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"The Voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
Isaiah 40:3

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THE TWO-FOLD MAN

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To begin this article, I shall refer you to a very clear statement made by Paul to the Corinthians, "For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." 2 Corinthians 4:15, 16.

There are many religious people who do not believe that God created man two-fold, which lack of understanding is based on the failure to rightly divide the word of truth. Truly there is a division between the inward and outward man; and such being the case, we must be able to distinguish between the two as we study the scriptures. This I shall endeavor to do in the following order:

1. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:6, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

2. Hear Paul, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the **inner man**." Eph. 3:16

3. Hear him again in Romans 7:22, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man."

4. See also Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit, against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."

THE OUTWARD MAN

Now, let us see what the scriptures tell us about the outward or natural man: The same Paul who writes about the inward man also writes about the outward man, and we shall begin with 1

Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Now the word discern means: 'to perceive (something obscure or concealed) detect'.

Now what does this tell us? It tells us that the natural man, with the carnal mind, cannot distinguish between natural and spiritual things when unaided by a higher power.

The very same thing is taught in Romans 8:5-9, "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

This brings into focus the dual nature of man composed of flesh and spirit, with a dual mind, both natural and spiritual.

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THE PREACHER

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(These articles were originally taught by Bro. Lambert in Old Union Baptist Ministers School of Bowling Green, Ky.)

"FOR YE SEE YOUR CALLING, BRETHREN, HOW THAT NOT MANY WISE MEN AFTER THE FLESH, NOT MANY MIGHTY, NOT MANY NOBLE ARE CALLED; BUT GOD HATH CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE WISE; AND GOD HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS OF THE WORLD TO CONFOUND THE THINGS WHICH ARE MIGHTY; AND BASE THINGS OF THE WORLD, AND THINGS WHICH ARE DESPISED, HATH GOD CHOSEN, YE, AND THE THINGS WHICH ARE NOT, TO BRING TO NAUGHT THINGS THAT ARE: THAT NO FLESH SHOULD GLORY IN HIS PRESENCE." 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

Paul must have had young preachers in focus when these words were written. Most of us now in the ministry, went up "fool's hill" before we could settle down to effective service. Which of you didn't gloat to yourself when you "skinned 'em alive?" Did you not tell yourself that you were destined to become the greatest preacher of your generation? Which of you has not sadly whispered to yourself, "the church will never recognize what they have in me until I'm gone, and then it will be too late for them?" Can you recall your courageous announcement that you would preach under a brush arbor, rather than compromise with sin? Did you ever

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Two-Fold Man

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This is not to say that man has two sets of brains, but it is saying that, in regeneration, the Holy Spirit gives a Holy disposition to the mind, which it did not have before, and that this is effected in a manner beyond our comprehension.

RELATIONSHIP TO GOD OF INWARD MAN AND OUTWARD MAN

The inward man is the Spiritually born child into God's family, and to him is imparted the nature of God. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

The born-again child of God hath (present tense) everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation (judgment) for he is passed from death unto life." John 5:24

David said in Psalms 32:1, 2, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

Paul wrote the Ephesians, "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10 Also note, 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Another pertinent scripture is found in I Peter 1:22-25, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

Now, Romans 10:10 tells us, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto (with reference to) salvation." Paul also tells us the source of that confession in order for it to be real. "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say (confess) that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." This excludes the theory that one has only to confess Christ in a lip service, and they are saved.

John did say in his first General Epistle 4:15, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God." As we see in the preceding scripture, in order for it to be a scriptural confession, it must be by the Spirit of God.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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A discussion on the plan of salvation between people of varying beliefs almost invariably comes to the question, "What part does man have in his own salvation?" Among those who hold the Bible to be the only authority on this subject, the reply will range from, "man has no part at all" to "God has finished His part and it is all left up to man now." The only answer to this question is that answer that preserves Bible harmony. Every verse of scripture must agree with the answer and none can contradict it.

Regarding salvation, the scriptures say we are saved by grace. We understand "grace" to mean "unmerited favor", so the obvious meaning of this statement in Ephesians 2:8 is that salvation comes to men by the undeserved favor of God. Verses 8-10 go on to reinforce this statement by emphasizing that salvation is not of ourselves; our works will not bring salvation down from God; salvation - the great work of God, is wrought purely by God's grace.

