

For the preaching of the cross...is the power of God I Cor. 1:18

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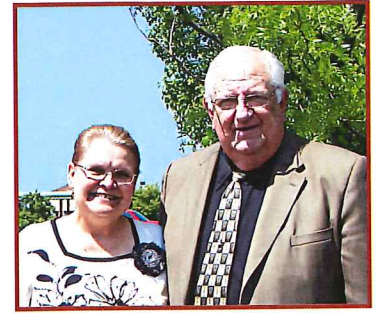
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Dear Pastors and Friends of This Ministry.

We read in Acts 26:18 “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

I remember learning early in my years from one of the greatest Preachers of our day, Dr. Tom Malone, that “we need to KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING,” This statement in Acts 26:25 is one of the urgent MAIN THINGS that has always been most important. But in recent times I am seeing this slip. Fact is that the Lord Jesus intended for us to be a charging and changing force in our world, and the way of the real church has always been to affect things by the very nature of following the Lord’s commission, and affect change for the good. Today I believe we are seeing so many take a laissez faire attitude and just let things slide whichever way they will go.

I came onto something that has spoken to my heart, and though I don’t have the right to judge anyone, I can look within my own heart and see the need for this.—I saw in Leviticus 23:27 “Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall **afflict your souls**, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.” Note particularly “**AFFLICT YOUR SOULS**”

I know that what is directed here by God was for Israel and directed under the Levitical law. I also know that when Christ completed our redemption at the cross we are under the new and living way described in Hebrews 10. I also know that Paul directed in 1Corinthians 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

There is something here that was directed by God that I do believe applies to us today that I believe we are not doing. I believe that it could be **the very answer that would bring revival**. I am speaking of what is directed here that they should have a regular time set aside where they were told “AFLICT YOU SOUL”.

This is clearly saying that we should have a regular time of self-examination where we would stop sweeping aside as light, things that we are regularly doing that we know are sinful. Often they are sins of omission. Some may be very serious sins. We must admit them to ourselves and to God and in a true contrite and deep meaningful way, REPENT FROM OUR SINS with full intention that we are going to stop doing them and make things right.

I am praying that we could see God give us a real sweeping revival in our churches in ways that I remember that came with such fervor and such sweetness and fruitfulness in the church that I would love to see return. Can we join together in this and encourage each other to really do this?

WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

A VIEW FROM GOD’S WORD OF THE WONDERFUL GRACE OF GOD

2Corinthians 5:21 “For he (God the Father) hath made him (God the Son) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”

Revelation 1:5b “Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”

Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”

Last night (December 30, 2019) I preached in one of the jails here in Detroit and we had a wonderful service. Jesus said that the angels rejoiced because there were three who were wondrously saved. Praise God!

► We continue to pray for more open doors and rejoice at the places where we are continuing.

► Please pray with us about our costs of insurances that are ever increasing. We are limiting what we have to keep costs down and only carrying what we cannot afford to be without. This part of our budget is causing a real strain that is making it needful for us to see additional income from somewhere.

In His Love And Service;
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Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord. Eph. 5:19