purged of his sins in Purgatory will shorten or eliminate the sojourn of the soul in Purgatory.

SACERDOTALISM

The tendency to emphasize the priestly office or its sacred character and turn the work of salvation over to the priests.

SUPEREROGATION

These are works in Roman Catholic theology, which are voluntary deeds over and above what God requires. Superogate means, “to pay out more than is necessary.” Those works, such as vows of celibacy or poverty, are meritorious and are stored in a treasury of merit allowing the possibility of indulgences.

TOTAL HEREDITARY DEPRAVITY

The doctrine that man is corrupt by nature, including all the faculties of his being, and that there is not one good thing in man, but that he is bent on sin from conception, and that he is incapable of one good thought or action in the sight of God.

UNIVERSALISM

This is that doctrine, which teaches that there will not be one damned soul in all mankind, thus, there is no belief in Hell. It is universal or worldwide salvation. Everyone will be saved. The ultimate well being of every soul is believed to be the end because of the redemption of Christ. Man’s deeds of sin is completely ignored.