Now, some have taken this great truth stated above and extrapolated it to mean that man has no part in his salvation. They say God determined before man was created who He would save and that those who have not been elected have no hope of salvation. Furthermore they add that those who have been picked can not avoid being saved. The Holy Scriptures plainly teach that Jesus shed His precious blood on Calvary that ALL might come to him and live. It is God's will that NONE should perish, (II Peter 3:9). God's arm has not been shortened (Isaiah 59:1) but is extended to every man. "How often," Jesus said as He was overlooking the city of Jerusalem, "would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Clearly it was the desire of our Saviour to redeem this city which had turned its back on Him and just as clearly it was a failure on their part which kept them from being gathered in by our Lord. Some might reason here, "Sure, Jesus wanted to save them but He couldn't because they had not been elected." Hebrews 7:25 strikes down this argument with the words, "he (Jesus) is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him." Not only was the desire to save them abiding in Jesus but

the ability and power to save them was present also.

This scripture brings us to man's part in the plan of salvation. Based upon Jesus telling the citizens of Jerusalem, "ye would not" in Matthew 23:37, it is seen that man does have a part in obtaining God's salvation. The command to repent of your sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is given to mankind throughout the scriptures, and this command would be meaningless if we had no choice or part in the matter. Clearly, it is left up to each person to fulfill this command. There is no alternative. Jesus said to sinners, "except ye repent, ye shall...perish"; and to Nicodemus Jesus said, "he that believeth not is condemned already." At this point, though, we must be careful to preserve Bible harmony. Each part of our Lord's plan of salvation exhibits the beauty of God's matchless grace. Not only does God, the Father, bestow His grace to sinful men at the point of salvation by applying the blood of Jesus to our sins as a covering, but He also pours out His grace upon men to bring them to salvation. Man would never recognize his need of salvation if God had not sent His Spirit into the world to reprove the world of sin. It is by God's grace that His Holy Spirit shows to us this need of salvation. Man could not fulfill his part without the grace of God. Jesus said no man could come to Him except God, the Father, were to draw him. Let it not be thought, though, that even when divinely motivated, a man's repentance and faith satisfies the Royal Law. It does not! What it does, though, is to move to compassion a Holy God who gives us grace for grace. This is undoubtedly the tenderest moment in God's plan. It is at this moment, when still a long way off, the Father sees His prodigal son coming home. God does not leave us to our own efforts to make it home. Surely the way is too rough and none could make it. Instead, when He sees at a distance that we desire with all of our heart to come home, He runs to meet us and kisses us again and again. These kisses represent the two graces of God, repentance and faith. Though the son had repented and believed, yet it would have been in vain if the Father had not granted him additional repentance, (Acts 11:18), and given him added faith, (Ephesians 2:8), to make it safely home. OH, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD!

Yes, salvation is wholly by God's grace. God's help is necessary to even repent and believe but the beautiful part of this command is that His help is there for "whosoever will." Man, of himself,

has not repentance and faith enough to satisfy God but there is not a man, woman, boy, or girl who cannot move God to grant these two wonderful gifts if they would only surrender to God and look to Jesus Christ.

HERE WAS A MAN

By Jake Lambert

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He never held a big crusade, shown on TV coast to coast.

Probably the largest crowd he ever preached to was four or five hundred at most.

He never preached in Communist Poland, or held an audience with the Pope.

He never claimed to be a great writer, a few small articles is all he wrote.

He never owned a mountain retreat, with guards stationed at his gates.

But just a modest home in Goodlettsville, where family and friends he loved to greet.

He never got an invitation to preach for the President,

Or spend a night in the White House, like a lot of men have spent.

He never played golf with movie stars, or appeared on talk shows and such.

So I guess in the eyes of the world, he never amounted to very much.

He never preached on Bourbon Street, nor, went for flashy clothes,

But he took his job seriously of trying to win lost souls.

Yes, if God had seen fit to choose this man, to travel to other Nations,

He would have preached the same unadulterated truth on the plan of salvation.

If this man could have had a chance to hold the biggest crusade of all time, He would have preached with the same power and understanding just like he did at old Mt. Zion.

If he could have preached on TV, for thousands and thousands to view,

He would have preached the same old time gospel, just like he did at McFerrin Avenue.

If this man could have had the chance to preach to the communist people,

He would have told them about the precious blood of Jesus, just like he did at New Bethel.

If this man could have had an audience with the Pope, held in the midst of Rome,

PRAYER

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey,

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things,

I asked for riches, that I might be happy, I was given poverty, that I might be wise,

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God,

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things,

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for,

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered,

I am among all men, most richly blessed.

