



# **SERMON OUTLINES**

**FROM THE NOTES OF**

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# Sermons and Devotional Thoughts, by Rev. John S. McGee

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**Rev. John S. McGee, Sermon Outlines**  
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**Introduction**

My dad's first priority in his missionary role as an "advisor," was the development and nurturing of churches, and "mission stations," which were locations where local residents had requested the establishment of a church. Early during my parents' second tour in Nigeria, which was the beginning of their residence and work at Igede-Ekiti (1949), they were confronted with the situation of there being only two or three ordained Nigerian pastors in their geographical service area, about half the size of North Carolina. Furthermore, they realized that in addition to (seminary-educated) pastors not wanting to be located in a very rural, unfamiliar and "undeveloped" part of the country, most local churches were financially unable to support a "trained" minister. My parents' solution was to begin (1950), an annual "preachers' school" (which they called a "pre-seminary class") at the Igede Mission, wherein each year (except for furlough years, and the years my dad was principal of the new Baptist High School in Igede) they offered about twelve months of training for a new group of ten to twelve young men who had been recommended from local churches. Three or four students from this group were provided "housing" at the Igede Baptist Mission (14 acres), with the remaining numbers being provided places to stay in Igede itself (the Mission compound was about a half mile outside of the small town).

The schedule (Monday through Friday) was a full morning of "classes," which included Old and New Testament study (with the teaching initially shared by both my parents—years later, local ordained ministers would help with this); study of English (also, years later, with the help of local teachers); study of "church organization;" and practice in sermon-preparation. In the afternoons, these students would help with a variety of tasks and chores around the compound, for which they received "food money" each week. The funds for this came directly from my parents. Both my parents were emphatic promoters of "tithing;" however, while they would always contribute to the Sunday "offerings/collections" when they visited various churches, they did NOT give their "tithes" to any particular church. Instead, they designated their "tithes" to the support of this training of church leaders, along with helping to fund other "needs," such as providing "matching" funds to encourage developing church groups who were raising funds for a building project; or to occasionally help certain students with paying their school fees, etc.

Each year at the end of that particular training session, "students" who had successfully completed the program of study would be located at various places where congregation leadership was most needed. Some of these continued their pastoral duties as a career over many years. Others, who were more skilled academically, went for further training at one of the half-dozen Baptist high schools, which led to the opportunity for formal training at the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary, in Ogbomosho. Several of these "students," years later, were able to come to the United States (under funding by the Nigerian Baptist Convention) for additional training (including earned degrees) at Baptist universities and seminaries.

In regard to the "preaching" ministry of my dad, how he spoke in churches depended greatly on the situation. Almost always in Nigeria, since neither of my parents were proficient in the local dialect, Yoruba, almost anytime they did public speaking required someone (local pastor or teacher) helping as an interpreter. Consequently, what was said needed to be concise and brief (at least half the speaking

time was shared with the interpreter). The EXCEPTION was when they may have been speaking to an English-speaking audience, such as when speaking to the students at the Ekiti Baptist Boys High School, and similar groups. Over the years, I heard my dad speak in MANY different situations; in Nigeria, at small, very rural churches as well as much larger, more established churches; in the States during our furloughs, at churches of all sizes; at Royal Ambassador camps, etc., etc. In the U.S., regardless of the occasion, his focus would be on the work of “missions,” often accompanied (during evening services), by “home movies” (16 mm, self-produced films), and later, (35mm) slides. During our furloughs, both my parents spoke in many churches, mostly in North Carolina, where they were very well known and received many invitations. In these situations, Dad would strongly speak to the need for personal commitment to the work of “missions,” and, as well, the need for churches to increase their support for the Southern Baptist Convention’s “Cooperative Program,” by which contributions (a percentage of the church budget) were distributed to local; state (programs); national (Baptist institutions—seminaries and Convention-wide programs); and world-wide mission efforts.

The ONE exception to the above preaching opportunities for my dad, was during their retirement (which began in 1978) when, for about six months, my dad served as “interim pastor” for a small church on the outskirts of Hendersonville, NC (a few miles from where they lived), the Brightwater Baptist Church. During the brief time he and my mother were there (during 1992), they helped to re-build the small congregation, until the church was able to call a new pastor. For these six months or so, Dad prepared sermons each Sunday, which were more typical of preaching that was both Biblical instruction and evangelical witnessing.

At the core of Dad’s preaching, especially in the States, was his own testimony of having been converted at the age of eighteen, and his own personal “journey” that changed his life and made possible his missionary career, which continued all his life, including after retirement of active service in Nigeria. His personal testimony and appeal for “missions” was a powerful and compelling “story” and, on occasion, resulted in “offerings” that my parents applied to various building projects in Nigeria. For example, my mother’s home church, Grace Baptist Church in Durham, NC, gave ten-thousand dollars which was applied to the new church building at Ado-Ekiti (1960). Much of the construction work at the Baptist Camp at “Warm Springs” Ikogosi (1962-72), was accomplished with funds received from friends in the U.S.; more than sixty-thousand dollars, as reported by my parents (*The Reminiscence; Personal reflections and contributions by Rev. & Mrs. John S. McGee, to the development of Baptist Mission Work in Western Nigeria*, p. 134).

**THIS COLLECTION** of my dad’s “sermons” (which I discovered in a folder of materials that I recovered from my parents’ office, when I cleaned out their house following the death of my dad in 1999), were kept by my mother, who was the “keeper of things” in our home. Not one of these sermons is completely “written,” which is something my dad never did. His method, regardless of where he was speaking, was to jot down some main points that he wished to express, as an outline, which he would complete with extemporaneous things he wished to add on the occasion. I grew up thinking this was the way to “preach;” that is, speaking (“inspirationally”) from brief “notes,” without the discipline of fully writing out was I wanted to say. When I was a “ministerial” student at Mars Hill College (1960-64), I was foolishly “dismissive” of the pastor at the Mars Hill Baptist Church, where the minister not only wrote out his sermons, but also wrote out his prayers for the Sunday service. At the time, it seemed to me that written prayers, especially, could hardly be “from the heart,” which was a notion from which I did not “escape” until my seminary years (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964-68).

**Thus, ALL these sermon notes are OUTLINES; that is, brief points, which were the major focus for what Dad wished to say.** While the “details” and illustrations, etc., are missing, these notes do give clear focus on what Dad considered to be the most important points. In that regard, simplicity does help to give clarity about what he considered most important.

Most of these sermon outlines are undated; therefore, their sequence in this collection is random, mostly in the order in which they were placed in the folder where they were found. The exceptions are several sermons which reference specific churches in Nigeria, which I have placed first in the collection. Some of the other “messages” are also very likely to have been spoken in Nigeria, but that is unclear. I am aware that Dad was invited to speak at the Nigerian Baptist Convention (1976), the year before they left Nigeria for retirement (1977). Typically, I am positive THAT sermon was also NOT written out in detail; however, I do recall that he “prepared” for months about what he wanted to say on that occasion; some main points, spoken from his heart, near the conclusion of his years in Nigeria. My mother (following her own interest in preserving the history of their work) recorded the message on a cassette recorder, but it was of such poor quality that I could hardly understand anything said. However, among these notes is ONE sermon, the outline of which is carefully typed, with much more detail than usual, which I strongly suspect MAY have been his Convention address.

In contrast to my mother [who was a prolific writer; who kept records; initiated the writing of family letters; kept notes of her Bible study and meditations; wrote materials for the Nigerian Baptist Convention programs (e.g., Sunday School; Training Union; WMU; GAs, etc.); wrote pamphlets, tracts (some translated into Yoruba) and Bible study materials that she distributed for the cost of printing], my dad wrote mainly letters, in response to letters he received. This material is, to my knowledge, the best available insight into much of what he strongly believed, and wanted to share.

In regard to the scanned materials which follow, my apologies for the poor quality of what is presented. However, please keep in mind that even the most readable documents, which are typed, are themselves not always of good quality. A half-century ago, quality of typed materials depended on having good quality ribbons in the manual typewriters which, often, was not the situation.

Most of Dad’s notes were hand-written, and his hand-writing, even at times a bit difficult for me, might initially appear to be unreadable to someone less familiar with it than I. However, in scanning, I did my best to make it as legible and as large as possible. I feel that to see what he wrote in his own handwriting makes what he wrote even more credible, than if I simply typed out the notes. Hopefully, this will not be a serious barrier to its usefulness.

The fact remains that of all the materials that I was able to save from materials taken from my parents’ home, THIS collection is the best representation of my dad’s beliefs, and an actual representation of the messages he delivered both in Nigeria, and in the United States, after my parents’ retirement.

In particular, I wish to express my deep appreciation for my mother’s commitment to preserving these documents; otherwise, there would be nothing to share.

John David McGee  
July 20, 2023



One of the early groups of “pre-seminary” students, which held its classes on the front porch of the original (Donath-built) Baptist Mission residence, at Igede-Ekiti (seen in background).

**NOTE:** Behind the students, who are on the front steps of the Mission residence, is the large, screened, front porch, where the classes were held during the mornings, Monday through Friday. There was a large, table-tennis table on the porch, around which the students sat during their classes. Later, these classes were moved to the “round building,” at the edge of the yard on the east side of our house (see below, in background).

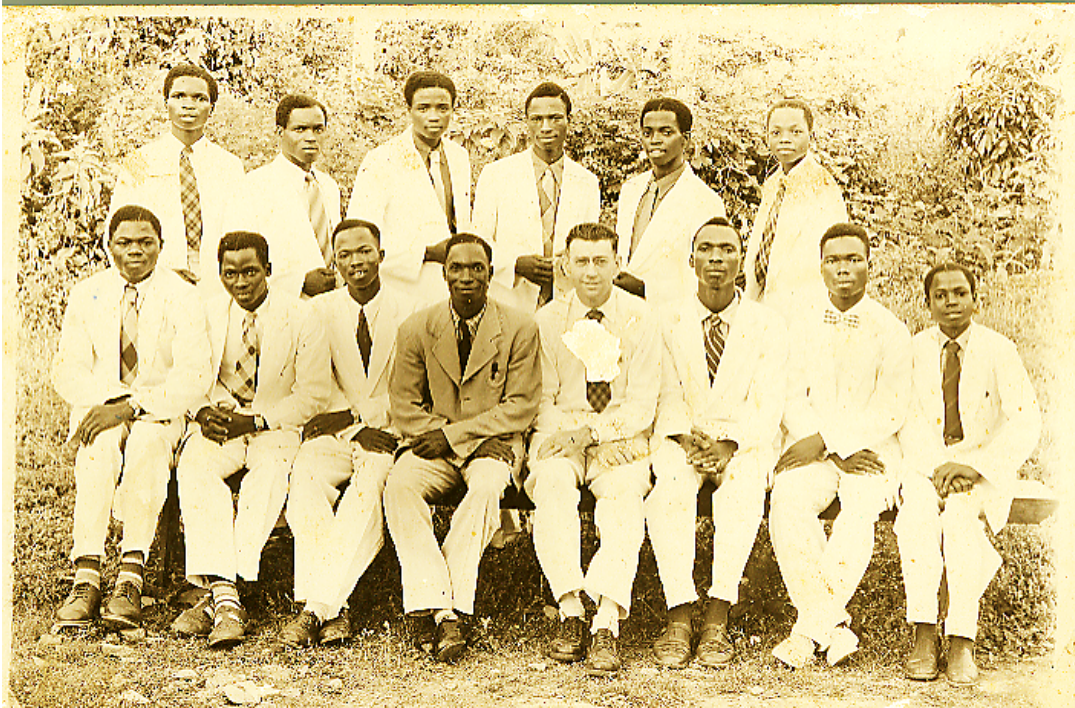


DANAH IGEDE EKITI



One of the (early 1950s) "pre-seminary" classes, at the Baptist Mission residence, Igede-Ekiti





An early group of “pre-seminary” students with Rev. Makanjuola, pastor at Araromi Baptist Church, Igede, who assisted with instruction. Emmanuel Akinleye is on back row (viewer’s left). Rev. Amos Omoresemi is second to his left. Rev. Akinleye, on NB Convention scholarship, completed his B.A. at Oklahoma Baptist University, and graduate degree at SBTS, Louisville, KY; returning to be on the faculty of NBTS, Ogbomosho (1976).



In front of the second Mission residence at Igede Mission, is a group of “pre-seminary” students, with Rev. McGee and Mr. John B. Hill, whose family arrived at Igede in April, 1956, to assist with the opening of the Baptist High School. (Photo around 1960)





A gathering of (Ekiti and Ondo) pastors, on the steps of the chapel at the Nigerian Baptist Convention Camp, at ("Warm Springs") Ikgosi. (Photo around 1969-70)



Rev. McGee, at Araromi Baptist Church, Igede-Ekiti, with Rev. Oye Otegbola, pastor. Rev. Otegbola was a "pre-seminary" student; pastored a church afterwards; then completed his secondary training; graduated from NBTs, Ogbomosho; became pastor at Araromi; during which he did one year of training at SBTs, Louisville, KY. (Photo, 1972)





Rev. McGee at First Baptist Church, Ondo, with interpreting help from the pastor.



Rev. McGee, at one of the churches in Igede, shortly before leaving for retirement (1977).



First Baptist Church, Igede

"God was in Christ Reconciling the World unto Himself"

Text. II Cor. 5: 14-21

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Introduction:

1. For the past two hundred years there has been a steady decline of emphasis upon the reality of sin.
2. From the beginning to the end the Bible deals with sin. -Man's will against the will of God. As seen in Adam and Eve, The Children of Israel, Jonah, the Prophet.
3. Man's effort to live within his own self-defined purpose, man's self-sufficiency in conflict with God's jealous demand that he be the centre of life
4. There has always been a palaver between God and man, for as ~~Paul~~ puts it "We are enemies of God."
5. Gods Word has little meaning to those who are not aware of sin in their lives, or bother themselves to know the nature of sin.
6. Men who are not aware of their sickness, have no desire to be well.

I. Jesus AS MESSIAH

1. The Old Testament presents Him as Messiah--Redeemer.
2. God showed his love for us while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
3. Christ took the Initiative, We love Him because he first loved us.
4. The Israelites considered Him as "The Son" in whom God delights. He was the "Suffering Servant." Isaiah 53.
5. He was the "Coming One" Who would save Israel.
6. The Early Christians Knew that He was "God In Christ"
7. He that Had seen Christ had seen the Father. Jno. 14.

II. THE DAYS OF HIS FLESH

1. The Gospels are but pictures of Jesus. Not snap shots
2. At the outset Jesus was associated with John the Baptist.



3. Jesus called twelve disciples to be with him. One for each of the twelve Tribes of Israel. He was calling those who would be the nucleus of the New Israel- the Church.
4. Jesus found himself in opposition to the Religious and temporal rulers, As well as political.
5. The Jews and Romans conspired together to put him to death.
  - (1). The Jews because of their religious interest.
  - (2) The Romans because of their political interest.

6. The purpose of his Ministry:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
 Because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.  
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives,  
 And recovering of sight to the blind;  
 To set a liberty those that are oppressed,  
 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

### III. Jesus Preaching of the Gospel

1. He came preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God.
2. To Jesus it was urgent.
3. He preached good news. He came to save men--What better?
4. God takes the initiative. " While we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
  - (1). Man is to respond to God's love
  - (2). Man can only accept what God has done for Him.
  - (3). One can express his gratitude by a life devoted to Christ and His Church.
5. Jesus preached the good news of forgiveness.
6. Man cannot save himself by his good works.
7. Jesus sought to awaken a sleeping people.

### IV. JESUS HEALS.

1. He did many might works to show that he was the Messiah. God was in Christ.
2. His miracles were signs of His authority.
  - (1). The resurrection of Lazarus from the dead was a sign that of God's victory over Death. Not only death of the body but the death of the soul.
  - (2). Jesus walking on water showed his power over nature.



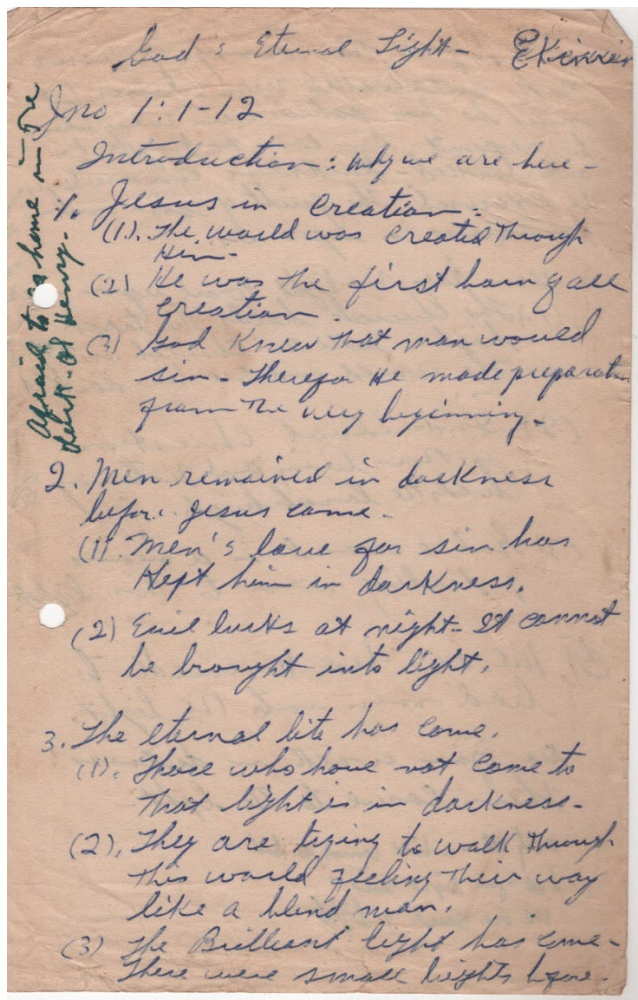
#### IV. Jesus and His suffering

1. The crucifixion was not something that just happened. It was God's fixed purpose.
2. It was an act of God's redeeming love.
3. It was on the cross where sin at its worst and life at its best met. God won.
4. The cross was a part of God's redeeming plan. Without the shedding of blood there could be no forgiveness of sin. Sin had to be atoned.
5. Man must die. "I am crucified to Christ" said Paul.
6. The cross is evidence that the things of God are not the things of men.

**Conclusion:** In Christ have you been reconciled to God? Is there peace in your heart? Has fellowship with God been restored? Have you become a child of God? Do you have his grace and power? Are you afraid to die? These questions you must answer.



McGees at First Baptist Church (Odogede), Igede-Ekiti (summer of 1972; photo by John David)

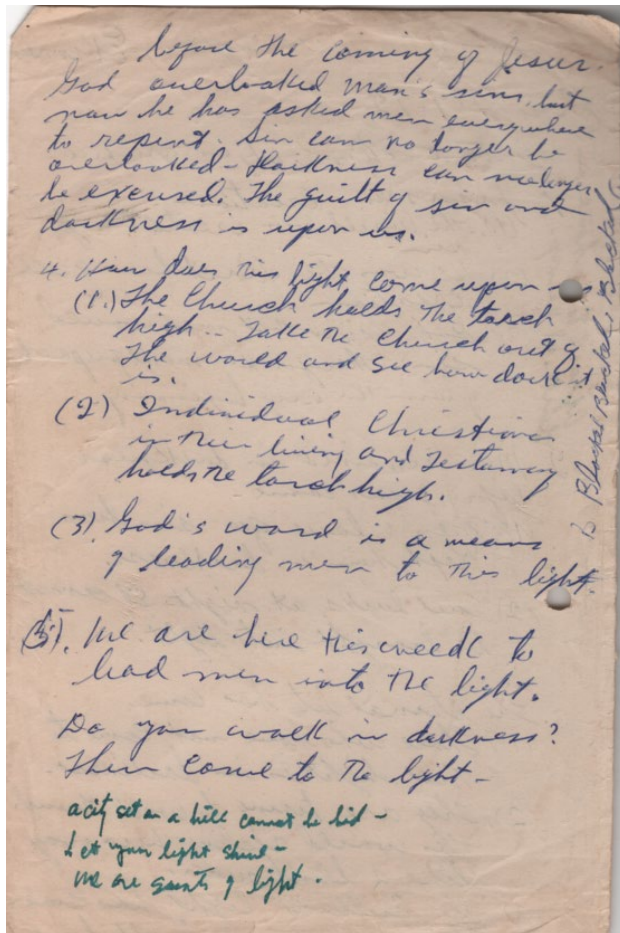


## God's Eternal Light John 1:1-12

### Introduction: Why we are here

1. Jesus is Creation
  - 1) The world was created through Him
  - 2) He was the first born of all creation
  - 3) God knew that man would sin—therefore He made preparation from the very beginning
2. Men remained in darkness before Jesus came
  - 1) Men's love for sin has kept him in darkness
  - 2) Evil lurks at night. It cannot be brought into light
3. The eternal light has come
  - 1) Those who have not come to that light are in darkness
  - 2) They are trying to walk through this world feeling their way like a blind man
  - 3) The Brilliant Light has come. There were small lights before.





Before the coming of Jesus, God overlooked man's sins, but now he has asked men everywhere to repent. Sin can no longer be overlooked. Darkness can no longer be excused. The guilt of sin and darkness is upon us.

4. How does this light come upon us?

- 1) The Church holds the torch high. Take the church out of the world and see how dark it is.
- 2) Individual Christians in new living and testimony holds the torch high.
- 3) God's word is a means of leading men to this light.

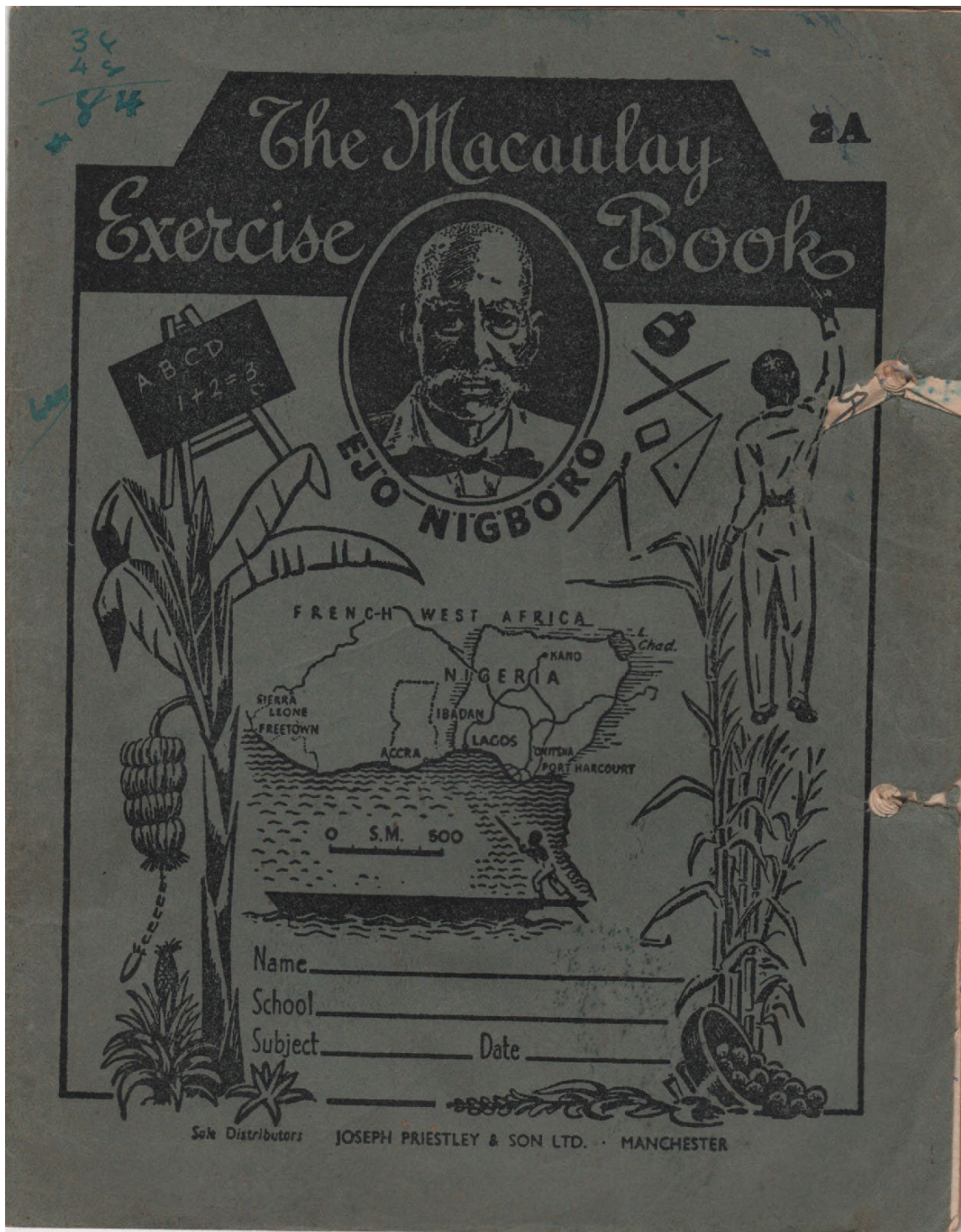
5. We are here this week to lead men into the light.

Do you walk in darkness? Then, come to the light.

A city set on a hill cannot be hid(den).

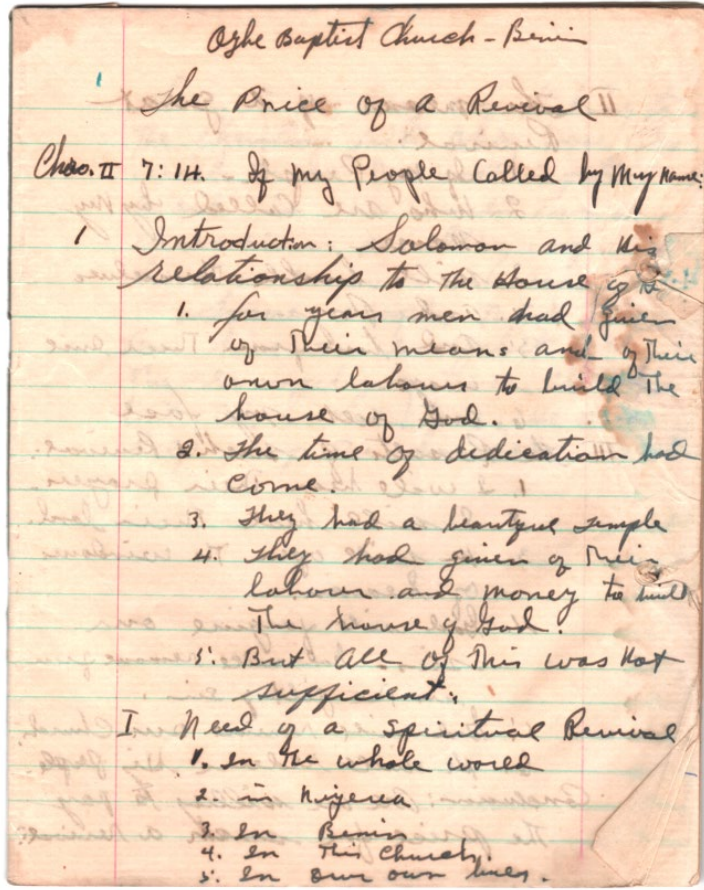
Let your light shine.

We are saints of light.



In the folder of (McGee sermon) documents were two notebooks such as this, which I identified as Notebooks #1 and #2.





## Ogbe Baptist Church—Benin

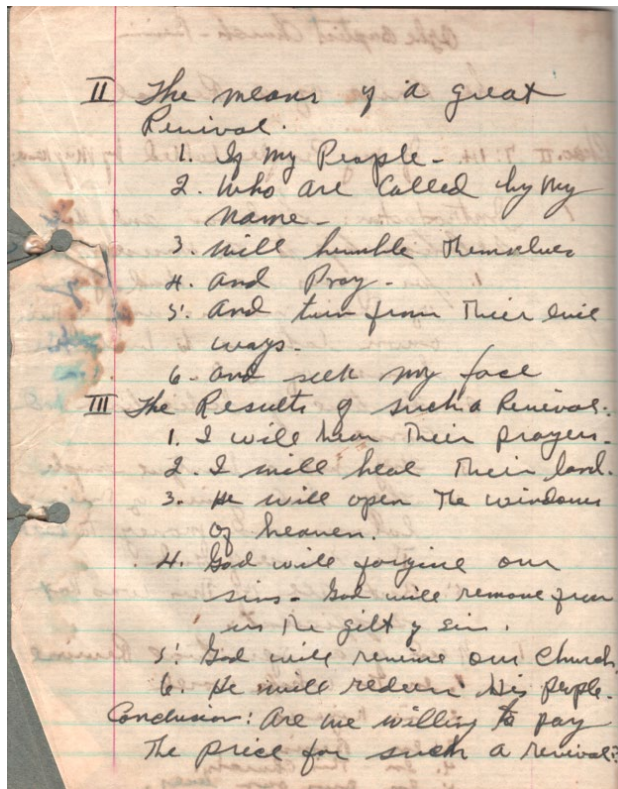
### “The Price of a Revival”

Chronicles II 7:14: If my people called by my name:

Introduction: Solomon and his relationship to the House of God

1. For years men had given of their means and of their own labors to build the house of God.
2. The time of dedication had come.
3. They had a beautiful temple.
4. They had given of their labors and money to build the house of God.
5. But all of this was not sufficient.
  - I. Need of a spiritual Revival
    1. In the whole world
    2. In Nigeria
    3. In Benin
    4. In this church
    5. In our own lives





II. The means of a great Revival:

1. If my people
2. Who are called by my name
3. Will humble themselves
4. And pray
5. And turn from their evil ways
6. And seek my face

III. The Results of such a Revival:

1. I will hear their prayers
2. I will heal their land
3. He will open the windows of heaven
4. God will forgive our sins. God will remove from us the guilt of sin
5. God will revive our church
6. He will redeem His people

Conclusion: Are we willing to pay the price for such a revival?

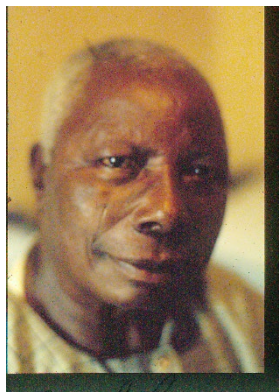
Ikogosi 17.7.56

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12 S.S. Books	6 <sup>d</sup> each	6.0
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J. O. Oyedele

*(Faint handwritten notes in green ink follow, including "The church is now in the hands of the people" and "I have been an evangelist for 40 years")*

NOTE: This is simply a note, from July 17, 1956, at Ikogosi-Ekiti, apparently from Rev. J. O. Oyedele, regarding the sale of some Bibles and hymn books.



Rev. J. O. Oyedele (Pastor at Ile-Oluji, and Ikogosi)

- Read Jno. 2 times • get a copy of Jno. free -

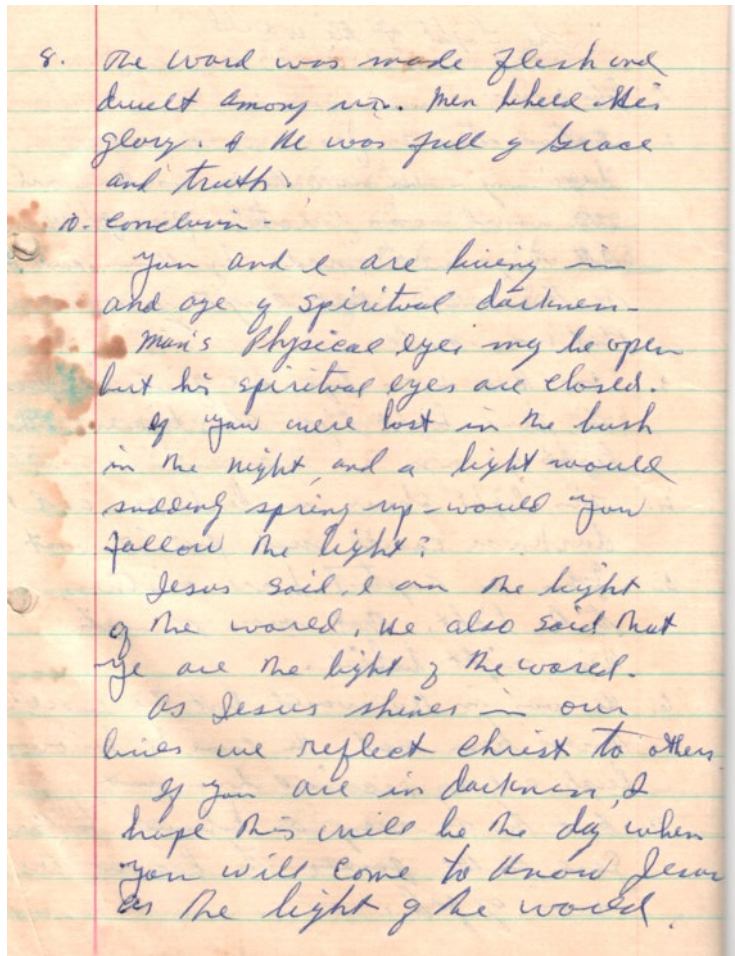
## "The Light of the world"

1. John 1:1-18
2. Introduction: Jesus was in the beginning - He was known as the word. The world was created through Him. All things were made by Him, and without Him not anything was made that was made.
3. In Him was life - we find in Jesus the true light life. This life was the light of men.
4. This light shone in darkness and the darkness could not put it out.
5. John the Baptist bore witness to the light, that men through Him might believe.
6. He was in the world but the world knew him not. He came to his own people and they received him not.
7. But to as many as believed, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God.

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8. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Men beheld His glory, and He was full of Grace and truth.

9. Conclusion:

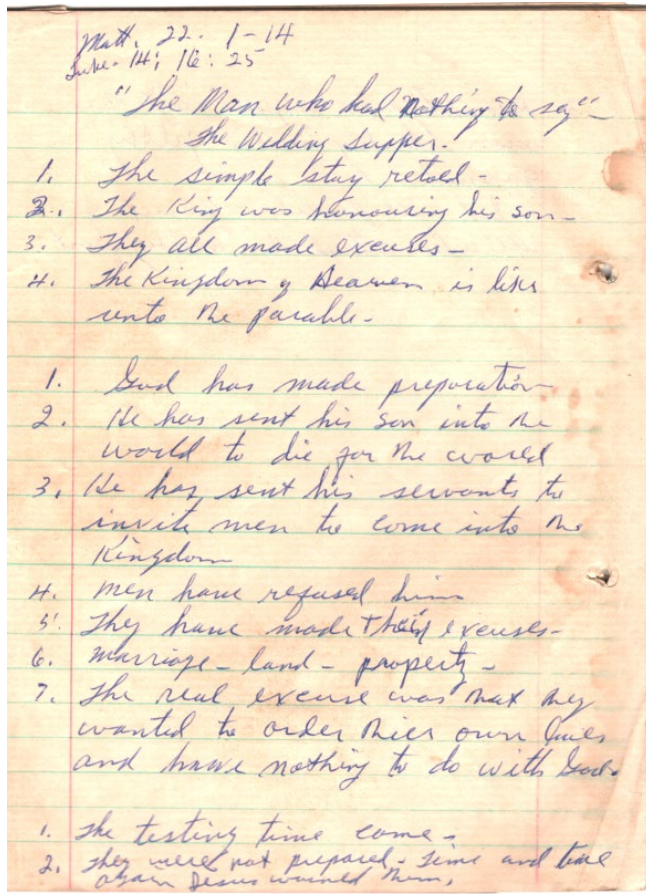
You and I are living in an age of spiritual darkness. Man's physical eye may be open, but his spiritual eyes are closed.

If you were lost in the bush in the night, and a light would suddenly spring up, would you follow the light?

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He also said that ye (you) are the light of the world.

As Jesus shines in our lives, we reflect Christ to others.

If you are in darkness, I hope this will be the day when you will come to know Jesus as the Light of the World.



## "The Man Who Had Nothing to Say"

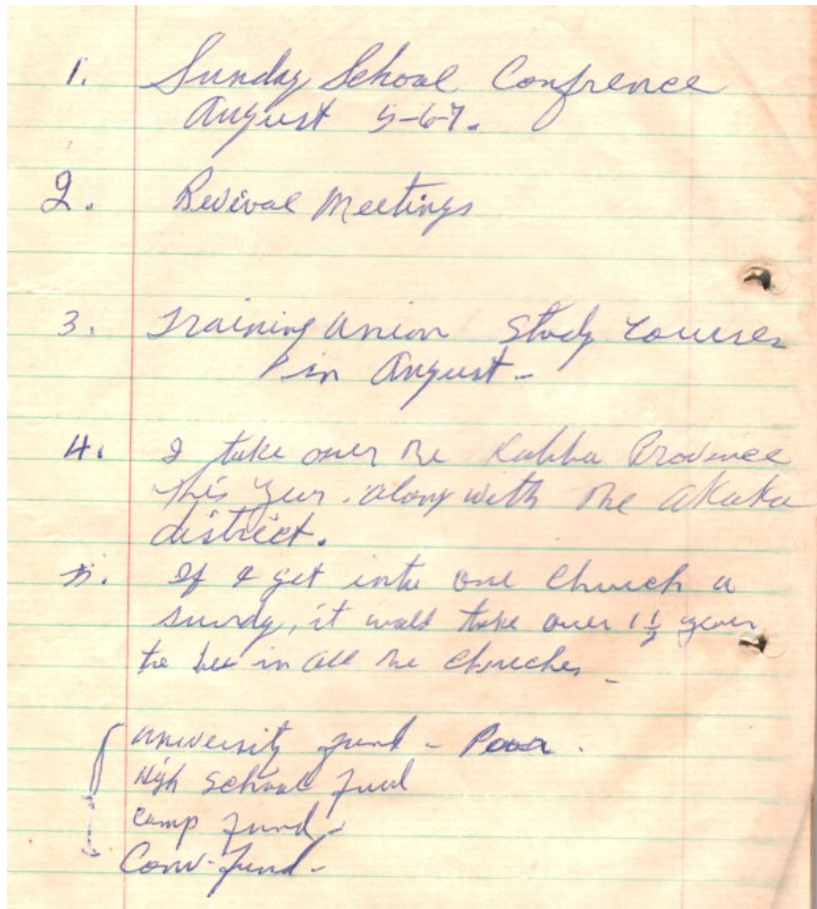
### The Wedding Supper

1. The simple story re-told
2. The King was honoring his son
3. They all made excuses
4. The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto the parable
  - 1) God has made preparation
  - 2) He has sent his son into the world to die for the world
  - 3) He has sent his servants to invite men to come into the kingdom
  - 4) Men have refused him
  - 5) They have made their excuses
  - 6) Marriage—land—property
  - 7) The real excuse was that they wanted to order their own lives; and have nothing to do with God.
1. The testing time came
2. They were not prepared. Time and time again Jesus warned them.

3. Dramatize the supper and the man standing in his filthy garment -

God will provide a garment for all who attend the wedding feast.

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1. Sunday School Conference  
August 5-6-7 (NOTE: Likely in 1960, when my parents assumed this responsibility from the previous missionaries, Rev. & Mrs. Adams—see p. 113; ***The Reminiscence, An Amazing Story.***)
2. Revival meetings
3. Training Union; study courses in August
4. I take over the Kabba Provinces this year, along with the Akoko District
5. If I get into one church a Sunday, it will take over 1 ½ years to be in all the churches.

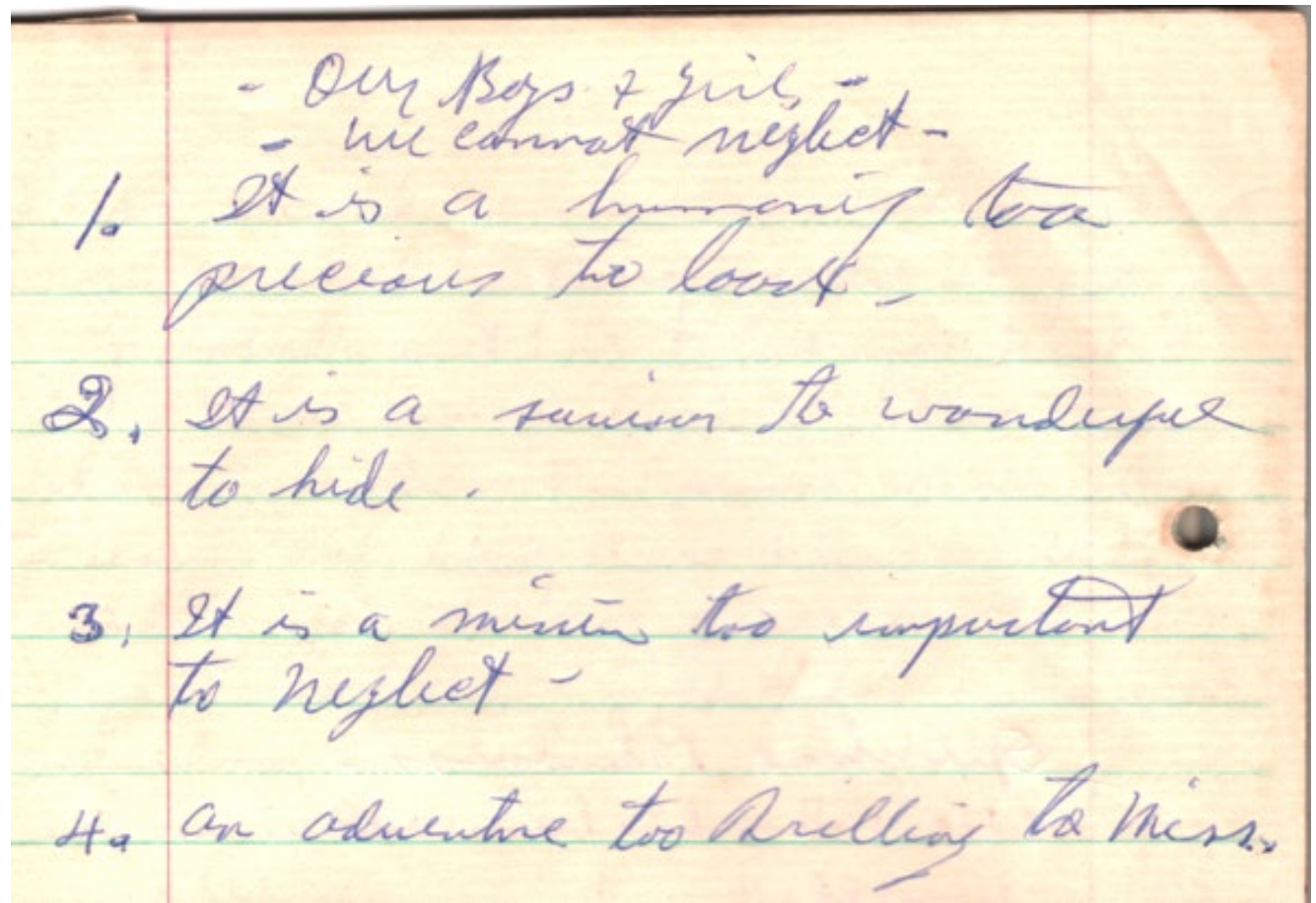
University fund

High School fund

Camp fund

Convention fund  
(NOTE: These notes suggest that my father would be providing some information about these funds (being supported, it seems, by each of the Associations).





OUR Boys and Girls  
We cannot neglect.

1. It is a humanity too precious to lose.
2. It is a Savior too wonderful to hide.
3. It is a Mission too important to neglect.
4. An adventure too thrilling to miss.



## Spiritual Blindness -

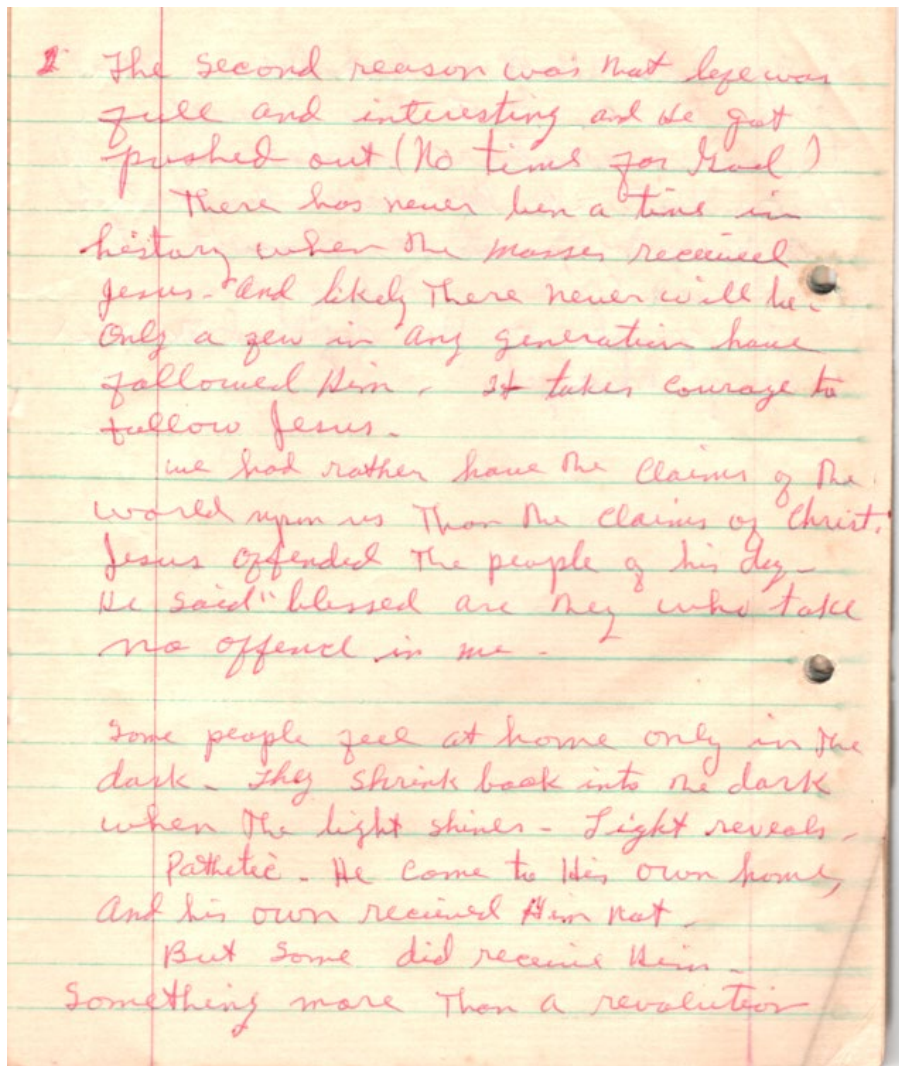
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The second reason was that life was full and interesting and He got pushed out (No time for God)

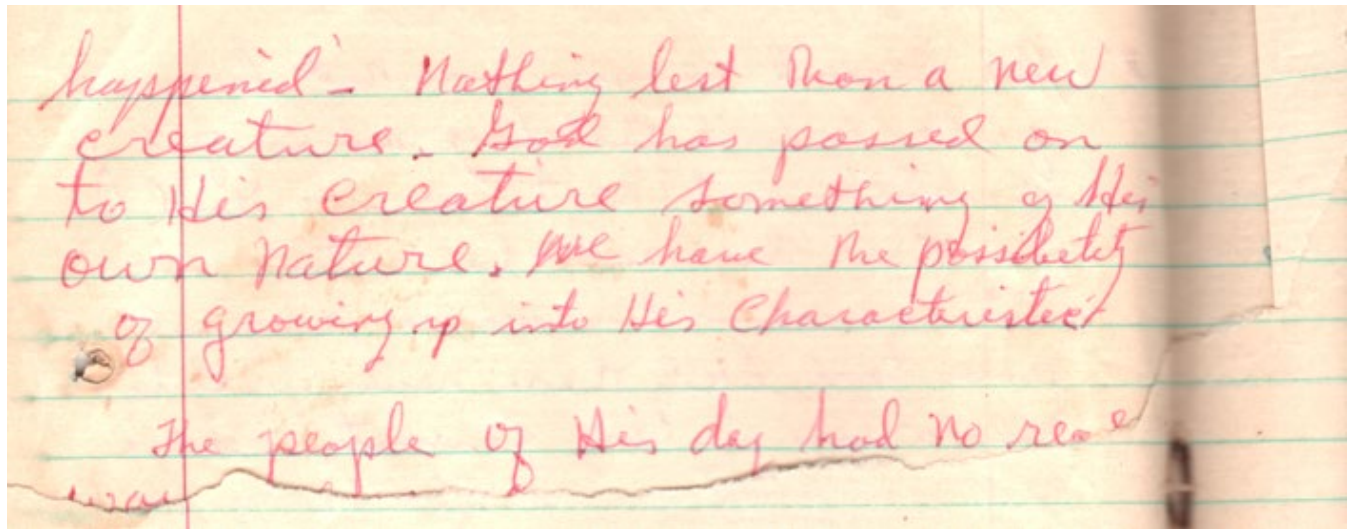
There has never been a time in history when the masses received Jesus. And likely there never will be. Only a few in any generation have followed Him. It takes courage to follow Jesus.

We had (would) rather have the claims of the world upon us, then the claims of Christ. Jesus offended the people of his day. He said, "Blessed are they who take no offence in me."

Some people feel at home only in the dark. They shrink back into the dark when the light shines. Light reveals.

Pathetic. He came to His own "house," and his own received him not.

But, some did receive Him. Something more than a revelation (continued next page)



...happened. Nothing less than a new creature. God has passed on to His creature (e.g., mankind) something of His own nature. We have the possibility of growing up into His Characteristic.