He would have told him just how to be saved like he told the sinners at **Siloam**.

If this man could have written a book about the greatness of the Lord,

He would have written just like he preached, as a young pastor at

Concord.

If he could have preached for the President and all of Washington,

He would have preached about the love of God, Just like he did at **Madison**.

If this man could have had the chance to play golf with movie stars with skill

No doubt he would have told his partners about Jesus, like he did at **Union Hill**.

Yes, if he could have had the chance to be on talk shows with Carson and

Donohue,

He would have talked about being secure in Jesus like he did at **Willette** back in 1942.

If he had of preached down on Bourbon Street, you know what he would have done, he would have proclaimed the precious truths of Jesus, just like he did at **Union**.

Yes, I feel so much richer than a lot of folks today, because he was twice my pastor while he passed this way.

Yes, I feel so much richer than a lot of folks today, because he was twice my pastor while he passed this way.

But on Friday, November 3, 1978, God called him home that day.

So, if you don't know by now just who I'm writing about...His name was **ELDER FOUNTAIN L. RAY**.

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This according to Hebrews 10:32, is an illumination, an enlightenment such as Lydia received when God opened her heart, not by the preaching of Paul, but in order for her to understand the preaching.

Now, let us consider the relationship to God of the outward man. That the outward man, after the regeneration of the soul, is mortal and corruptible is proven by I Cor. 15:53, 54. "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

On the basis of the Spiritual birth of the Spirit (inward man), and the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, this outward man according to the Covenant of Grace is blessed with a hope that is both sure and steadfast that reaches into heaven itself, and is fixed on Jesus Christ, our mediator, who is at the right hand of God and is alive forevermore.

Please look to Romans 8:19-23, "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope. Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body."

Let us now back up to Romans 8:11-17, "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs

with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

The Spirit of adoption is the same as the Spirit of the resurrection. He is the Spirit of God. The resurrection has not taken place yet, neither has the adoption in the real sense.

We read in 2 Cor. 5:1-9, "For we know 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. For in this we groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now he that has wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him."

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

The outward man, in contradistinction from the soul, is bought with the price of Christ's sacrifice on the tree of the cross, but the full redemption has not been effected as yet. However, He has given us the Holy Spirit to dwell in the temple of this body, which is the 'earnest' or surety until the redemption from mortality to immortality; from corruption to incorruption. "Then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." I Cor. 15:54.

It is as a man contracting a piece of property and makes a deposit or down-payment required to receive a deed and claim it as his own. Jesus purchased our bodies and made the deposit of his Spirit in these bodies, that is, He moves in and takes possession in the use and service of these bodies until the final redemption payment is made, which will be the resurrection to a body fashioned like unto his glorious body, at which time, the body will be adopted and receive the inheritance as a born child.

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wonder how the big church would be so careless as to overlook you when they were looking for a pastor? Which of you never showed more brass than brains? Which of you never shed a few secret tears as you "dreamed" of the sad day to come when you would have to break the hearts of your people as you told them of your resignation? Incidentally, resignation day tears in your congregation may be tears of joy and triumph in disguise.

Yes, most of us were once young preachers and judging by our behaviour, some of us are still a bit young. You have many hidden pitfalls. You should try to recognize these pitfalls, and mark them, and carve a pathway around them. Since the preacher must live in a glass house, not even his most secret pitfall can be hidden from the all-seeing eyes of curious members of his congregation. They are there. One of our greatest danger points is to have an exalted opinion of ourselves. This opinion may be formed and fed by commendations from members of a congregation who commend the preacher, for being at the top of the ladder. A few compliments about their fearlessness in their preaching has ruined too many preachers. When a man blasts away against sin from the pulpit, and then publicly embarrasses members of his congregation by impersonating them; and then some sleeping deacon tells him that he is preaching the kind of "sound" doctrine that the church has needed for years. It is like saying "sic 'em" to a bulldog. Sound doctrine must be preached; we must preach against sin. Let that be done with the right spirit from the pulpit. It would be a healthy thing for some preachers, if it were a violation of the law for them to be complimented for their work, because it gives them the **headache**. Many preachers discredit the former pastor by magnifying the progressive growth, and improvements "since I came."

It is a good thing for a young preacher to keep himself in such a position that he is obligated only to God. Favors that become debts are not favors at all. If people know you love them, and if you approach them in the right spirit, you can tell them anything they need to be told and they will usually accept it graciously.

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