The people of His day had no real (way ??).



Standing at the Door Knocking.  
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Gadgets to pick up the  
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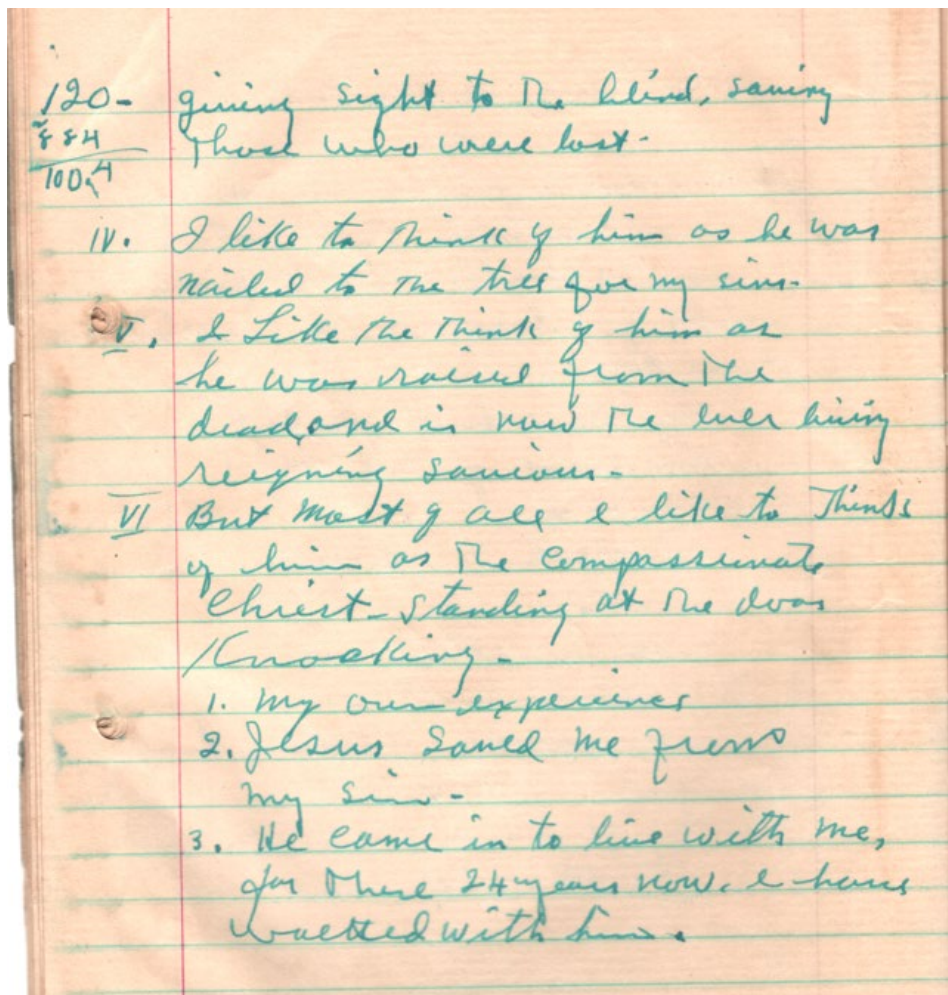
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Giving sight to the blind; saving those who were lost.

- IV. I like to think of him as he was nailed to the tree for my sins.
- V. I like to think of him as he was raised from the dead, and is now the ever-living, reigning Savior.
- VI. But most of all, I like to think of him as the Compassionate Christ—standing at the door, knocking.
  1. My own experience (my father's own testimony)
  2. Jesus saved me from my sins.
  3. He came in to live with me; for these 24 years now, I have walked with Him.

**(Note: My father was converted at age eighteen; therefore, this would have been when he was about age 42, or around 1955.)**

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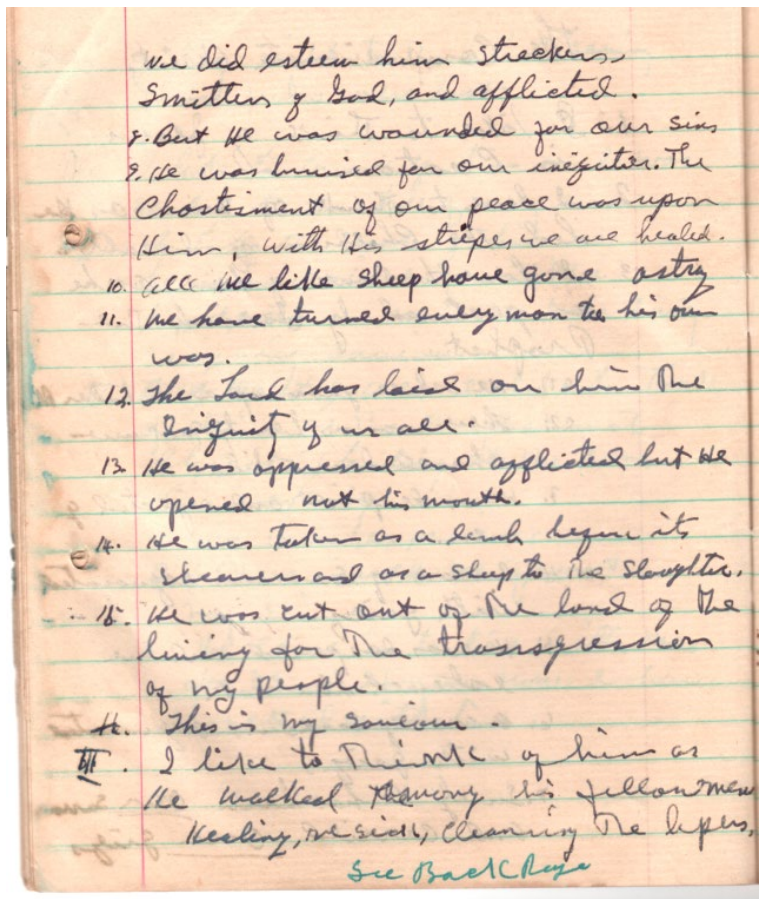
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3. I love to think of him as he is pictured by Isaiah the Prophet.
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  - (2) There was no beauty that we should desire him.
  3. He is despised and rejected of men.
  4. A man of sorrows acquainted with grief.
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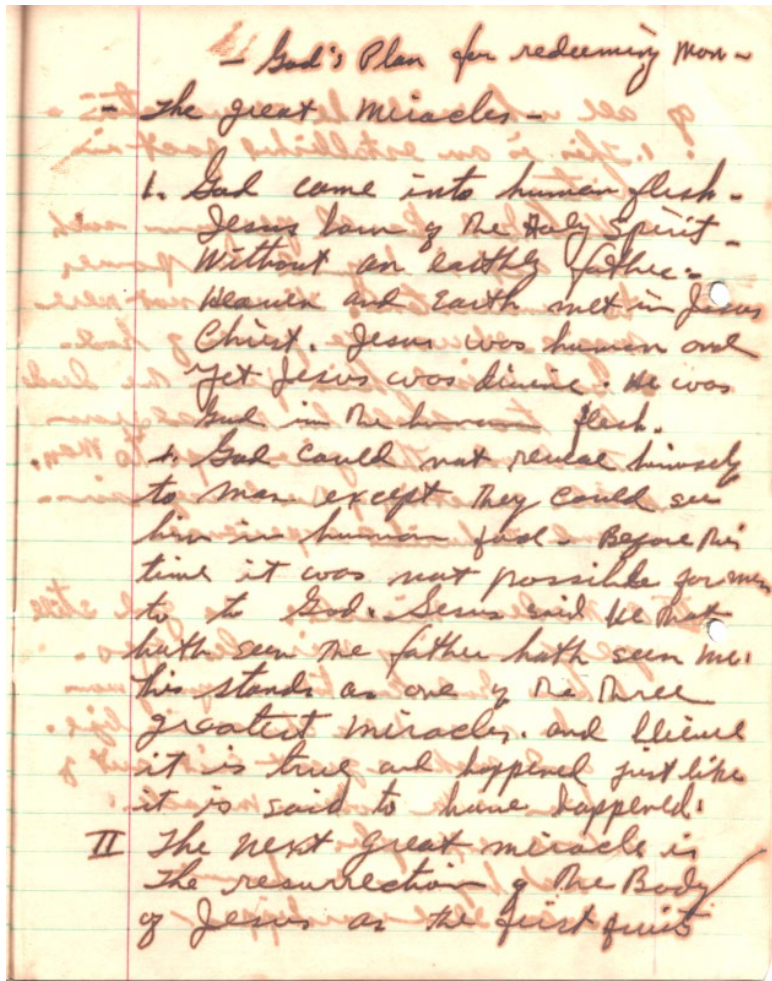
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- 7) We did esteem him stricken; smitten of God; and afflicted.
- 8) But He was wounded for our sins
- 9) He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; with His stripes we are healed
- 10) All we like sheep have gone astray
- 11) We have turned, every man, to his own way
- 12) The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all
- 13) He was oppressed and afflicted, but He opened not his mouth
- 14) He was taken as a lamb before its shearers, and as a sheep to the slaughter
- 15) He was cut out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people
- 16) This is my Savior

II. I like to think of Him as He walked among his fellow men; healing the sick; cleansing the lepers (see back page—NOTE: Not included here).



## God's Plan for redeeming Man

### The Great Miracles

#### 1. God came into human flesh.

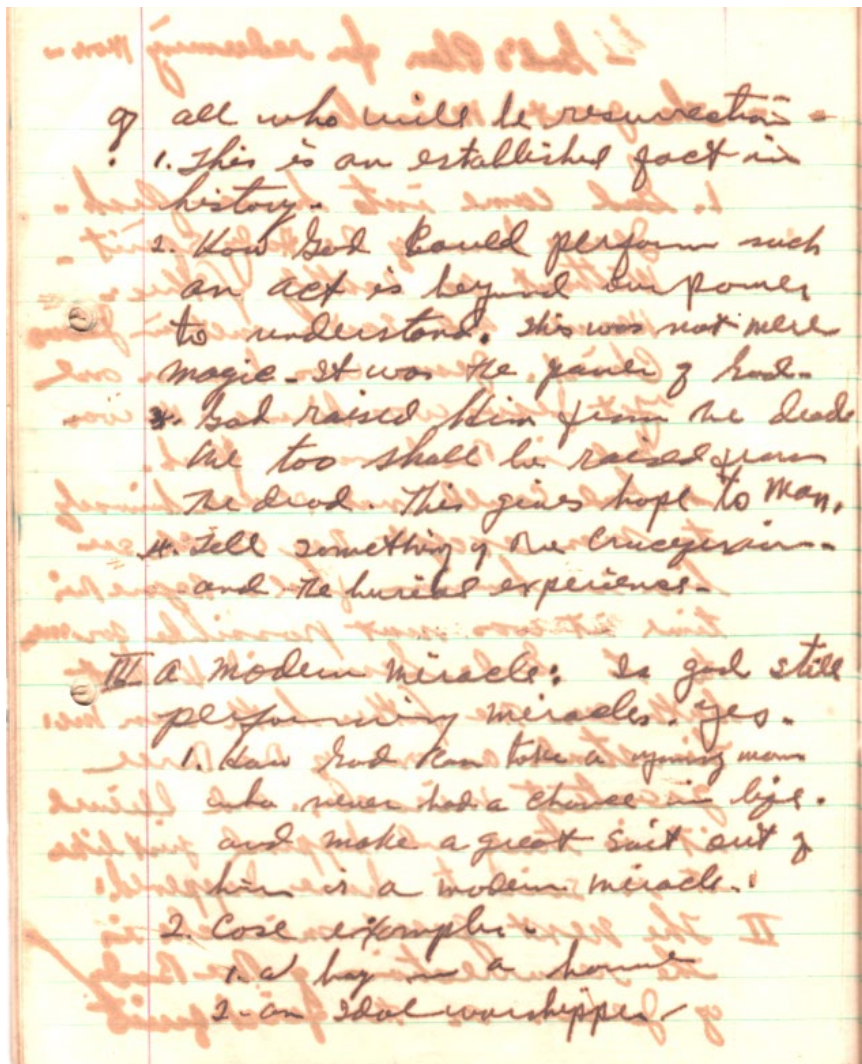
Jesus born of the Holy Spirit

Without an earthly father

Heaven and earth met in Jesus Christ. Jesus was human, and yet Jesus was divine. He was God in the human flesh.

God could not reveal himself to man, except (unless) they could see him in human form (?). Before this time it was not possible for men to (see/know) God. Jesus said he that (who) hath seen the father hath seem me. This stands as one of the three greatest miracles, and believe (?) it is true and happened just like it is said to have happened.

#### II. The next great miracle is the resurrection of the Body of Jesus, as the first fruits (continued)



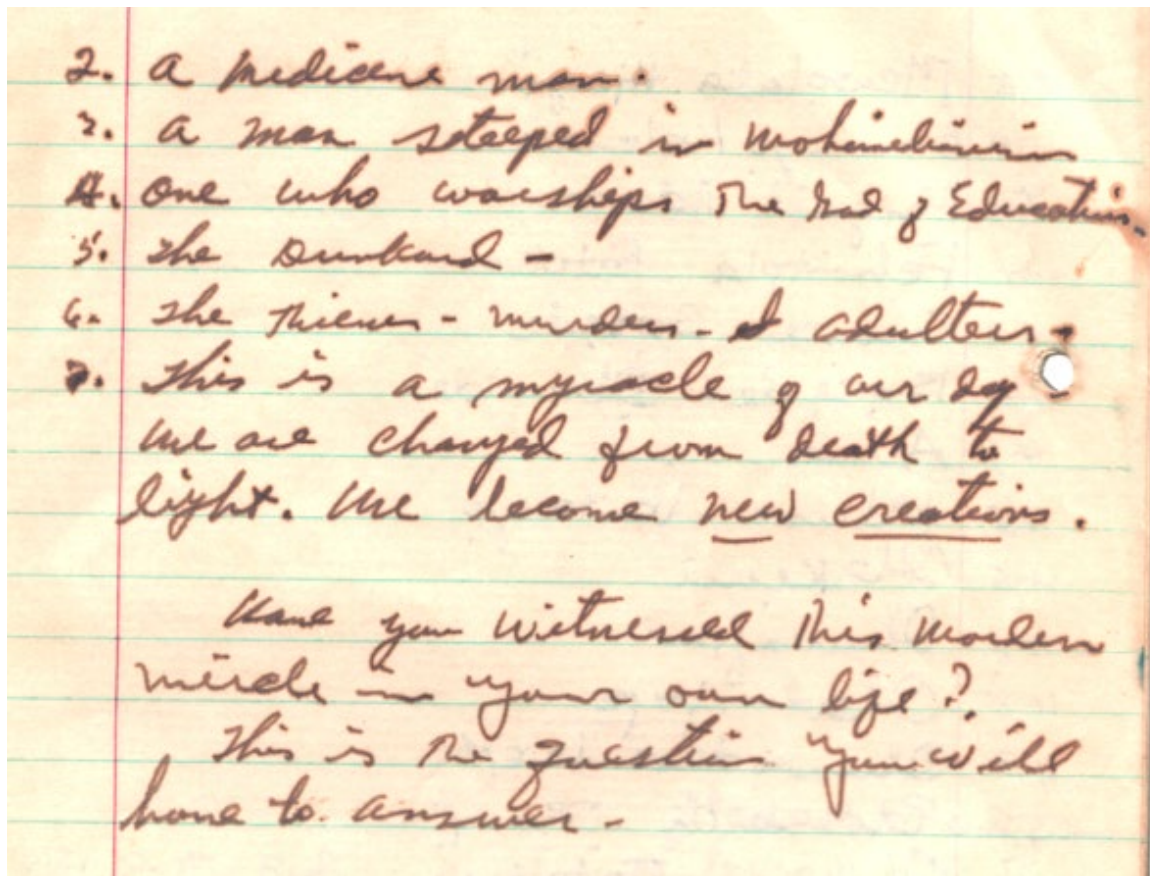
...of all who will be resurrected.

1. This is an established fact in history
2. How God could perform such an act is beyond our power to understand.  
This was not mere magic. It was the power of God.
3. God raised Him from the dead. We, too, shall be raised from the dead. This gives hope to man.
4. Tell something of the crucifixion, and the burial experience.

III. A modern miracle: Is God still performing miracles? Yes.

1. How God can take a young man who never had a chance in life, and made a great saint out of him is a modern miracle.
  2. Case examples:
    - 1) A boy was a (???)
    - 2) An idol worshipper
- (Continued)





- 3) (A medicine man
- 4) A man steeped in (Mohammadism??) (Musllim?)
- 5) One who worships the God of Education
- 6) The drunkard
- 7) The thieves; murderers; adulterers
- 8) This is a miracle of our day. We are changed from death to light. We become new creations.

Have you witnessed this modern miracle in your own life?

This is the questions you will have to answer.

61 Lydia Ono ye  
 62 Grace Olamide  
 63 Ouis  
 64 Anewda  
 65 Idowu  
 66 Florence  
 67 Ajayi  
 68 Ojo  
 69 R. Olorpeju  
 70 Bola joko  
 71 Fidaye  
 72 Victoria  
 73 Idowu Lydia  
 74 Easter  
 75 Florence Onoboye  
 76 Emily Oluwa ye  
 77 Onoteye  
 78 Kreola  
 79 Folake  
 80 Sebolatan  
 81 Florence Faskula  
 82 Ono dele

83 Maydand  
 84 Ono ye fe  
 85 Bosele  
 86 Juliana Oluwaturinde  
 87 Mekuti  
 88 Aina  
 89 Ebum  
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 95 Onodunbi  
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 97 R. Bosele  
 98 Ori Oladele  
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- 107 Julianah Mokuaju
- 108 Ojo
- 109 Deborah Omolola
- 110 Adesuda
- 111 Godwin
- 112 Adeleye Moses
- 113 Abigail Fajepese
- 114 Olaese
- 115 Wurasa
- 116 Aina
- 117 Olatubisi
- 118 Bosede
- 119 Adetayo Olatubisi
- 120 Ojo

- 38 Mewolaka Hagi
- 39 Benjamin Kolawole
- 40 Abigail Adelta
- 41 Felicitas Fatokun
- 42 Eunice Bosede
- 43 Bosede Oluwade
- 44 Aina
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- 46 Olakemi
- 47 Oluwajimi
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- 49 Oluwadele Joseph
- 50 Elizabeth Oluwajimi
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- 52 Joseph Akintola
- 53 Emily Oluwajoye
- 54 Joel Aoko
- 55 Ojo Awoso
- 56 Ojo Amiloye
- 57 Sunday Waleola
- 58 Rachael Bosede
- 59 Bayo Aro
- 60 Ojo

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- 1 Omosola Ajetunmbos
  - 2 Folasade Adeniji
  - 3 Rachael Ogunsesin
  - 4 Hesanmi Odegbare
  - 5 Sunday Olagunju
  - 6 Sunday Asaolu
  - 7 Olatunji Bello
  - 8 Adeleke Anifowose
  - 9 Oladuntan Ajayi
  - 10 Samuel Oke
  - 11 Elijah Dairo
  - 12 Oluremi Adeniji
  - 13 Folami Apanisile
  - 14 Bamiduro Adunse
  - 15 Sunday Ojo
  - 16 Alice Anigun
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  - 21 Isaac Fasanya
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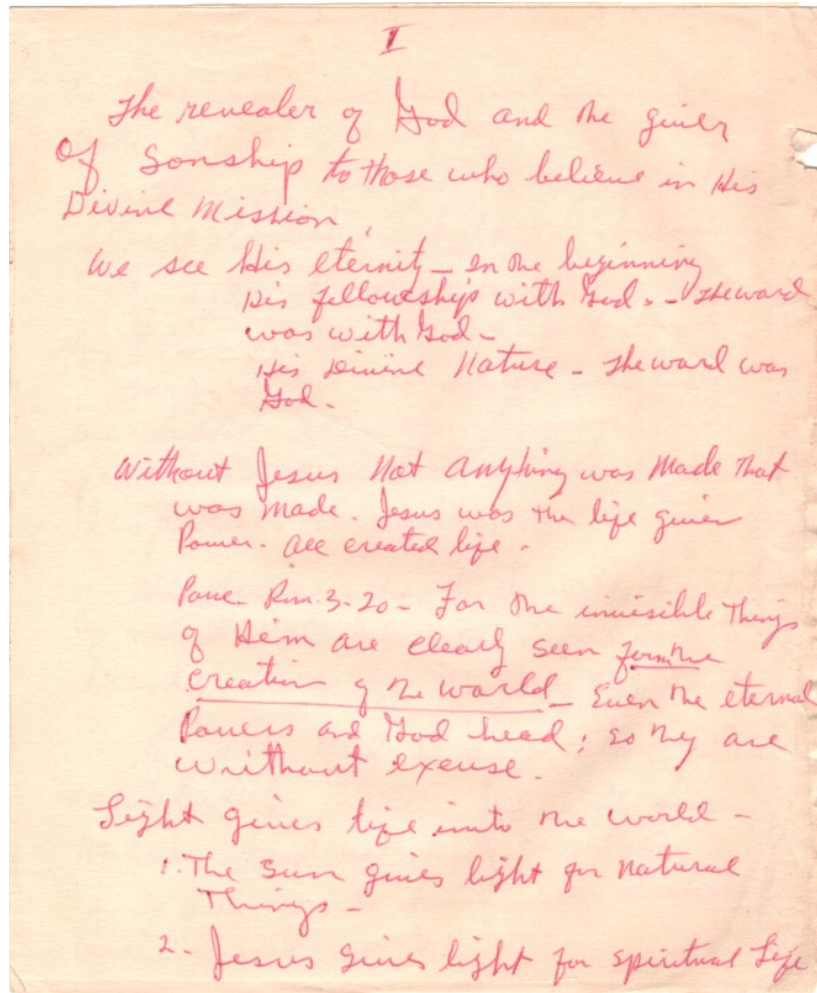
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  - 10 Comfort Owoleye
  - 11 Lucia Adeyemi
  - 12 Florence Adelola
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  - 14 Felicia Motosi
  - 15 Joannah Okunrotola
  - 16 Jacob Awoso
  - 17 Samuel Adibokun
  - 18 Adebiyi Olufi
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  - 22 Felicia Okunrotola

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- 26 Ariyo Olakunde
- 27 Adesamiji Olade
- 28 Ajayi Ogi Sesin
- 29 Ayodele Owoeye
- 30 Oyedade Ojindare
- 31 Ezekiel Oluwadare
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- 33 Oyenike Fatokun
- 34 Idowu Adejumo
- 35 Felicia Futani
- 19/7/56 1. Olu Oluwadare
- 2 Gabriel Akinyade
- 3 Rachael Mefoworola
- 4 Ajayi Fatade
- 5 Eyo Akinola
- 6 Modupe Tiwona
- 7 Akinwande Asalu
- 8 Hise Omi
- 8 Adedapo Omi

- 9 Johnson Owoyeye
- 10 James Asalu
- 11 Victoria Dayode
- 12 Olapatawa Faschu
- 13 Omide John.
- 14 Adedunbi Fajana
- 15 Noni Hro
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- 4 Joel Ojindare
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- 8 Oyinbi Biyemi.
- 9 Rachael Oyeuwumi
- 10 Michael Dada.
- 11 Moses Oluwatayo
- 12 Titobi
- 13 Oluwafunmilayo
- 14 Grace
- 15 Rachael Bode



- 16 Adesola Faluga
- 17 Joseph Oluwatubi
- 18 Olatunde
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- 21 Oluwatomiye
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- 35 Hanah Ayoba
- 36 Oluwatomiye
- 37 Folahan



The revealer of God, and the giver of Sonship to those who believed in His Divine Mission.

We see His eternity—in the beginning  
His fellowship with God—the Word was with God  
His Divine Nature—the Word was God

Without Jesus, not anything was made that was made. Jesus was the life given Power—All created life

Paul (Romans 3:20) For the invisible things of Him are clearly seen from the creation of the world—Even the eternal Powers and Godhead; so they are without excuse.

Light gives life into the world

- 1) The sun give light for natural things.
- 2) Jesus gives light for spiritual Life.

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2.

The light shines in order that we might see life - see the giver of life.

- There is always the life and death struggle between light and darkness.

The light shineth in darkness and the darkness could not put it out.

Darkness has no power over light. The light always triumphs in darkness. Even a small light disperses darkness.

This darkness has to do with the state of mind - the gods of this world have blinded us to the things of the spirit.

To see God is a mental perceptibility. We see God with our minds - and not with our eyes.

If our minds have been darkened we cannot see God.

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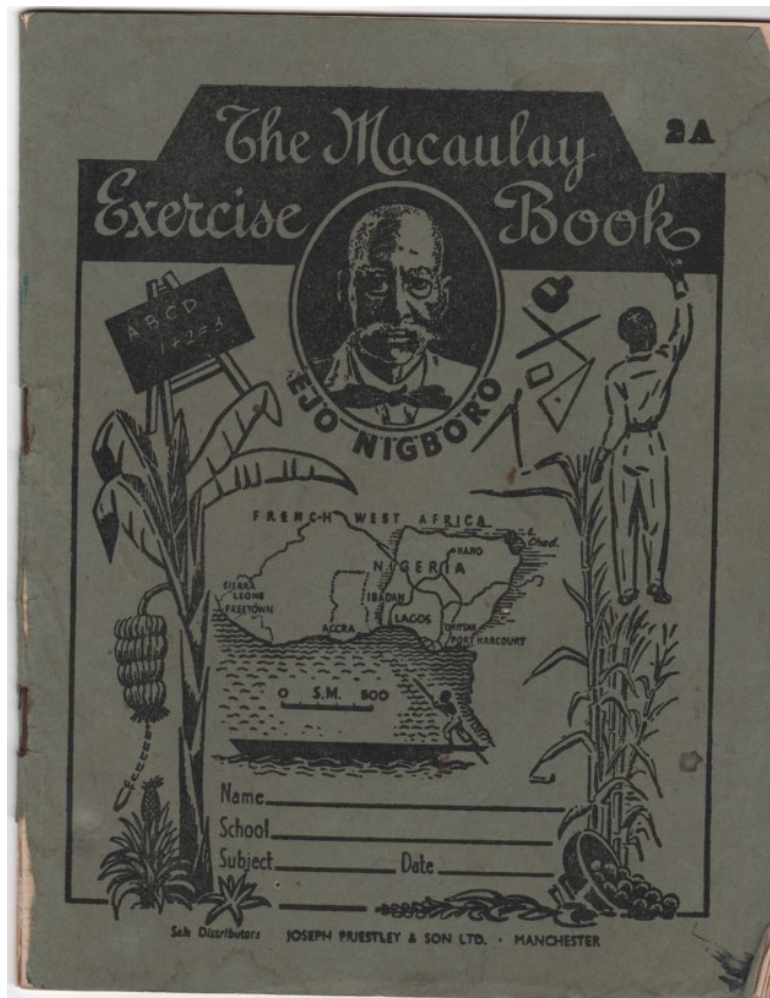
WE who were dead in our sins—a slave to the world—were brought into the family of God, by Jesus Christ. (Continued)



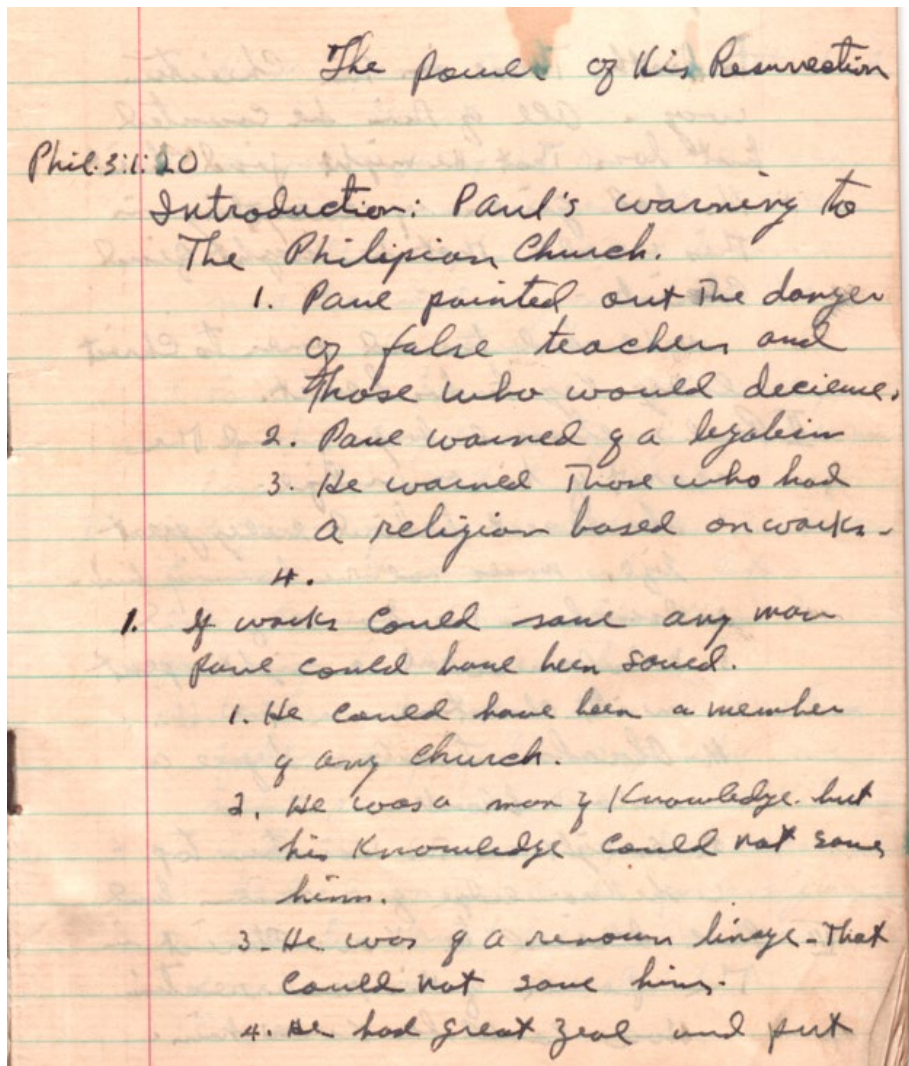
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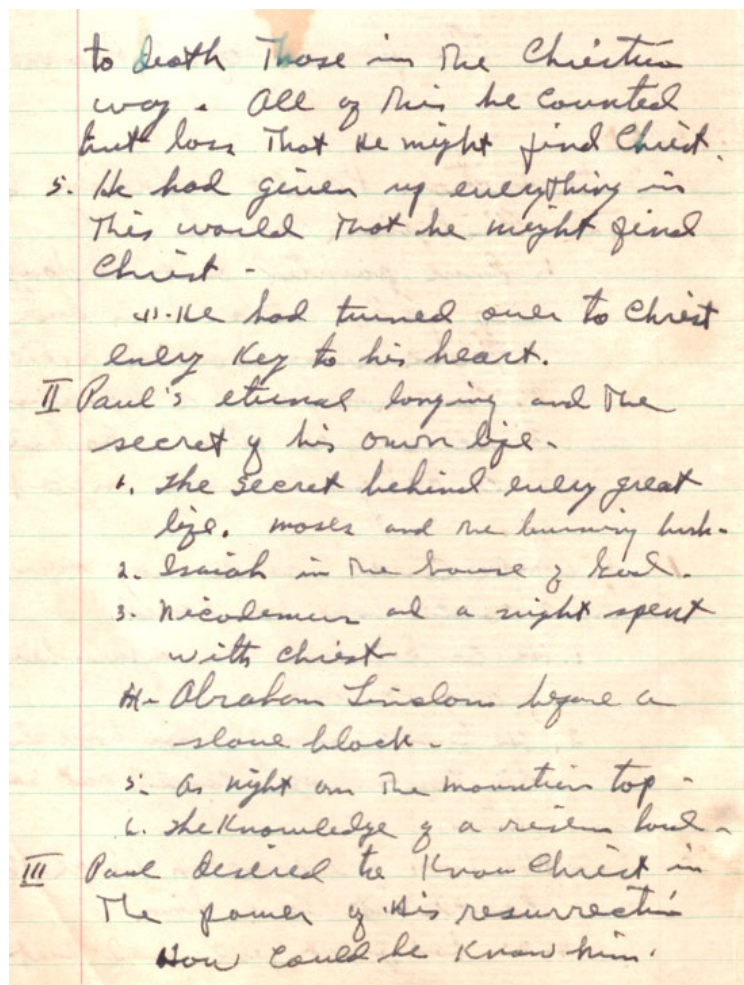


## The Power of His Resurrection

Philippians 3:1-20

Introduction: Paul's warnings to the Philippian church

1. Paul pointed out the danger of false teachers and those who would deceive.
2. Paul warned of a legalism
3. He warned those who had a religion based on "works."
  1. If "works" could save any man, Paul could have been saved.
    1. He could have been a member of any church
    2. He was a man of knowledge, but his "knowledge" could not save him
    3. He was of a renown lineage; (but) that could not save him
    4. He had great zeal, and put (continued)



...to death those in the Christian way. All of this he counted but loss, that he might find Christ.

5. He had given up everything in this world, that he might find Christ.  
He had turned over to Christ every key to his heart.
- II. Paul's eternal longing, and the secret of his own life.
  1. The secret behind every great life: Moses and the "burning bush."
  2. Isaiah—in the house of God
  3. Nicodemus—and a night spent with Christ
  4. Abraham Lincoln—before a slave block
  5. A night on the "mountain top" (NOTE: Dad's own experience, during his college years)
  6. The knowledge of a risen Lord
- III. Paul desired to know Christ, in the power of His resurrection. How could he know him?  
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(1). Paul spent Three years with Christ in the desert.

(2) He was caught up into the Third heaven and experienced a risen Lord. So glorious was His presence that he could not tell it to anyone lest they misunderstand him.

3. Paul knew Jesus in the fellowship of his suffering if any man ever knew him. Enumerate -

IV But you may say what does this mean to me. It means a whole lot - How can we know Christ in the power of his resurrection?

(1) we must know Him in the power fellowship of his suffering. we must pass over the brook Kidron into the garden of Gethsemane.

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  - 2) He died on the cross for everyman
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- (Continued)

2. There must be a deep longing in our heart to be freed from our sins.

(3) There must be a deadly sorry for our sins.

(4) We must confess our sins and do them no more.

(5) If we should know him in the power of His resurrection we must partake in the plan of redemption.

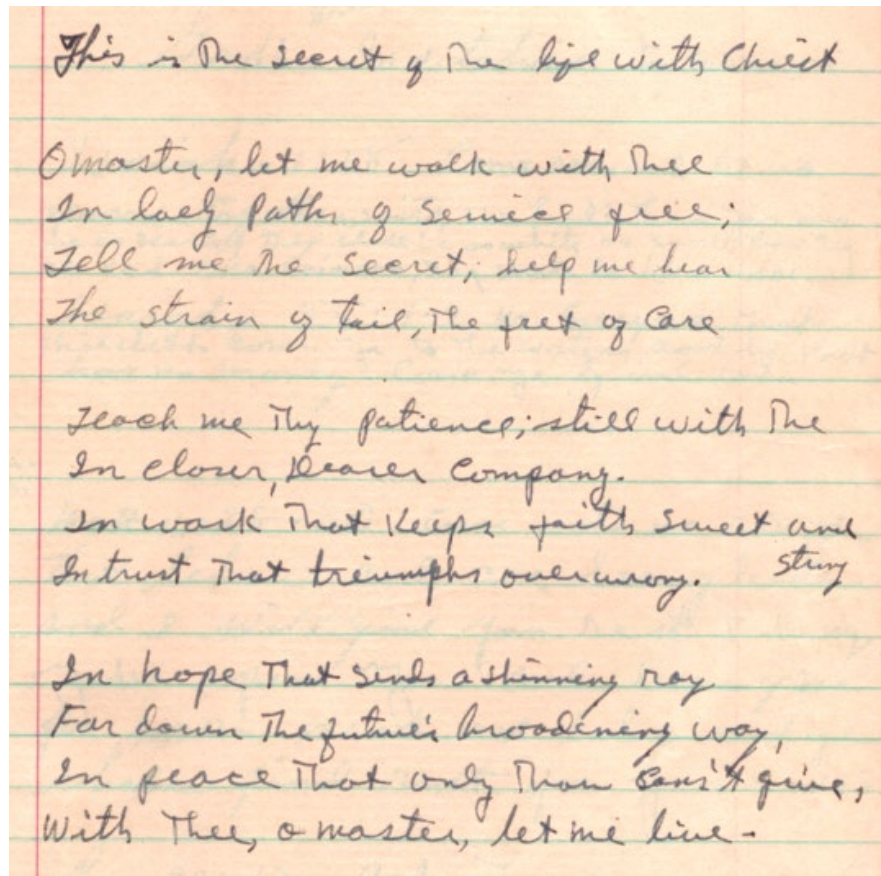
(6) As Jesus suffered for a dying world we too must die if it need be for lost humanity.

(7) Like the Parable of the hidden pearl - or the treasure hid in the field - we must sell all and buy the precious treasure.

(8) One of the deadly sins of our age is religion without sacrifice.

(9) we would like to have God's best, but we are not willing to pay the price for it.

3. There must be a deep longing in our heart to be freed from our sins.
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This is the secret of the life with Christ.

(Hymn)

O, Master, let me walk with thee  
In (?) path, of service free;  
Tell me the secret, help me hear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company.  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way,  
In peace that only Thou can'st give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live."



## God's <sup>Great</sup> Invitation to Salvation

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2. Isaiah - 55:1-2 Ho - Everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the water, and he that has no money: come ye by and eat.

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why.

3. Matt. 11:28-30 Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek, and lowly - and ye shall find rest for your souls.

4. Rev. 22:17. And The Spirit and The bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

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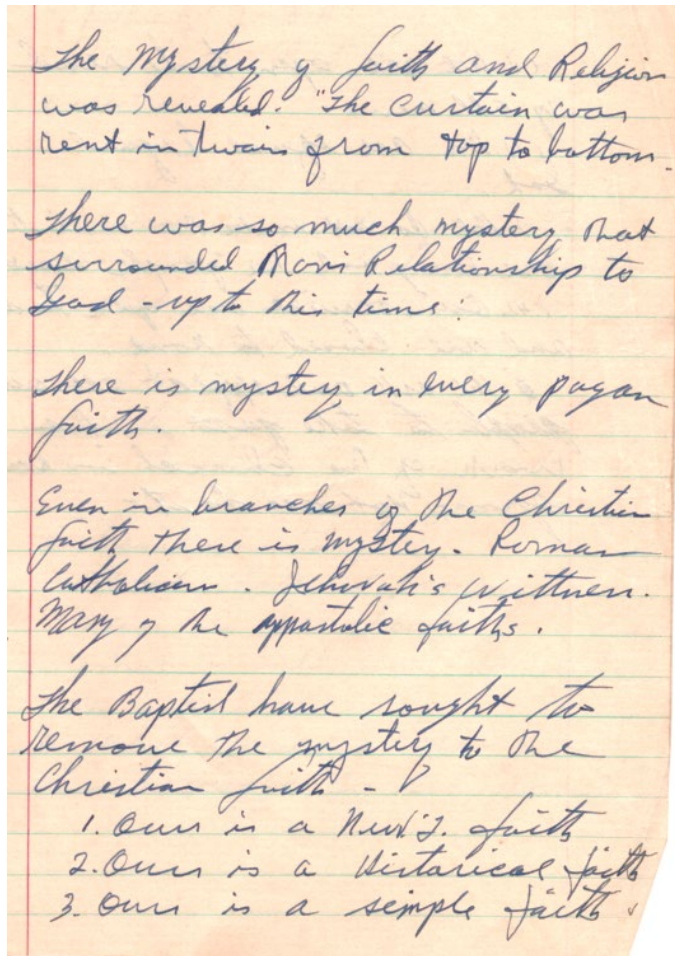
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4. Revelation 22:17: And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come;" and let him that heareth say, "Come;" and whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely. (Continued)

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Keep. 3:16-0 - on school fees -

Above are some notes at this point in the notebook, regarding finances [at the top, 2 pounds and ten shillings (West African currency) for a "bicycle"].



The Mystery of Faith and Religion was revealed: "The curtain was rent in twain (two) from top to bottom."

There was so much mystery that surrounded man's relationship to God—up to this time.

There is mystery in every pagan faith.

Even in branches of the Christian faith there is mystery: Roman Catholicism; Jehovah's Witnesses; many of the apostolic faiths.

(Even) The Baptist have sought to remove the mystery to the Christian faith.

1. Ours is a New Testament faith
2. Ours is a historical faith
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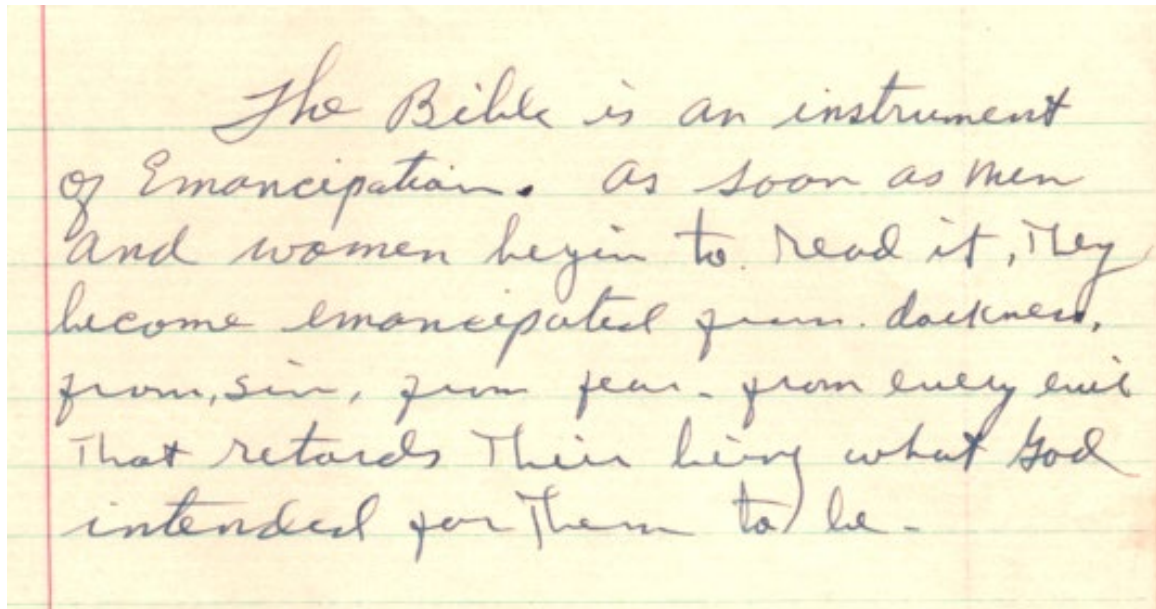
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Matthew 16: 23-28; Hebrews 2: 3-4

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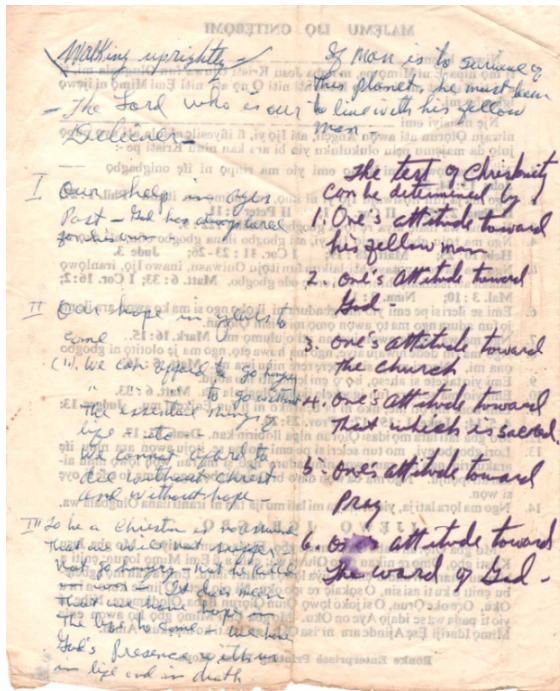
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2. The Sense of Forgiveness
3. A sense of God's Love for us
4. A sense of God's Presence
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## Walking Uprightly – The Lord who is our Deliverer

- I. Our help in ages past—God has always cared for His own
- II. Our hope in years to come
  - 1) We can afford to go hungry
  - 2) We can afford to go without the “essential” things of life, etc.
  - 3) We cannot afford to die without Christ, and without hope
- III. To be a Christian is NOT assurance that we will not suffer; not go hungry; not be killed in war. It DOES mean that we have hope in the life to come. We have God’s presence with us, in life and in death. If man is to survive on this planet, he must have to live with his fellow man.

The test of Christianity can be determined by:

1. One’s attitude toward his fellow man
2. One’s attitude toward God
3. One’s attitude toward the church
4. One’s attitude toward that which is sacred
5. One’s attitude towards prayer
6. One’s attitude towards the word of God

" With Great Power the Disciples Witnessed "

Text. Acts 4:33

Introduction: My own unworthiness

1. These men were living under the shadow of the Cross.
2. These men knew him as Emmanuel, they saw Him die. They knew him in the resurrected state.
3. They had witnessed Pentecost.
4. They had no snapshots of Jesus
5. To these men Jesus was alive, his cross was a living reality.
6. They not only bore his name, they bore his image.

L. Conditions that created the scene:

*calling men  
from street by  
Day.*

1. Evil men had succeeded in putting Jesus out of the way, they thought.
2. The ~~men~~ in whose name they had gathered had been crucified.
3. These men saw the larger meaning of the crucifixion.
4. The Affirmation of the Spirit.
5. They knew the issue of the kind of preaching they were doing.
6. The enemy had stopped at nothing to silence Jesus and would do likewise to them.

II. These men were men of conviction.

1. John 14:21.
2. Not controlled by the wind of public opinion but by the compass of conviction.
3. They were not attached Christians but vital.
4. They had been with Jesus.
5. They were not delivering an "address" gotten up. The cross was an obsession with them.
6. They were not proclaiming a system of ethics, nor giving to theological debate, nor concerned with the Jesus way of life. But Jesus and Him crucified.
7. Jesus was the only world's Saviour. No other name given.
8. The hope of the world was in the hands of changed men. Jesus alone could effect such a change.

III. Men Aflamed.

1. Jesus had clothed himself with these men
2. They were sure of their message. No hesitating
3. God had thrust himself into human history. Not written but plowed in said Emerson.
4. Jesus was God incarnate--and reincarnate.
5. He had become the world's conscience.
6. If men could ride their conscience of Him..They could go on.
7. He still troubles the hearts of men.

IV. What gave these men such power.

*They went into  
their closet to talk  
to God about men  
and came out to  
talk to men about  
God.*

1. They were men of prayer.
  - (1). They waited on the Lord like he told them to.
  - (2). They did not have the courage, nor the message for a Religo-pagan culture ~~by~~ which they were confronted.
  - (3). These men lived in the concept of their prayers
  - (4). ~~They lived in the concept of their prayers.~~
  - (5). They were in accord, Not like the general who mounted his horse and rode off in all directions
  - (6).. They were of one mind.
  - (7). They had experienced a pentecost.



2. They had a message
  - (1). They proclaimed the incarnation
  - (2). They proclaimed Forgiveness
  - (3). They Proclaimed The cross
  - (4). They proclaimed the Resurrection
  - (5). They proclaimed Christ.

V. Evils confronting our age.

1. In every age the church has had its opposition.
2. Men are still trying to silence the lives of those who preach Christ. *The acceptance of whom means commitment and obedience*
3. The social evils of our age.
  - (1). Policy without Principals
  - (2). Wealth without work
  - (3). knowledge without character
  - (4). Pleasure without conscience
  - (5). Commerce and trade without human morality
  - (6). Science with humanity
  - (7). Worship without sacrifice
    - a. What if it cost the modern day Christian what it cost the early Christians.
    - b. The cheapest thing in the world is religion
    - c. God is "Optional"
    - d. If it is convenient.
    - e. Fosdick
    - f. Dr. Dobbins
    - G. Watson

Outward splendid as of old  
 Inward sparkless, void and cold  
 Her force and fire all spent and gone  
 Like the dead moon, she lives on.

Conclusion:

1. The church stands today crying in the wilderness of sin and confusion, not as a voice but as an echo.
2. Brunner sums it up by saying, "In the history of the Christian church, the greatest sin of the church has been to withhold the gospel from the world and from herself.
3. Living men in a living church, aware of a living, crucified risen Lord is the answer.
4. Jesus alive within us and within the churches is the hope of the world.
5. Jesus alive in the human heart will enable us to go in love power to preach the gospel that will not only save us, but save the world.
6. I know of a name. that is.

I know a world that is sunk in shame  
 A people who faint and tire,  
 I know of a name, a precious name  
 That can set this world afire.  
 That name is sweet, the colors flame  
 I know a name a precious name,  
 That name is Jesus



## Brightwater Baptist Church

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*Enter to Worship*

*Depart to Serve*

### *Our Welcome*

*"We gladly welcome you to our church home, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here, if sorrowing you will receive comfort, if troubled in spirit you will gain the blessings of peace. If discouraged you will rejoice in hope, if friendless find companionship in Christian love." — Selected.*

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" — Heb. 10:25*

NOTE: This is a regular Sunday bulletin for the church which my dad was ("supply/interim") pastor for a few months during 1992. Perhaps many of the sermon outlines which follow were given at this location, although there is evidence that some may have been written in Nigeria (some of the notes were written on the backs of papers which suggests they may have been in Nigeria at the time).



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BREVARD ROAD  
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AUGUST 2, 1992

Rev. John McGee, Pastor 685-8343

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE  
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
HYMN #480  
PRAYER  
OFFERTORY HYMN #216  
RECEIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS  
SERMON PASTOR  
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POSTLUDE



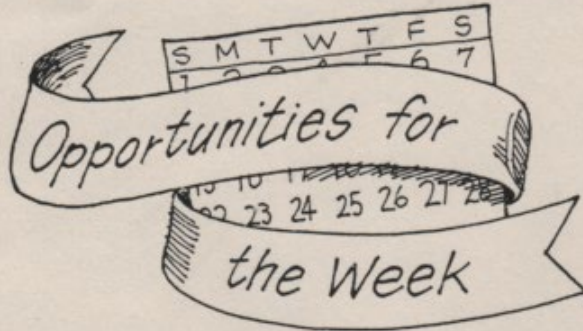
This church flings wide its doors like welcoming arms and invites you to come in. If you are looking for a church home we want you to consider ours. By joining a church, attending services of worship, and activity in church work we give a public testimony that we are on the Lord's side.

FOR THE RECORD

S.S. ATTENDANCE 29, MORNING WORSHIP 34, EVENING  
WORSHIP 20, OFFERING \$ 770.85



Sunday School Superintendent ----- Marie Norris



TODAY	5:30 P.M.	DEACON'S MEETING
	6:30 P.M.	EVENING WORSHIP
WED.	6:30 P.M.	FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
	7:30 P.M.	BUSINESS MEETING

This will be Erin McGee's last week with us. We have truly enjoyed your love and fellowship. May God reward you for the many ways you have touched and blessed the lives of others during your stay here. We will miss you!

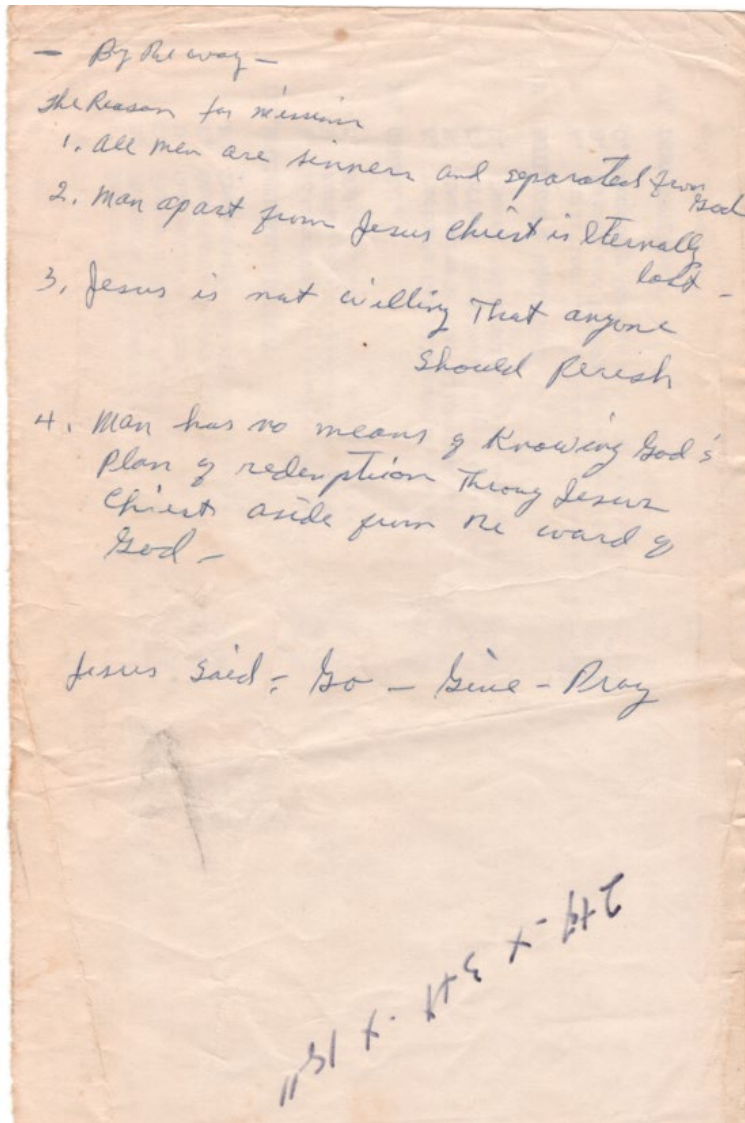
FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER-- On Wed. Night we will gather downstairs in the fellowship hall for a time of food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to bring a dish or two and join us.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Charlie Dukes	Louise Smith	Howard Smith
Gertrude Dukes	Dollie Williams	Doc Griffin
Nita's Friend	Mrs Warren	Phillip Capps
The Kirby's Grandson	Our Church	Beatrice Pace

The Missionaries --- Jesus was deeply concerned over three classes of people--the least, the lost and the last.

Bulletin, p3 NOTE: The reference to my daughter, Erin McGee, is because she was spending the summer with my parents, following her second year of college, during which time she was earning money by working at a G.E. Electric company in Hendersonville, which produced light bulbs.



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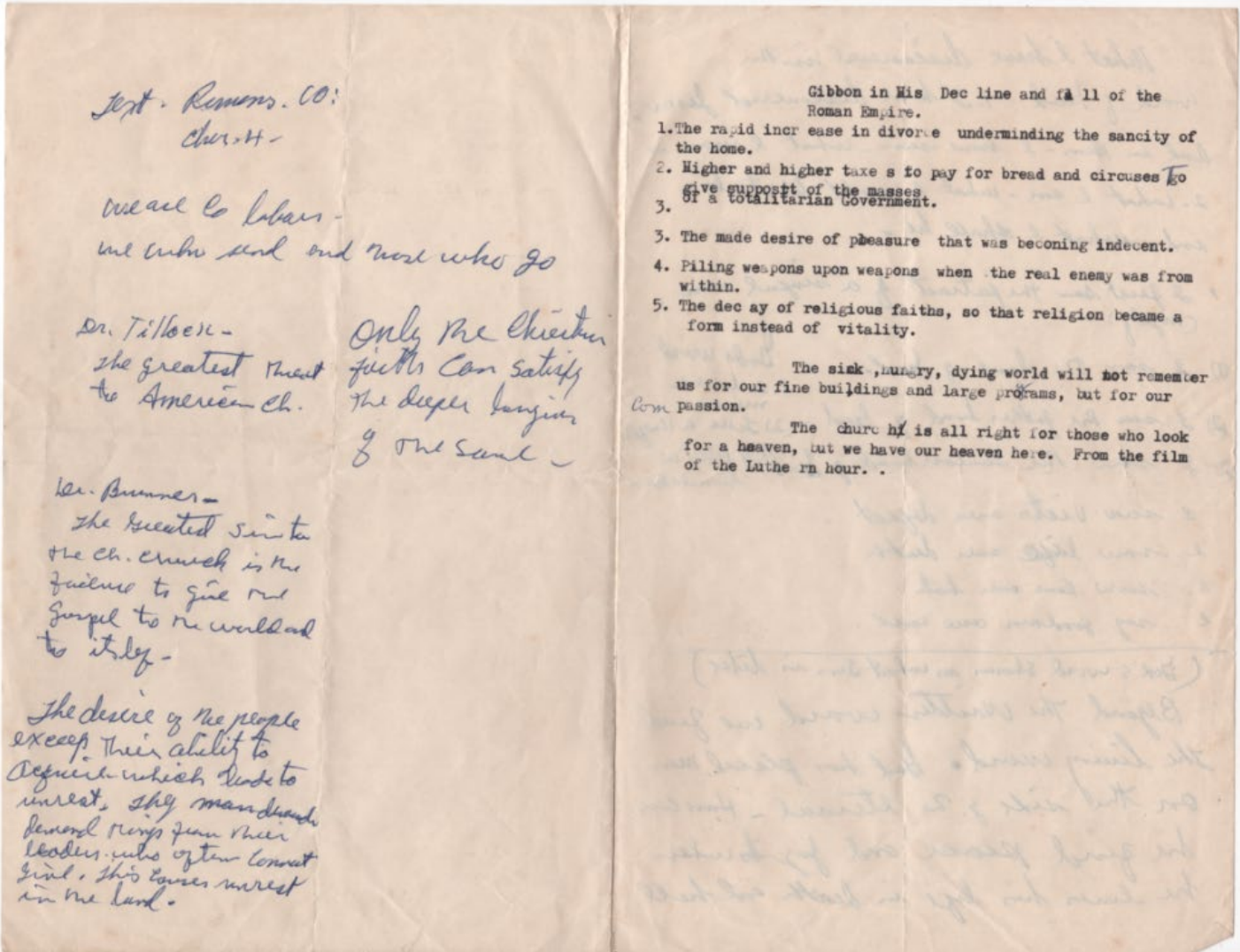
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(Left column) Text: Romans 10 (?—not clear)

We are co-laborers; we who send, and those who go.

(from Dr. Paul Tillich) The greatest threat to (the) American church

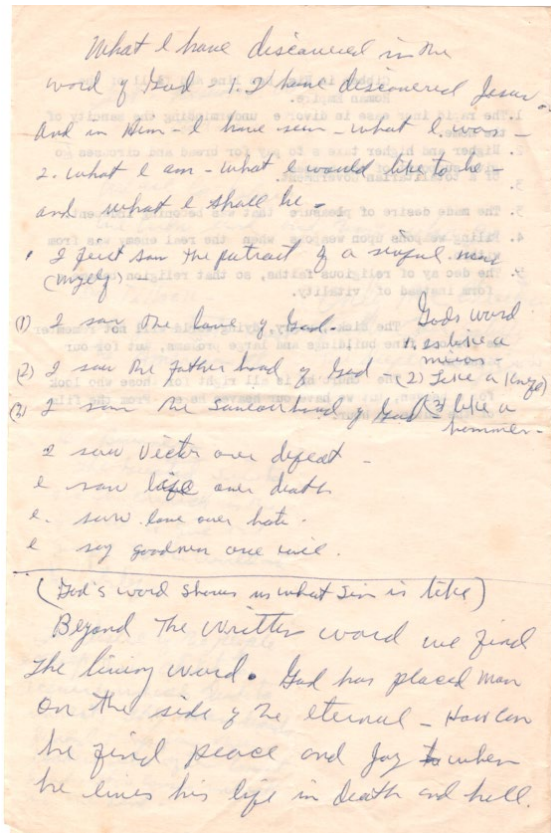
Only the Christian faith can satisfy the deeper longings of the soul

(from Dr. Emil Brunner) The greatest sin to the Christian church is the failure to give the gospel to the world, and to itself.

The desire of the people exceeds their ability to acquire. They demand things from their leaders, who often cannot give. This causes unrest in the land.

(NOTE: The right column quotes from Gibbon, **The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire**.





## What I have discovered in the word of God

1. I have discovered Jesus, and in Him I have seen what I was; 2) what I am— what I would like to be—and what I shall be.

I first saw the portrait of a sinful man (myself). God's word: 1) is like a mirror

2) like a knife 3) like a hammer

- 1) I saw the love of God
- 2) I saw the father hand of God
- 3) I saw the Savior hand of God

I saw victory over defeat

I saw life over death

I saw love over hate

I saw goodness over evil

God's word shows us what sin is like.

Beyond the written word we find the living word. God has placed man on the side of the eternal. How can he find peace and joy, when he lives his life in death and hell?

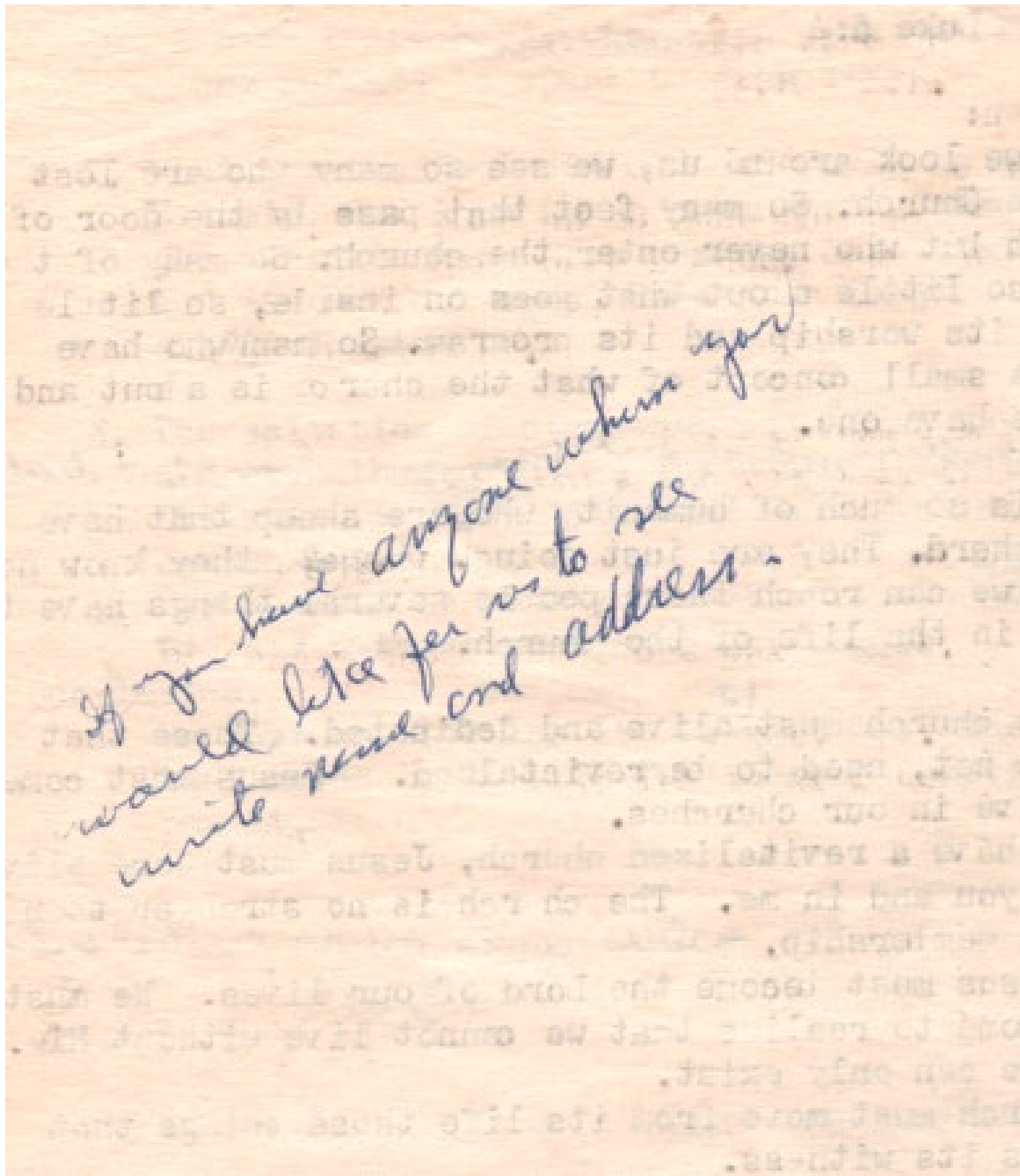
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"The Church After the Lost" 2. definition  
Luke 5:4 Evangelism -

Introduction:

When we look around us, we see so many who are lost to the Church. So many feet that pass by the door of church but who never enter the church. So many of them know so little about what goes on inside, so little about its worship and its program. So many who have such a small concept of what the church is about and why we have one.

- The millions whose feet pass our door but do not go*
1. There is so much of humanity who are sheep that have no shepherd. They are just going, where? they know not.
  2. Before we can reach these people several things have to happen in the life of the church.
    - a. The church must <sup>be</sup> alive and dedicated. Those that are not, need to be revitalized. Jesus must come alive in our churches.
    - b. To have a revitalized church, Jesus must come alive in you and in me. The church is no stronger than its membership. - *Our lives are our greatest witness*
    - c. Jesus must become the Lord of our lives. We must come to realize that we cannot live without Him. We can only exist.
  3. The Church must move from its life those things that hinder its witness.
    - a/ Apparently there are those in the church who do not belong to the life of the church. They are in the church but not of the church. ✓
    - b. We need to shake the peach tree.
    - c. The answer that Dr. Tribble gave to the student at the Seminary.
    - d/ Dr. Dobins remark. % 5 per cent can be depended upon to carry on the full program of the church.
  4. III. If we are to bring the lost to Christ, we must be burdened for them.
    1. Look at Jesus - *He looked upon the multitudes*
    2. Look at Paul - *I would be willing to go to hell for my own people's sake*
    3. Look into the life of every person who has dedicated his or her life to Christ. They were convinced that men were lost and had a compassion for them.



NOTE: This appears to be an announcement which Dad wrote on the back of his sermon, as a reminder.

“If you have anyone whom you would like for us to see, write name and address.”



"The Price of a Revival"

II Chor: 7:14

Psalm 85:5

Introduction:

1. The History of Revivals
2. The need for a revival

I. The hope of the Church and Of the World.

1. The Church needs a revival
2. Our Nation needs it.
3. We as individuals need it.

II. Certain Conditions have to be met.

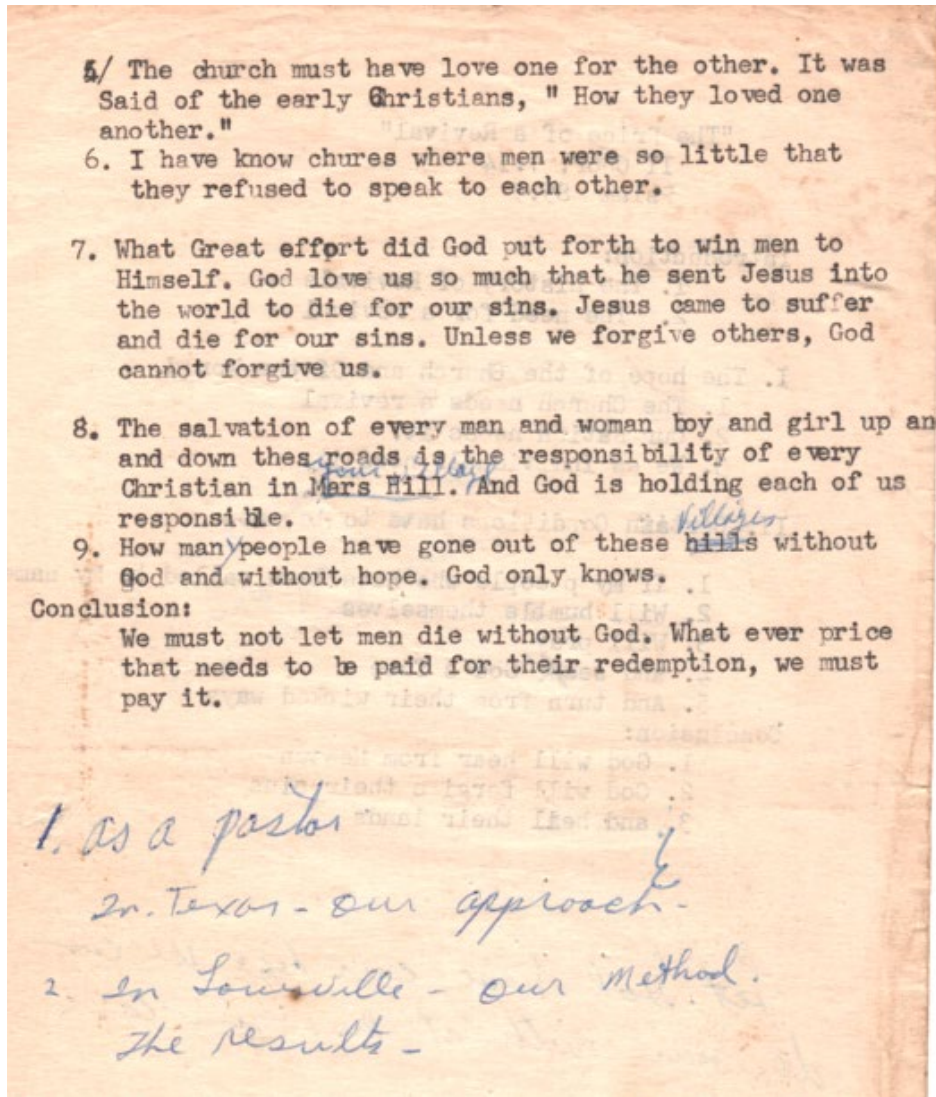
1. If my people who have been called by My name.
2. Will humble themselves
3. Will pray
4. And seek God's face
5. And turn from their wicked ways

Conclusion:

1. God will hear from Heaven
2. God will forgive their sins
3. and heal their lands

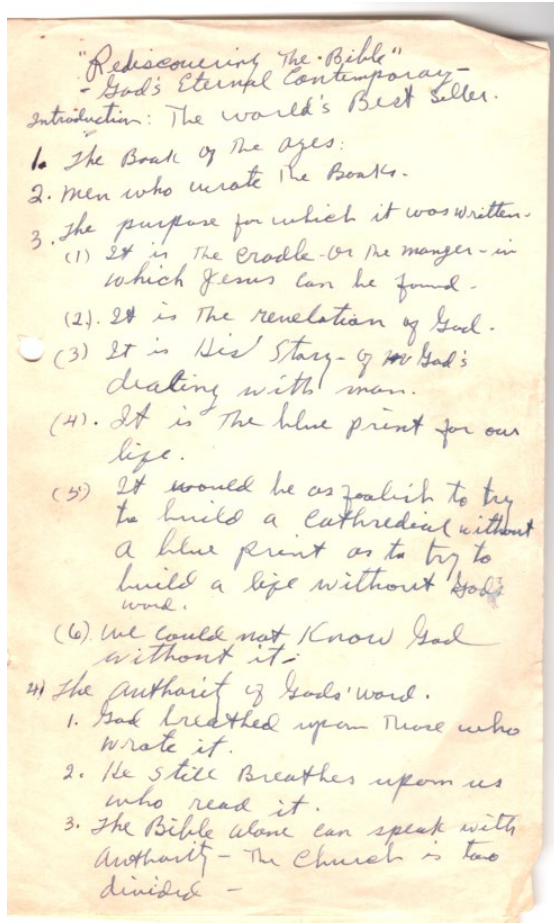
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(At the bottom) "Let God have our life. He can do more with it than you can."



1. As a pastor—In Texas—our approach
2. In Louisville—our method. The results

NOTE: The notes at the bottom, refer to Dad's (part-time, weekend) pastorate during his last two years at Baylor University, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (Texas), where he and my mother were married; and his pastorate at Fairdale Baptist Church in Louisville, KY (while he and my mother were taking classes at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), during their two years prior to being appointed as missionaries to Nigeria, by the SBC, Foreign Mission Board (April, 1945). In the summer of 1945 (August), my parents and I (as a small child, age two), began our journey to Nigeria, immediately following the conclusion of World War II, a trip that took more than seventy (70) days.



## "Rediscovering the Bible" God's Eternal Contemporary

### Introduction: The world's Best Seller

1. The Book of the ages
2. Men who wrote the Books
3. The purpose for which it was written
  - 1) It is the "cradle" or the "manger" in which Jesus can be found
  - 2) It is the revelation of God
  - 3) It is His story—of God's dealing with man
  - 4) It is the blue print for our life
  - 5) It would be as foolish to try to build a cathedral without a blue print, as to try to build a life without God's word.
  - 6) We could not know God without it.
4. The authority of God's word
  - 1) God breathed upon those, who wrote it
  - 2) He still breathes upon us, who read it
  - 3) The Bible alone can speak with authority—the Church is too divided



2. The power of God's word

- (1) It is always on the cutting edge of life - saying much to us we cannot hear.
- (2) It pulls down barriers between men and men - slaves and free - male and female and says you are one in Christ.
- (3) The Bible takes its place on every moral issue and is always on the winning side.

3. If everything else on earth should fail - We could take the Bible and rebuild civilization upon it.

4. It is the rock from which we are hewn - It is a fountain from which we quench our thirst.

5. It is the word of redemption

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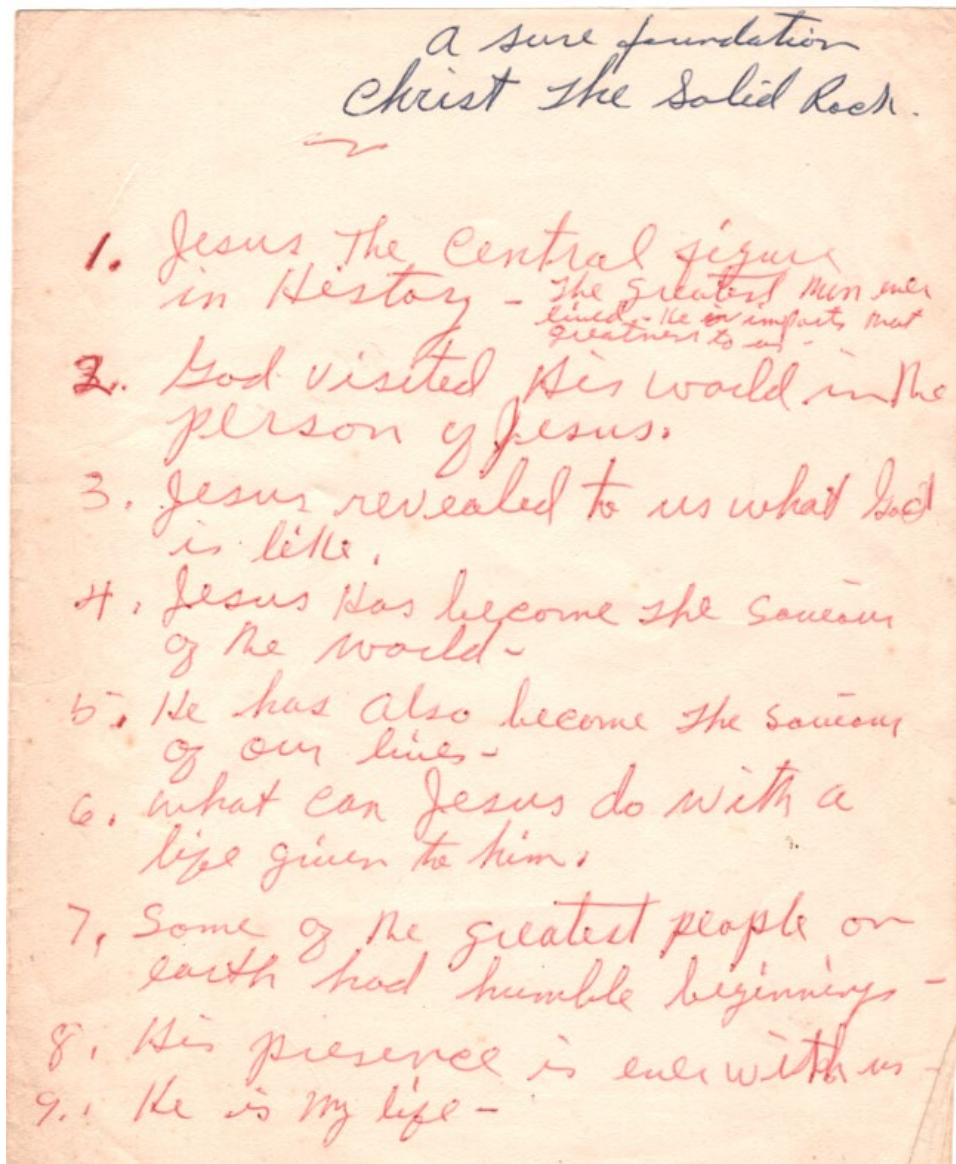
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#### A Sure Foundation—Christ the Solid Rock

1. Jesus the Central figure in History—The greatest man ever lived. He imparts that greatness to us.
2. God visited His world in the person of Jesus
3. Jesus revealed to us what God is like
4. Jesus has become the Savior of the world
5. He has also become the Savior of our lives
6. What can Jesus do with a life given to him
7. Some of the greatest people on earth had humble beginnings
8. His presence is ever with us
9. He is my life

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the Kings ever lived have not blessed humanity  
as this one has -

10. He is the water of life that  
can quench our spiritual thirst  
He is the bread of life from which  
we can <sup>satisfy</sup> ~~quench~~ our hunger -

11. Once having known Him - we  
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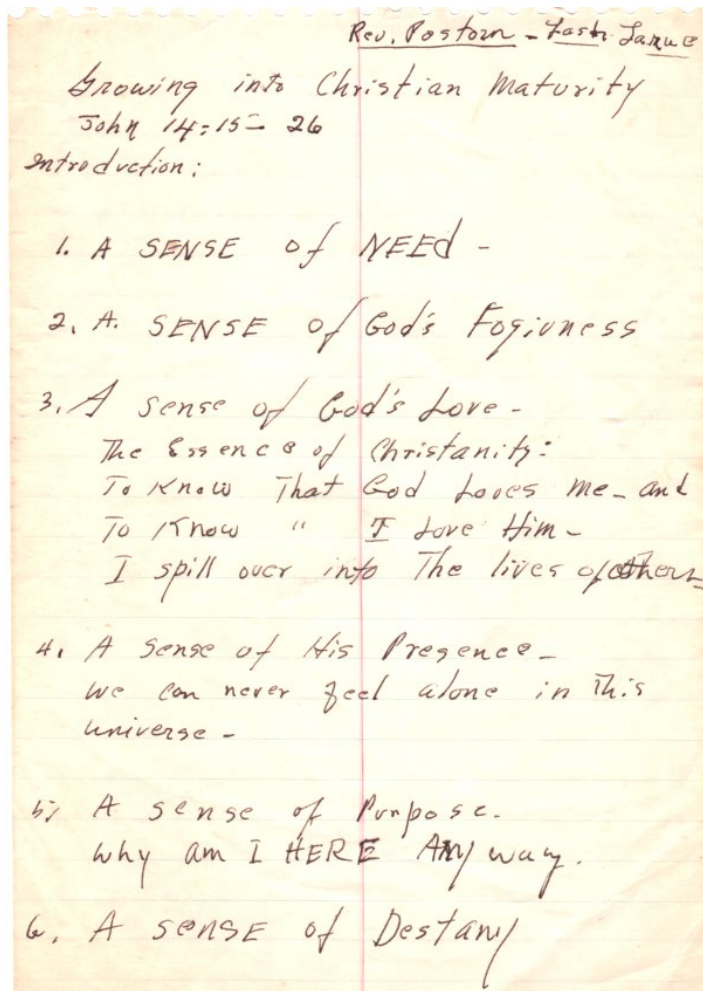
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"Growing into Christian Maturity John 14:15-26

Introduction:

1. A sense of need
2. A sense of God's forgiveness
3. A sense of God's love  
The essence of Christianity:  
To know that God loves me—and  
To know that I love Him  
I spill over into the lives of others
4. A sense of His presence  
We can never feel alone in this universe
5. A sense of purpose  
Why am I here, anyway?
6. A sense of destiny

We give as God gave, we give ourselves. This is the greatest gift.

1. The wise men brought them their wisdom -
2. The Rich brought him their gifts-
3. The shepherds paid Him homage

This miracle God wrought in human history --

at last man has a redeemer - one who can save him from his sins.

When we open our hearts and let Jesus come into our hearts - we come to understand God's greatest gifts.

This Jesus stands at our hearts' door - knocking. Let Him in.

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Intro:

1. Solomon the King is now dead; and The Nation Israel is now divided..
  - a. Northern Kingdom - Ten Tribes..
    - 1). Went into the Assyrian Captivity
  - b. Southern Kingdom - (Judah & Benjamin).
    - 2). Went into the Babylonian Captivity).
2. Isaiah ministered in Jerusalem, and his Ministry touched both Kingdoms
3. Natural Divisions of Book of Isaiah::
  - a. Miniature Bible 66 Chapters (Bible 66)
  - b. Cpts. 1-39 Before Babylonian Captivity
  - c. Cpts. 40-66 After Babyl. Captivity
4. Today we look at Cpt. 6 (3 Divisions)
  - a. The Upward Look - Isa. saw the Lord
  - b. The Inward Look - Isa. Saw Himself
  - c. The Outward Look - Isa. Saw the Need

I THE UPWARD LOOK - ISA. SAW THE LORD (1-4)

- A. King Uzziah reign for 52 yrs.
  1. A time of Peace & Prosperity
  2. Great Buildings & Material Achievements
  3. Nation Rebelled against God & His Word
  4. There was National Greatness - But a Spiritual Decline; turning from God.
- B. Isa. Saw the Lord and Became Burden
  1. Isa. lifted his eyes from People to God
    - a. The Throne of Judah was Wicked---  
But not the Throne of God..
    - b. The Throne of Judah was Confused---  
But not the Throne of God..
    - c. The Throne of Judah was Shame & Failure--  
But not the Throne of God..
    - d. The Earth was filled with Violence  
But not the Throne of God...
  2. God is not the Author of Confusion...
    - a. God the same:  
Yesterday  
Today  
Tomorrow...



I THE UPWARD LOOK - ISA. SAW THE LORD

II THE INWARD LOOK - ISA. SAW HIMSELF (5-7)

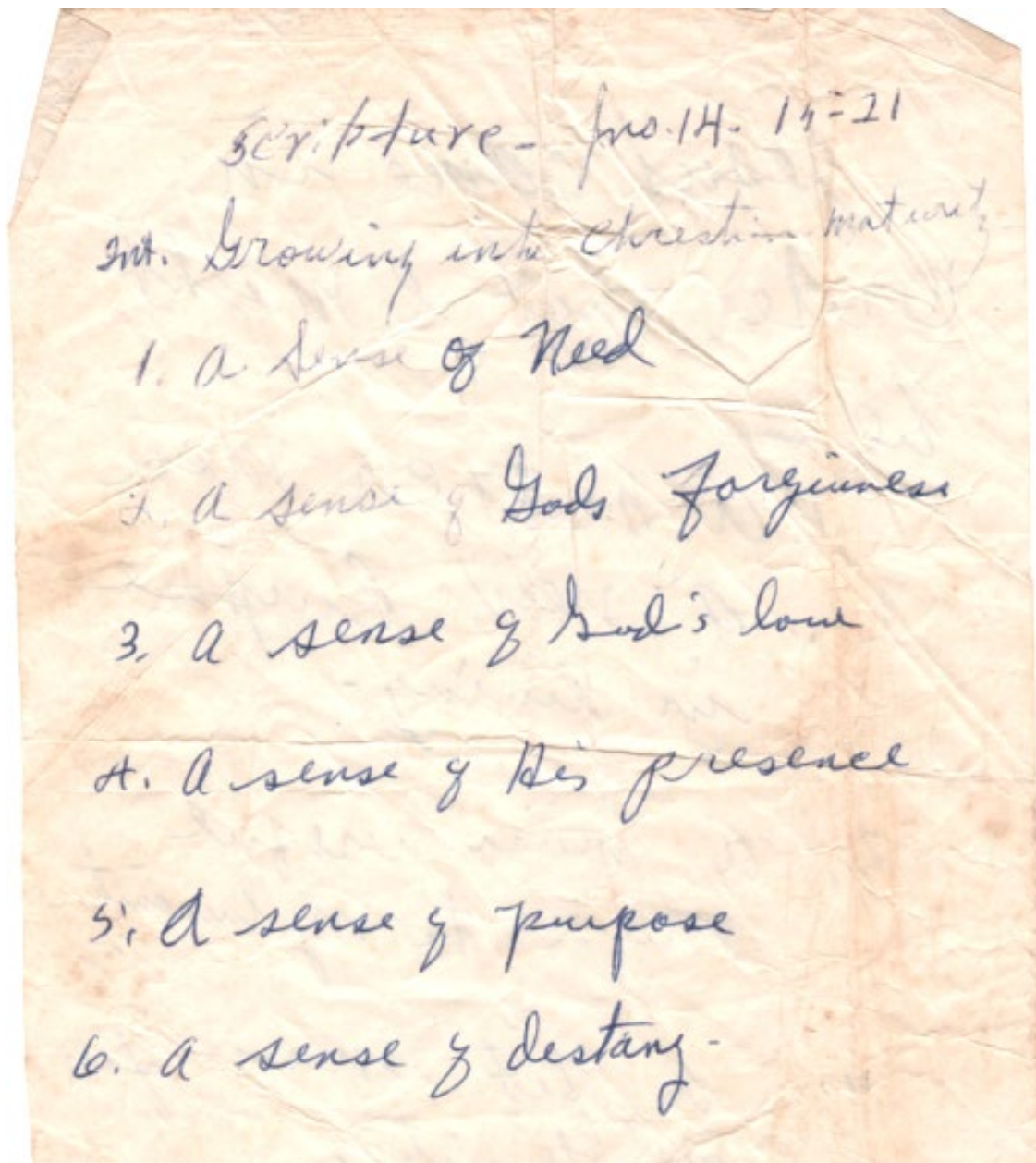
- A. When we See the Lord -
  - 1. We see our Sins..
  - 2. We Realize our Failure
  - 3. Then we become Humble
- B. Isa. Confessed His Sins
  - 1. I have unclean lips (V. 5)
  - 2. Live with Unclean People (V. 5)
- C. Isa. Was Cleansed (V. 7)
  - 1. Touched Thy Lips = Touch of God
  - 2. Iniquity taken away..
    - a. Gross injustice - taken away
    - b. Wicked Action - Taken Away
    - c. Thy Sin Purged - AS-IF-I-HAD-NOT-SINNED

III THE OUTWARD LOOK - ISA. SAW THE NEED (8-13)

- A. Cleansed For Service (V. 7)
  - 1. Removal of Sin & Guilt - Now See Spiritual
  - 2. In Sin - We Never See The Need
- B. Isa. Now Equipped to Serve God
- C. Lord Send Me - Commitment
  - 1. Note the Order... Isa. Saw The Lord..
    - a. Conviction
    - b. Confession
    - c. Cleansing
    - d. Commitment (e. Commission)
- D. Go Tell --- Commission (V. 9)
  - 1. Nation was Prosperous - But Go Tell
  - 2. Ladies were Fashionable (3:16-24) - Go Tell
  - 3. People Rich & Full - Go Tell
  - 4. People didn't believe in God's Judgment -  
But - Go Tell!
  - 5. God's People are to PROCLAIM THE WORD --  
Regardless of the Response of the People..
    - a. We may not be Successful - Be Faithful..
- E. How Long (V. 11)
  - 1. Until My Judgment is Complete
  - 2. Keep On -- Keeping On 'Till Jesus Comes...

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- 1. Isa. Went to the Temple
- 2. Isa. came back a new man
- 3. Reviwe the order of events (III-C-1-abcde)



Scripture: John 14: 15-21

Intro: Growing into Christian nature

1. A sense of need
2. A sense of God's forgiveness
3. A sense of God's love
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5. A sense of purpose
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Page I

The Bible and You

Romans I: 14-20

Psalms 119: 9: 105

Hebrews 1:1-2

Int: The Bible is a sure foundation

Jesus Christ is a sure foundation

1. We find God in the Bible  
It is the cradle in which Jesus can be found
2. We find ourselves in the Bible
3. We find the true worth of Christianity in the Bible. You can be anything and be called a Christian, but you cannot do anything and be a Christian.
4. We find the true worth of humanity in the Bible.
5. We find our own place in God's will in the Bible
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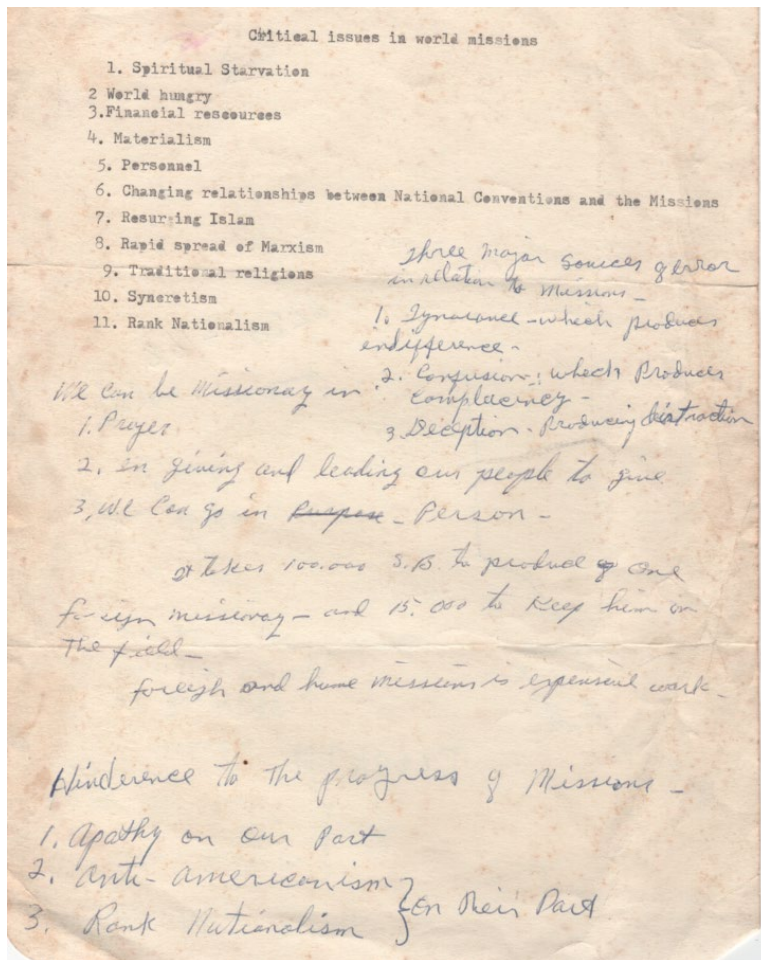
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The place of the Bible in my life

1. It helped me to know the God of History,
2. It helped me to know who Jesus is. That He came into the world. That ~~NHMH~~ He lived, suffered, died, was buried, that He rose from dead, ascended to the Father, and returned in Holy Spirit. That He saved me from my sins and gave me a place in the Kingdom of God, and that He lives in my heart through the Holy Spirit. What he has done for me he can do for you if you will let Him.

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Three major sources of error in relation to missions:

1. Ignorance—which produces indifference
2. Confusion—which produces complacency
3. Deception—which produces distraction

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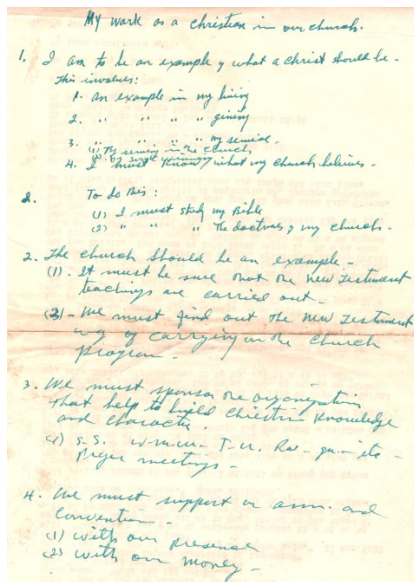
1. Prayer
2. In giving, and leading our people to give
3. We can go in person

It takes \$100,000 (US dollars) (for) Southern Baptists to produce one foreign missionary, and \$15,000.00 to keep him on the (mission) field.

Foreign and home missions is expensive work.

Hindrance to the progress of missions:

1. Apathy on our part
2. Anti-Americanism and 3. Nationalism—on their part



## My work as a Christian in our church

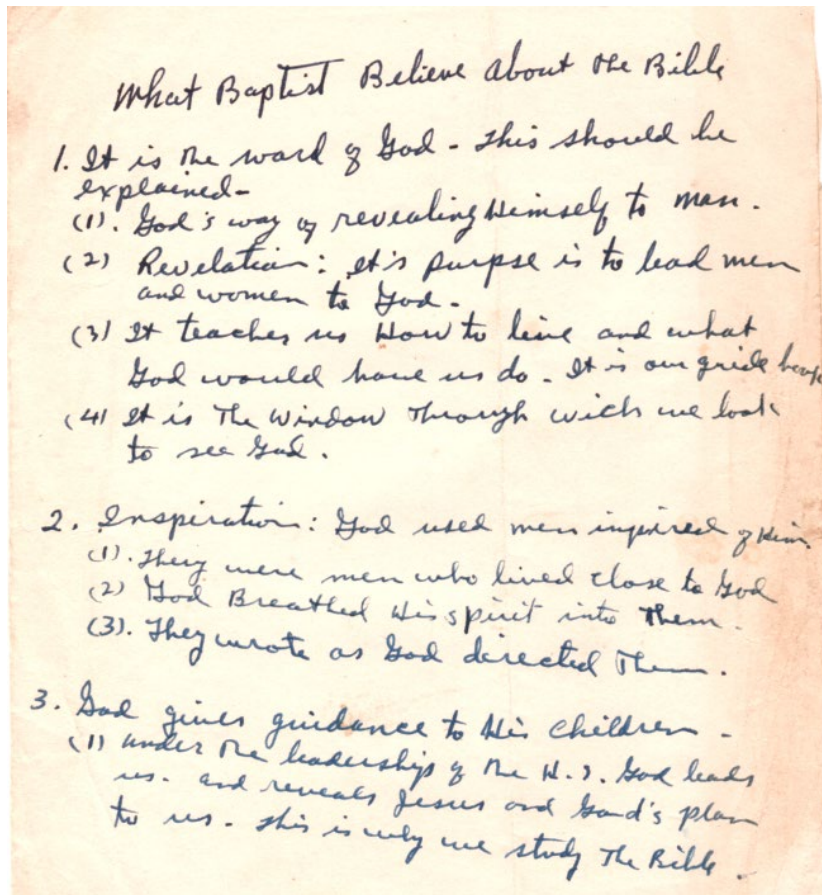
### 1. I am to be an example of what a Christian should be.

This involves:

1. An example in my living
2. An example in my giving
3. An example in my service
  - 1) By serving in the church
  - 2) By soul winning
4. I must know what my church believes

To do this:

- 1) I must study my Bible
  - 2) I must study the doctrines of my church
2. The church should be an example
  - 1) It must be sure that the New Testament teachings are carried out
  - 2) WE must find out the New Testament way of carrying on the church program
3. We must sponsor the organizations that help to build Christian knowledge and character.  
Sunday School; WMU; Training Union; R.A.; G.A.; prayer meetings, etc.
4. We must support our association and convention:
  - 1) With our presence
  - 2) With our money



## What Baptists Believe about the Bible

1. It is the word of God. This should be explained
  - 1) God's way of revealing Himself to man
  - 2) Revelation: It's purpose is to lead men and women to God
  - 3) It teaches us how to live and what God would have us do. It is our guide book.
  - 4) It is the window through which we look to see God.
2. Inspiration: God used men inspired of Him
  - 1) They were men who lived close to God
  - 2) God breathed His Spirit into them
  - 3) They wrote as God directed them
3. God gives guidance to His children
  - 1) Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, God leads us, and reveals Jesus and God's plan to us. This is why we study the Bible.



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## The Church After the Lost

John 4: 6-38.

Introduction: The eternal task of the Church is to reach men and women for Christ. This has been true from the beginning.

### I. BEFORE THE CHURCH CAN REACH THE LOST FOR CHRIST IT MUST FIRST PREPARE ITSELF.

1. The church is like a field --it must be prepared before we pluck up the seedlings and plant them in it.
2. This means a revival within our own hearts.
3. The greatest hindrance to winning the world to Christ is within ourselves.
  - a. You cannot give a man a drink of palm wine today and expect to win him tomorrow. You might win him to the same thing you have been won to , but not to a faith in Christ.
  - b. You cannot worship idols yourself and expect to convince men that they should not worship idols.
  - c. You cannot win a person to a faith in Jesus Christ if you do not have faith in him yourself.
  - d. You cannot make Christ real to others if he is not real to you.

### II. IF ONE IS TO WITNESS FOR CHRIST, THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT MUST BE OVERCOME.

1. The person to whom Jesus was speaking was a woman and men had no social dealings with women.
2. She was a woman of another race.
  - a. This has been the age long obstacle and is universal.
  - b. If you can get a man right on his race question and his pocket book, you have the whole man.
3. She was a sinful woman.
  - a. Men had no dealings with sinners.
  - b. They condemned Jesus because he ate with them.
  - c. How could Jesus hate those whom he died for?
  - d. Jesus came to seek and save sinners who were lost.
4. She worshiped Idols. I have seen many Christians worship Idols.



III. JES US SAW WORTH IN EVERY MAN.

1. Every man is an object of his love, No matter who he is.
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## " Making Men Whole "

Text: Matt, 21-22.

" For she said within herself, if I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about and when he saw her, he said Daughter be of good comfort; thy faith has made thee whole, and the woman was made whole from that hour "

1. We face to-day a world torn and divided. Men are disturbed as never before over conditions prevailing in our world. There is more suffering, sickness, and sin in our world than ever before.
2. There are thieves in our world.  
"All that come before me are thieves and robbers." *Thieves that steal our bodies*
  - (1). Thieves that steal our minds,
  - (2). Thieves that steal our health
  - (3). Thieves that steal our souls
3. Religious, political, and national leaders are stealing the souls of men everywhere.
4. There are thieves that destroy personality.
  - a. There is pride--that sows seeds of hate among his fellow men.
  - b. there is anxiety, rooted in pride and self-centredness, and self love.
  - c. Above all there is fear--
5. Men need to be made whole mentally.
  - a. You men to say that men can ~~be~~ be healed of insanity. Yes. One man was-- and many others
6. ~~bl~~ Men need to be made whole physically.
  - a. Can Jesus heal a man physically.  
" In His will is our Peace"  
I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee.
7. Making men whole spiritually
  - a. Jesus said, I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. "
  - b. God was in Christ.

- c. When men by His Spirit Live out his way of love, they shall be made whole.
- d. Love is the prevailing force in making men whole. "God is Love" Said John. We love Him because he first loved us." Where love is absent, there is no wholeness, mentally, spiritually, or physically. The mind, body, and soul cannot endure long under the force of hate. Man was not made that way.

Conclusion:

The wholeness of life cannot be found in the individual, it must be found in the wholeness of life. Of humanity. There will be wholeness in heaven. In making men whole, Jesus use the simple method of love.

The Great physician now in near the sympathizing Jesus. Ets.

*Love + faith -*



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The Meaning of Discipleship

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Matt: 10:32-39

I. To be a Disciple of Jesus, is to be a learner and follower of Him.

1. To confess Christ before men is the beginning of Discipleship.
2. This is the most difficult thing to do. *Put a child's play.*
  - (1). I know how difficult it for you, for that is the last thing the Devil will let you do.
  - (2). My own experience.
  - (3). Not to do this is a tragedy.
  - (4). If you make up your minds not to accept him, it is possible that God will let you go.
  - (5). The tragedy that follows a life that God has let go.

II. Jesus foresaw what man would encounter.

1. He warned his followers that false prophets would come, and would deceive many.
2. The battle of the ages has been in the human heart.
3. Jesus knew that man's own foes would be that of his own household.

III/ The strongest bond in the Jewish system was a loyalty for the home.

1. Anything that stands between us and accepting we had better remove it.
2. We are afraid to break loose.
3. Any man who breaks loose will find someone to help him.
4. My own experience.

IV. He that loses his life shall find it. No truer words ever spoken by Jesus.

1. He who puts his hand to the plow *and looks back* is not fit for the kingdom.
2. If a man would first build a house, let him first set down and count the cost.
3. The great things in life are costly.



Conclusion: If we are willing to follow Jesus, we shall discover that He is all that we need and more than man has ever said He was. Will you be like the young Persian who found Jesus as His Saviour. He was brought before the king. The King told him if he would say the Mohammedian pray, he would free him, His reply was, I cannot for I have discovered the way of life. He was taken out and killed.

Or will you be like the man who having gone to the Mosque for prayer became convicted of his sins, He went home and fell in the hallway of his house. He secured a New Testament and after comparing it for four months with the Koran, Jesus broke in upon Him.

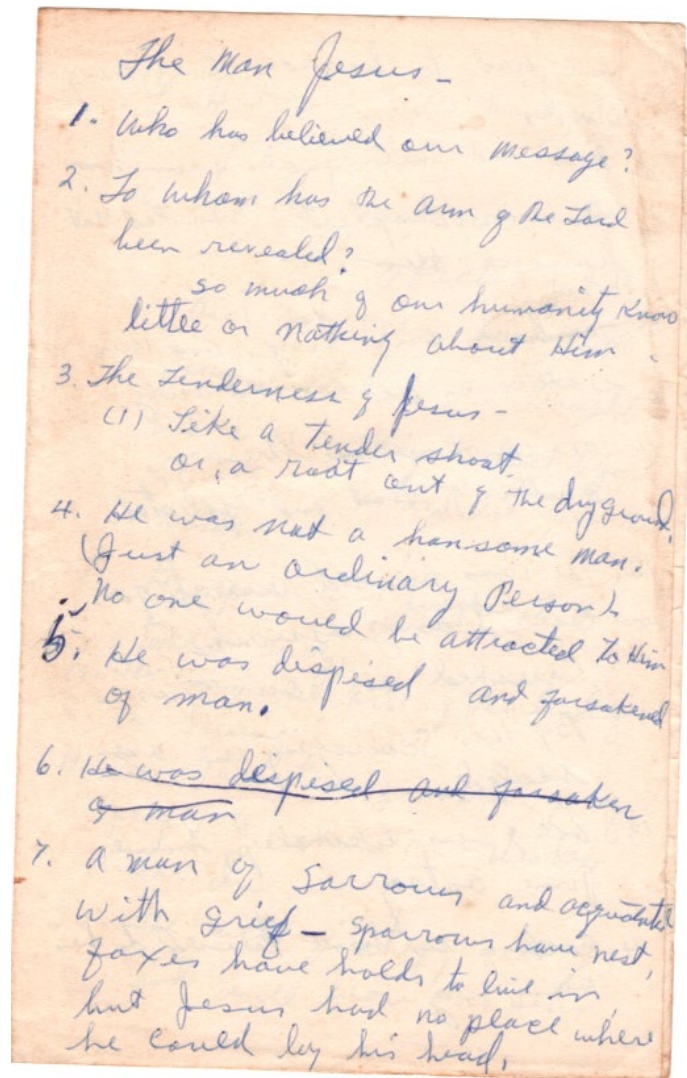
Shall we be like the woman who became a follower of Jesus, and when asked why? Said if I were lost in a desert and came upon two men-- one was dead and the other was alive which one do you think I would follow? She said Jesus is alive, Mohammed is dead.

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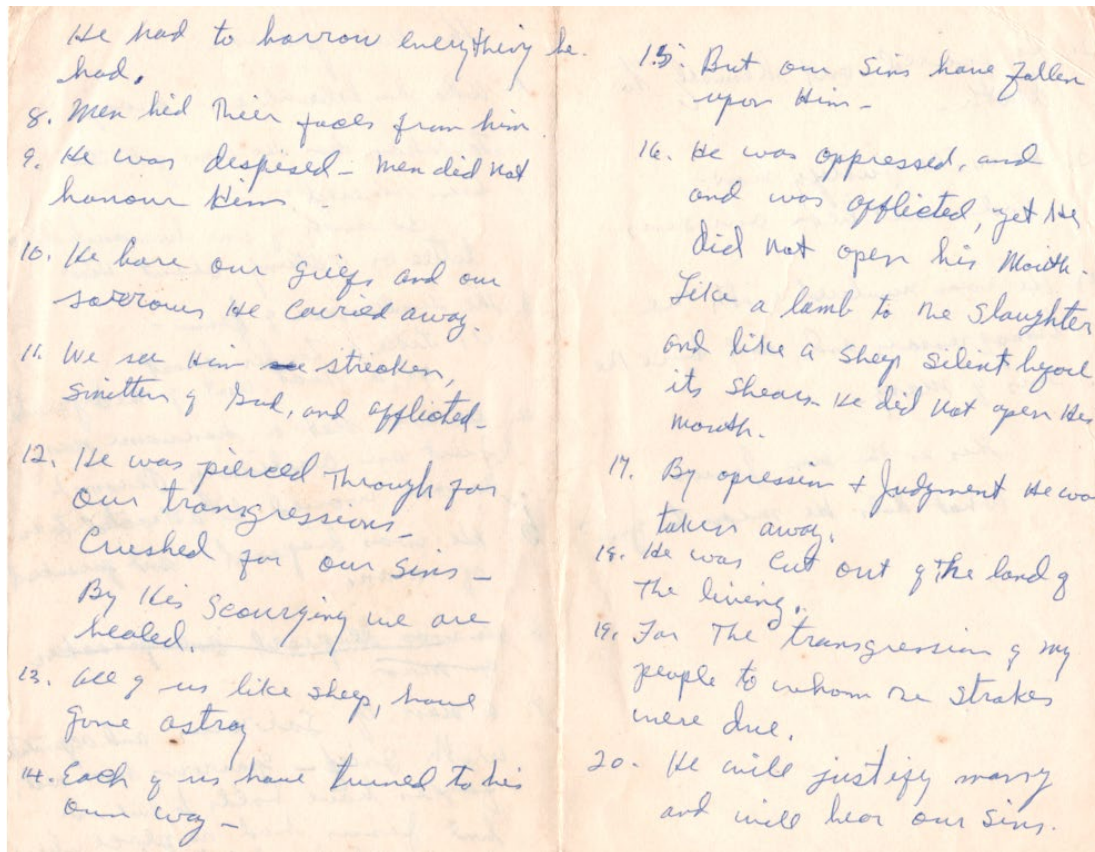
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## The man, Jesus

1. Who has believed our message?
2. To whom has the "arm of the Lord" been revealed?  
So much of our humanity knows little or nothing about Him.
3. The tenderness of Jesus  
1) Like a tender shoot; or, a root out of the dry ground
4. He was not a handsome man; just an ordinary person; no one would be attracted to Him
5. He was despised, and forsaken of (by) man
6. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief—sparrows have nests; foxes have holes to live in; but, Jesus had no place where he could lay his head.

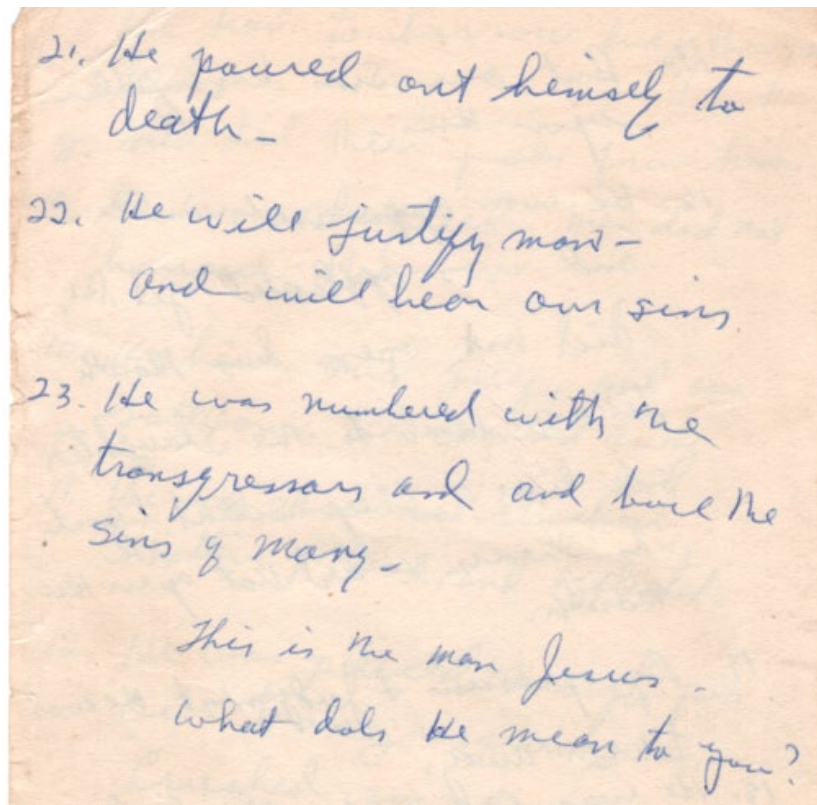


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He had to borrow everything he had.

7. Men hid their faces from him.
8. He was despised; men did not honor Him
9. He bore our grief, and our sorrows He carried away
10. We see Him stricken; smitten of God; and afflicted
11. He was pierced through, for our transgressions; crushed for our sins; by his scourging we are healed
12. All of us like ship, have gone astray
13. Each of us has turned to his own way
14. But our sins have fallen on Him
15. He was oppressed, and was afflicted, yet He did not open his mouth. Like a lamb to the slaughter and like a sheep, silent before its shearers, He did not open His mouth.
16. By oppression and judgment He was taken away
17. He was cut out of the land of the living
18. For the transgressions of my people to whom the strokes were due
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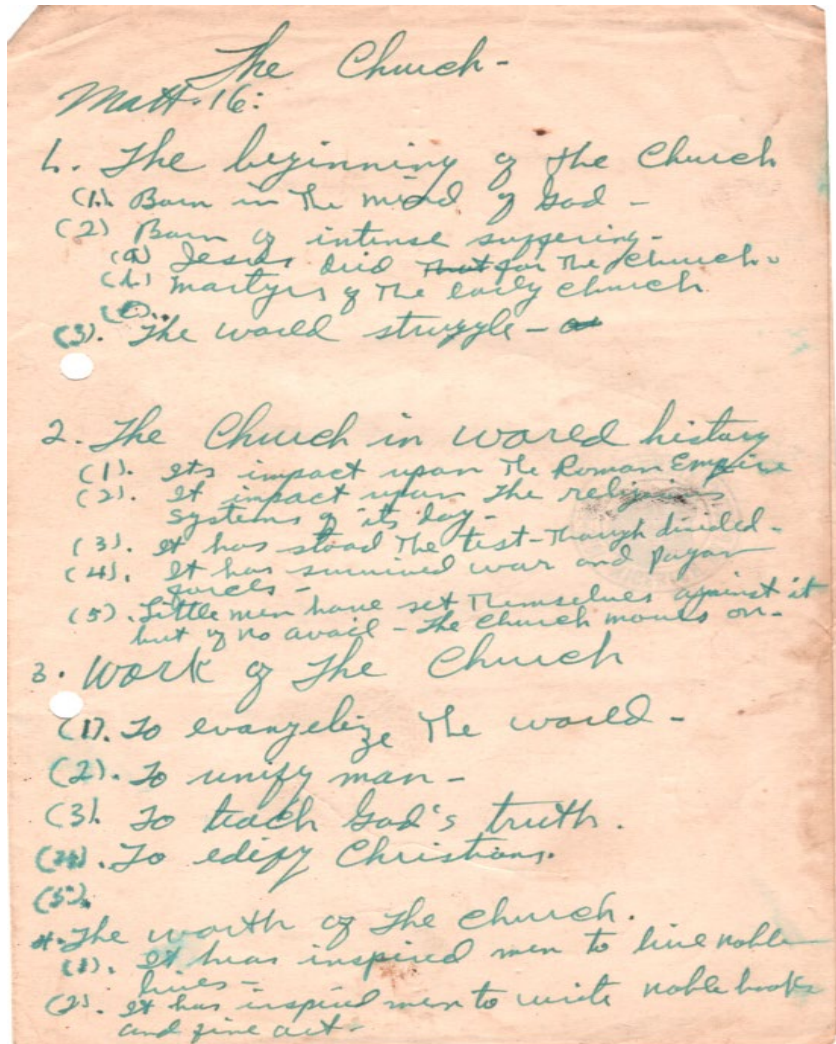
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#### The Church (Matthew 16)

1. The beginning of the Church
  - 1) Born in the mind of God
  - 2) Born of intense suffering
    - a) Jesus died for the church
    - b) Martyrs of the early church
  - 3) The world struggle
2. The Church in world history
  - 1) Its impact upon the Roman Empire
  - 2) Its impact upon the religion systems of its day
  - 3) It has stood the test—although divided
  - 4) It has survived war and pagan forces
  - 5) Little men have set themselves against it, but of no avail—the Church moves on
3. Work of the Church
  - 1) To evangelize the world
  - 2) To unify man
  - 3) To teach God's truth
  - 4) To edify Christians
4. The worth of the church
  - 1) It has inspired men to live noble lives
  - 2) It has inspired men to write noble books and fine art



- (3) It has built civilizations -
- (4) It has deepened culture and refinement,
- (5) It is the world's conscience.
- (6) If it had not been for the Church where would have you and I been today.

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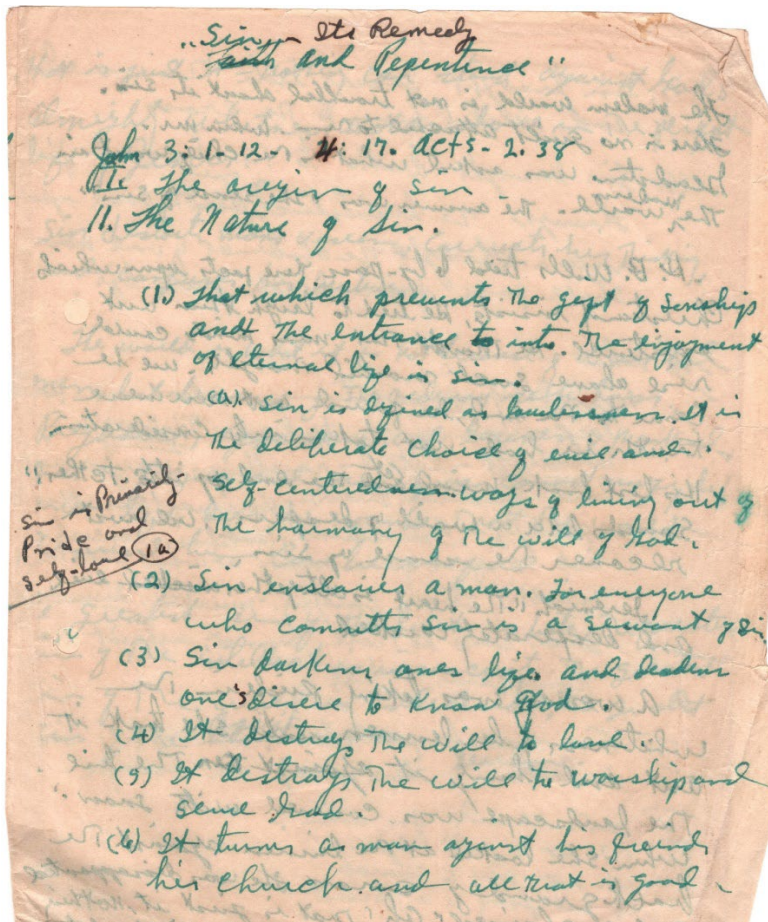
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## Sin and its Remedy

### Faith and Repentance

John 3:1-12; 4:17 Acts 2:38

- I. The origin of sin
- II. The nature of sin

- 1) That which prevents the gift of "sonship" and the entrance into the enjoyment of eternal life in Him
  - a) Sin is defined as lawlessness. It is the deliberate choice of evil and self-centeredness ways of living out of the harmony of the will of God.
  - b) Sin is primarily pride and self-love
- 2) Sin enslaves a man. For everyone who commits sin is a servant of sin
- 3) Sin darkens one's life and deadens one's desire to know God
- 4) It destroys the will to love.
- 5) It destroys the will to worship and serve God
- 6) It turns a man against his friends; his church; and all that is good



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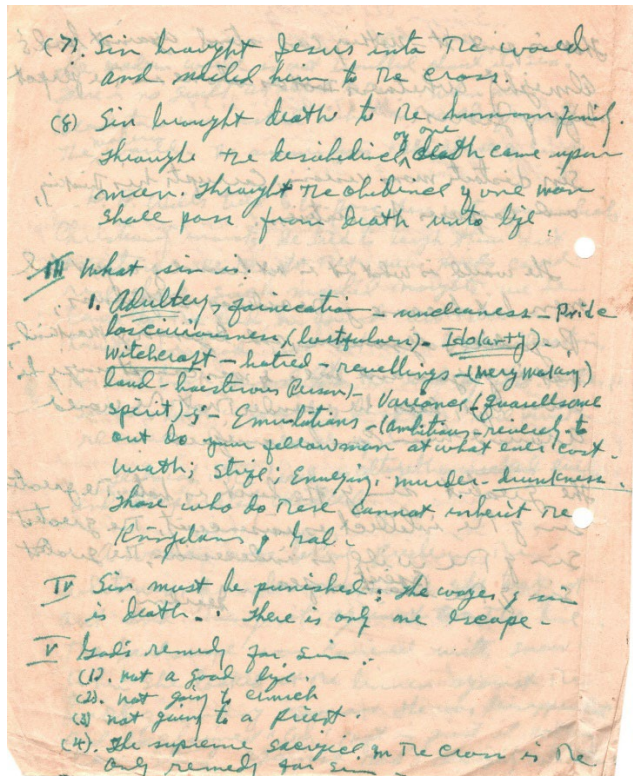
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- 7) Sin brought Jesus into the world and nailed Him to the cross.
  - 8) Sin brought death to the human family. Through the disobedience of one, death came upon man. Through the obedience of one, man shall pass from death until life.
- III. What sin is:
1. Adultery; fornication—uncleanness; pride; lasciviousness (lustfulness); idolatry—witchcraft; hatred; reveling (“merry-making”)—loud, boisterous person); variance (quarrelsome spirit); emulations (ambitious—rivalry—to outdo your fellowman at whatever cost); wrath; strife; envying; murder; drunkenness. Those who do these cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.
- IV. Sin must be punished. The wages of sin is death. There is only one escape.
- V. God’s remedy for sin:
- 1) NOT a good life
  - 2) NOT going to church
  - 3) NOT going to a priest
  - 4) The supreme sacrifice in the “cross,” is the only remedy for sin.



## What Baptists believe About the Church

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1. The Idea of The Church was set forth in the Old Testament.
  - (1) The Tabernacle - The Synagogue, The Temple.
2. Jesus was the founder of the Church as we have it today.
3. Jesus gave his life for the Church.  
Acts 20-28.

### 2. The purpose of the Church.

- (1) It is not a saving institution - one can join all the churches and not be saved.
- (2) It is an institution for people already saved.
- (3) God's people go to the Church -
  - (1) To fellowship with fellow Christians
  - (2) To study God's word
  - (3) To have the Bible explained to us.
  - (4) To pray - and sing songs.
- (4) United we stand - divided we fall.

### 3. The work of the Church:

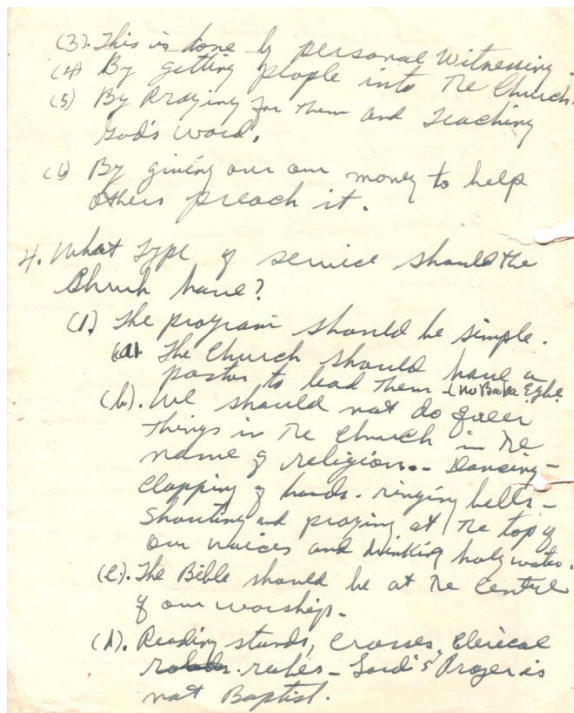
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  - 2) Jesus was the founder of the Church as we have it today.
  - 3) Jesus gave his life for the Church (Acts 20:28)
2. The purpose of the Church
  - 1) It is not a "saving" institution. One can join all the churches and not be saved.
  - 2) It is an institution for people already saved.
3. God's people go to the Church
  - a) To fellowship with fellow Christians
  - b) To study God's word
  - c) To have the Bible explained to us
  - d) To pray and sing songs
4. United we stand; divided we fall
5. The work of the Church
  - 1) To strive to strengthen Christians
  - 2) To preach the gospel to others





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- 3) This is done by personal witnessing
- 4) By getting people into the church
- 5) By praying for them, and teaching God's word
- 6) By giving our own money to help others preach it
5. What type of service should the church have?
  - 1) The program should be simple
    - a) The church should have a pastor to lead them (No "Baba Egbe")
    - b) We should not do queer (strange) things in the church in the name of religion (e.g. dancing; clapping of hands; ringing bells—shouting and praying at the top of our voices, and drinking "holy water")
    - c) The Bible should be at the center of our worship
    - d) Reading stands; crosses; clerical robes; (routine saying) the Lord's "Prayer" is not Baptist.

*[Personal Note (John David McGee): Items "b)" and "d)" above, should be understood to reflect my father's own experience (and dislike) for what he had experienced over the years listening, for example, to groups (such as "Aladura"), as well as other (more "formal") denominations (e.g., Roman Catholic), which emphasized the use of things (e.g. crosses; candles; images; clerical garb, etc.) as an important part of church ritual. My dad wished to emphasize that such things are NOT essential to "worship." During my visit in 2009, I observed that in Baptist churches there was frequent dancing and singing, using traditional instruments (e.g., drumming, etc.) As it was explained to me, "If these things are not done, the young people will not attend." That makes good sense. Although that was not my father's "tradition," I believe he would appreciate the inclusion of local culture into church services.*

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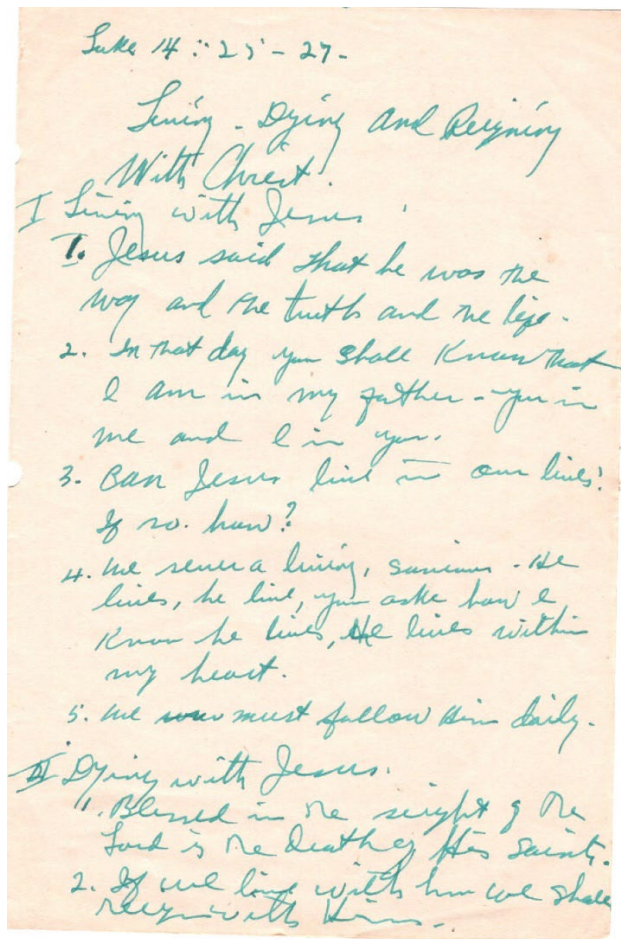
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Luke 14: 25-27

### Living, Dying, and Reigning with Christ

#### I. Living with Jesus

1. Jesus said that he was the way and the truth and the life.
2. In that day you shall know that I am in my father; you in me; and I in you.
3. Can Jesus live in our lives? If so, how?
4. We serve a living Savior. He lives. "He lives," you ask how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.
5. We must follow Him daily.

#### II. Dying with Jesus

1. Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
2. If we live with him, we shall reign with Him.



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all there is to be known  
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do know that whenever  
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3. I thank God for such  
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 4. Death is a mystery to those who do not know the Lord.  
 5. Jesus solved the mystery.  
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 (2) The life, death, and resurrection is an established fact.  
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True Religion

Jan. 10: 1-18 -

1. Text: James 1:27 Full text James 1:1-27

Introduction: Man is a religious creature and must find something outside of himself to worship.

Man must be governed by some force outside of himself it seems.

I. Many religions in the world today, that make their claim on man.

1. About every country has its special brand of religion.

1. China and Confucianism, Japan and Shintoism, India and Hinduism, Near East and Africa, Mohammedanism, Below the desert Animism, Mohammedanism, and a smattering of Christianity, in a very weak form. America Christianity, Europe Christianity.

2. All of these are divided into small groups more or less.

3. The greatest of the divisions is Christianity.

(1). Protestantism, and Roman Catholicism

A. Protestantism is divided in many branches

B. Catholicism is divided in many branches.

4. There are many tags to Christianity. So much is done in the name of Christianity. But it is not the tags that count but the spirit. Let us look at the tags. The deeper meaning of Christianity is found not in the church; not in the group, but in a personal relationship with Christ.

II: There are many religions which are thought of to be the Gates to the Kingdom of God.

1. Can man be deceived? Is it possible to get on the wrong road? Is it possible that a man can be wrong? Is it possible for all of us to be right?

2. Is it true that there is only one true religion and all the rest are wrong?

3. Jesus said I am the way, the truth, the life



and no man comes to the Father but by me. Peter said that there is no other name given among men under heaven.....except Jesus. Any man that comes up any other way is a thief and rober. Is it true that Jesus is the true way of life? If so, then what? Is it true that God has made him the sin bearer of the world? Then what if men do not accept Him?. Jesus said I came that they might have life.

4. Jesus said come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest..Men will find rest for their souls in hime.

### III. How can men know the true religion?

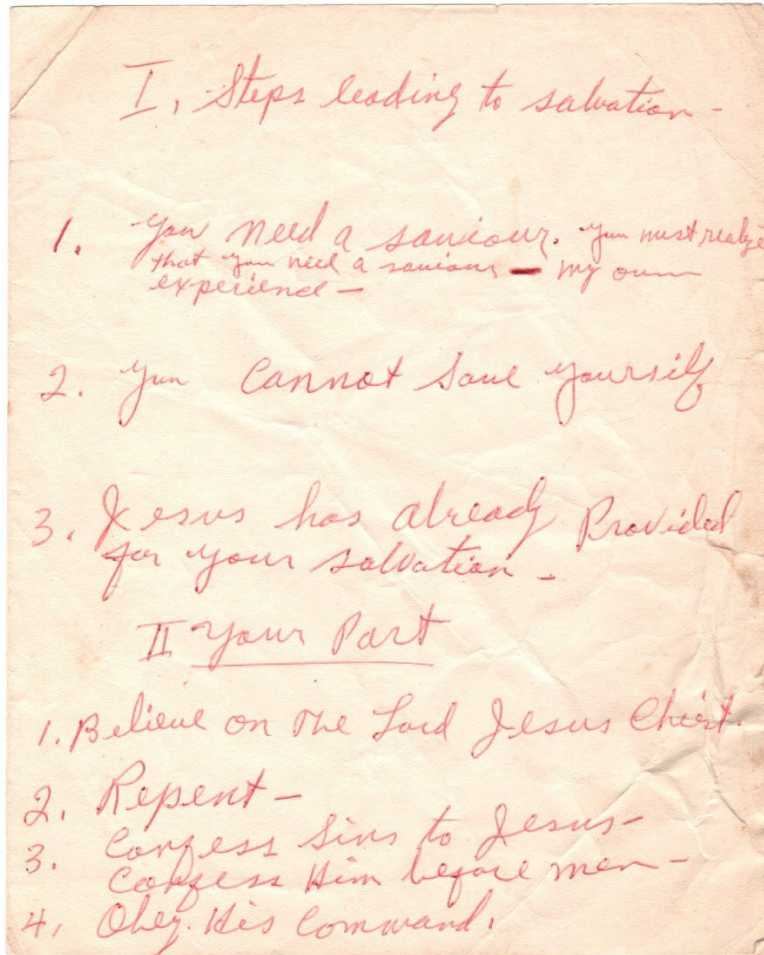
1. The goodness of a religion will be judged by the goodness of its members.
2. Man's deeper longing is to find peace with God. All other religions have failed to give this lasting peace. Only Christ can satisfy this deeper longing, and remove fear from His heart.
3. True Religion is a religion of the heart.
  - (1). James 1:27 Pure religion and undefiled before God is to visit the fatherless , the widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world.  
The spirit of God is not in a man that loves this present world.
4. True religion is a spiritual companionship with Jesus Christ.
  - (1). We read the Gospels until we begin to think and live like Jesus.
  - (2). We come to the place when we can say with Paul " It is not I that lives but Christ who lives in me."
  - (3). To most of us, Christ is not more than an Crisha or Mohammid. He exists only in the minds of men and not in the hearts. For an extra ten shillings you would betray him tomorrow. Under pressure you would declare that you had never know Him like Peter of Old. Like Thomas, you doubt he ever lived.
  - (4). To 90 percent of us religion is going to church on Sunday and a very present help in time of trouble.
  - (5). Unless Jesus is real to a person, he has but little to restrain him from doing evil.
5. True religion has its beginning , its meaning, and its end in God.
  - (1). Men outside of God has no real life.
  - (2). Life outside of God has no real meaning.
  - (3). Life that has no meaning has no real end.

6. True religion enrichens a man's life.

Patrick Henry's Will...I have disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is <sup>the</sup> Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world they would be poor."

Conclusion: True religion enables us to "Outthink, and outdie, and outlive" the world about us. Christainity is not the church, it is not truely a religion, It is a life hid with Christ in God. To get godd is animal, to do godd is human, but to be good is Divine.





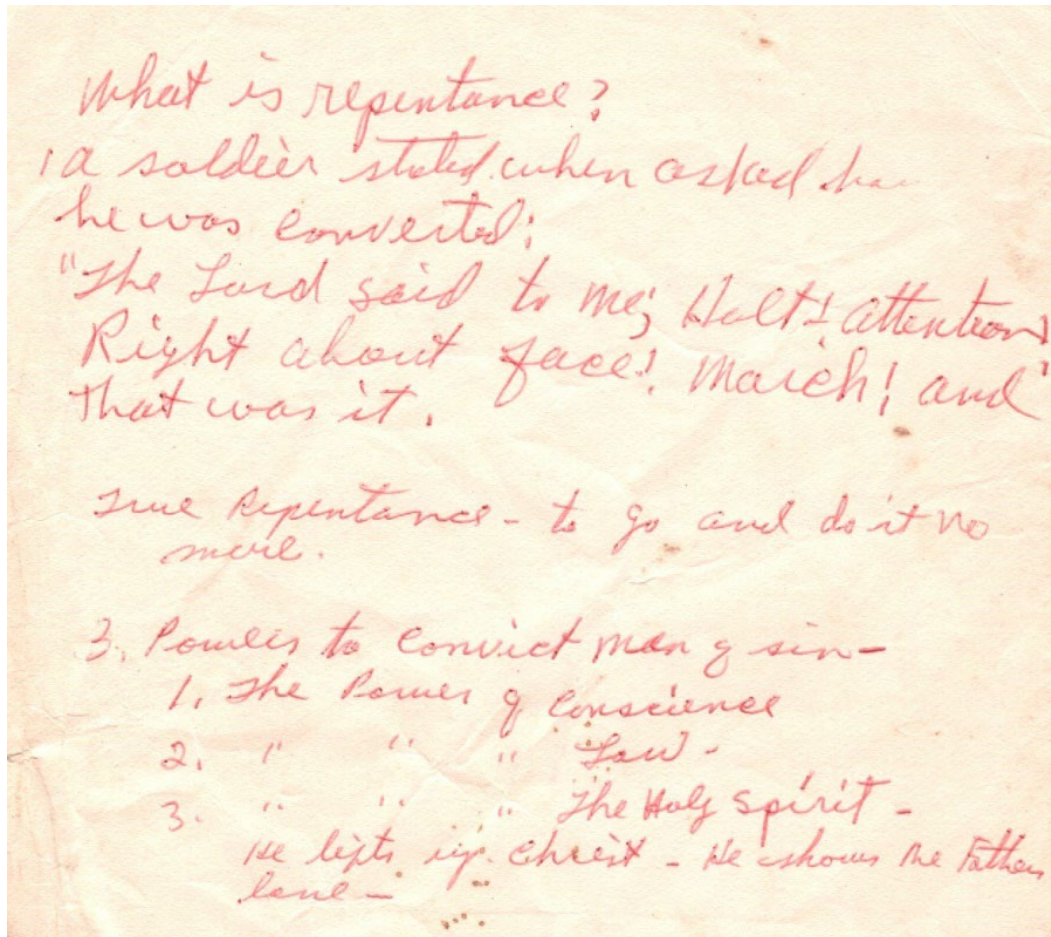
I. Steps leading to salvation

1. You need a Savior. You must realize that you need a Savior (My own experience) **[ NOTE: At this point my father would have shared his own conversion experience—at age eighteen.]**
2. You cannot save yourself
3. Jesus has already provided for your salvation

II. Your part

1. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ
2. Repent
3. Confess sins to Jesus  
Confess Him before men
4. Obey His command





What is repentance?

1. A soldier stated when asked if he was converted. "The Lord said to me. Halt! Attention! Right about face! March!" And, that was it.
2. True repentance (is) to go and do it no more.
3. Power to convict man of sin
  - 1) The power of conscience
  - 2) The power of Law
  - 3) The power of the Holy Spirit  
He lifts up Christ; He shows the Father, love.

Reaching the lost for Christ

1. The lost in our churches
2. The lost outside of the church -
3. This great Revival should begin in my heart and yours -
4. The church must be the church -
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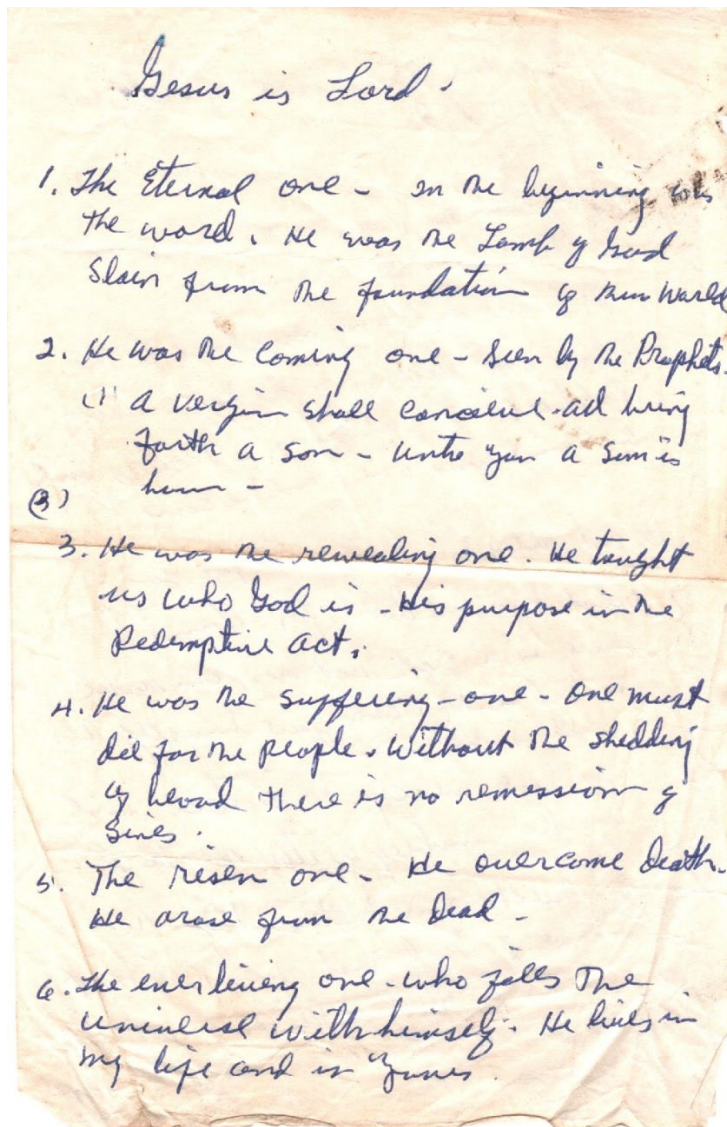
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## Jesus is Lord

1. The Eternal One—In the beginning was the Word. He was the Lamb of God; slain from the foundation of the world.
2. He was the Coming One—seen by the prophets  
“A virgin shall conceive, and bring forth a son—unto you a son is born”
3. He was the Revealing One. He taught us who God is—His purpose in the Redemptive Act.
4. He was the Suffering One. One must die for the people. “Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.”
5. The Risen One. He overcame death. He arose from the dead.
6. The Ever Living One—who fills the universe with himself. He lives in my life, and in yours.



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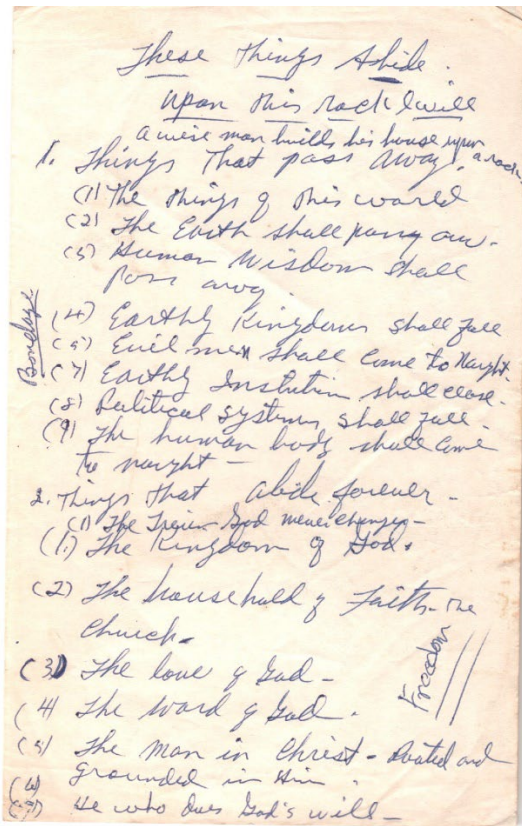
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These Things Abide -- Upon this rock, I will (build). A wise man builds his house upon a rock.

1. Things that pass away
  - 1) The things of this world
  - 2) The earth shall pass on
  - 3) Human wisdom shall pass away
  - 4) Earthly kingdoms shall pass
  - 5) Evil men shall come to naught
  - 6) Earthly instruction shall cease
  - 7) Political systems shall fail
  - 8) The human body shall come to naught
2. Things that abide forever. The Triune (Father; Son; Holy Spirit) never changes
  - 1) The Kingdom of God
  - 2) The household of Faith—the Church
  - 3) The love of God
  - 4) The word of God
  - 5) The man in Christ—rooted and grounded in Him
  - 6) He who does God's will

# What is a Christian? scripture

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we may have friends + status  
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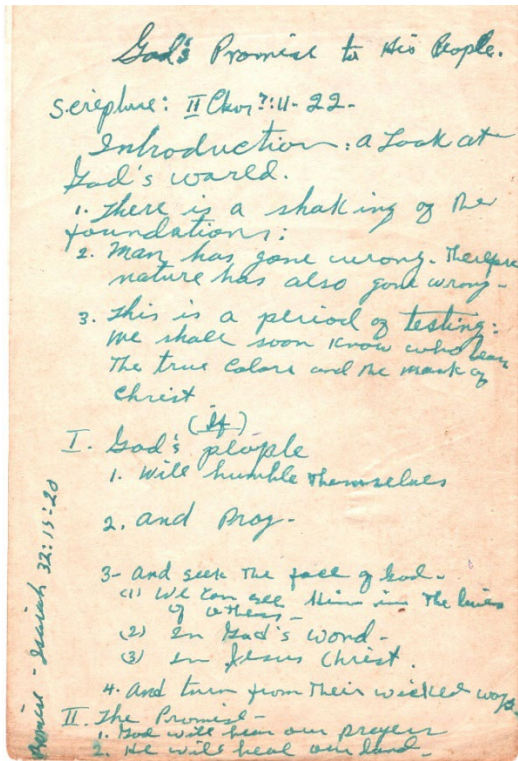
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## God's Promise to His People

Scripture: II Chronicles 7: 11-22

Introduction: A look at God's world

1. There is a shaking of the foundations
2. Man has gone wrong. Therefore, nature has also gone wrong.
3. This is a period of testing; We shall soon know who bears the true colors, and the mark of Christ.

### I. God's principle: (IF)

1. Will humble themselves
2. And pray
3. And seek the face of God
  - 1) We can see Him in the lives of others
  - 2) In God's Word
  - 3) In Jesus Christ
4. And turn from their wicked ways

### II. The Promise

1. God will hear our prayers
2. He will heal our land

Promise: Isaiah 32: 15-20



## The Life that God can Use

### " World Redeemers "

1. Introduction: Man has always found the God he Longed for. God has always found the man he needs.
2. This is a world that is sunk in shame a people whofaint and tire.
3. This world needs redeemers.
  - (1). In the fields of politics, Eeconomics. Education, Religion.
4. Men whom God used. Or the world's great redeemers.
  - (1). Noah  
He was called upon to save all life from pershing. He was asked to build an ark Of hope. Whatever Ark we build now will have to be large enough to save the human race.
  - (2). Abraham:  
God called Abraham to give birth and direction to ~~an~~ new nation.
  - (3). Mosheph: called upon to redeem his nation (people) from starvation. Had not been for him the human family would have perished of hunger fromthe human earth.
  - (4). Moses. God called Moses to lead the people out of Egyptian bondage andto give a moral code of laws for the direction of his people
  - (5). Joshua: Called to save God's people from a wilderness wanderings to a land they could call their home.



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(NOTE: This is a duplicate of page 129)



*Life's great drama*  
"The Mighty Acts Of God"

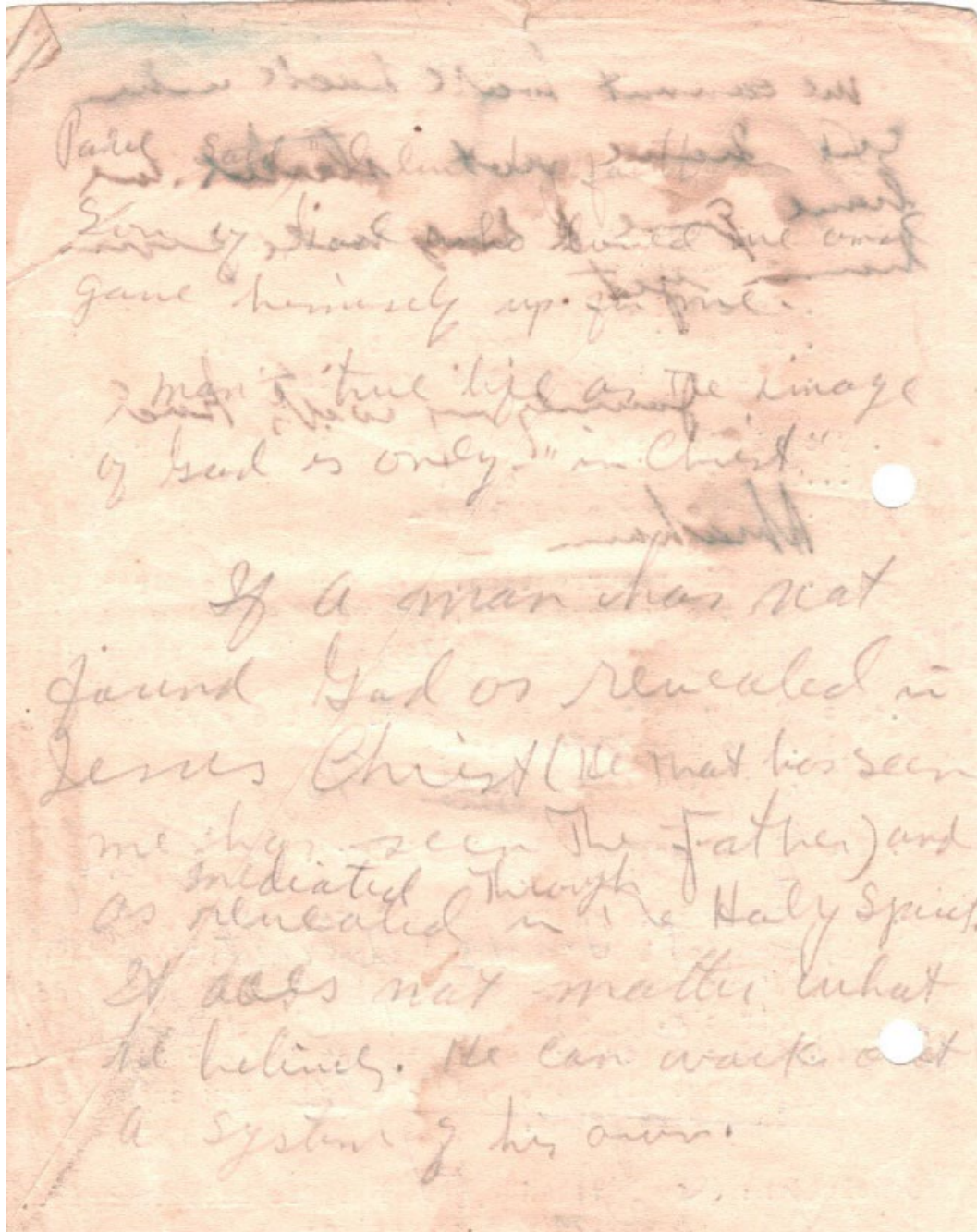
Scripture John 14, 1954

1. The mighty acts of God as seen in the Old Testament.
  1. In Creation
  2. In calling Abraham
  3. In Leading His people out of Egypt.
  4. His dealing with the prophets.
  
2. The mighty acts of God as seen in Jesus Christ.
  - (1). In the birth of Jesus.
  - (2). In the works of Jesus - *By His death*
  - (3). In His death
  - (4). In His resurrection. He became the first fruit of the resurrection. And we who follow Him in baptism shall also follow Him in His resurrection.
  
3. The Mighty Acts of God as seen in the early Church.
  - (1). The day of Pentacost
  - (2). In the life of Paul
  
4. The Mighty Acts of God in History.
  
5. The mighty acts of God in my life.
  - (1) When God takes a poor ignorant sinful boy like I was and bring me to this day. It is a modern Miracle.
  - (2). God can perform a mighty act in your life if has not already, and make you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Conclusion: You have an opportunity to accept Christ today if you so desire.

1. If the Christian Faith is not accepted voluntarily, What is accepted is not really Christianity.
2. This is a time for many of you young men who have accepted Jesus to go all the way with Him.
3. I urge you today to accept Him as the perfect and allsufficient one. / One.





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Man's true life as the image of God is only in Christ.

If a man has not found God as revealed in Jesus Christ ("He that has seen me has seen the Father"), and as revealed through the Holy Spirit, it does not matter what he believes. He can (only) work out a system of his own.

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 home yet.

Journeying with God  
 Abraham -

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2. Diaries 6d
3. Adult S.S. 3/0
4. Children S.S. 1/6
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6. Children T.U. (Eng) 1/0
7. Eng. T.U. 1/6
8. Daily 4/

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Journeying with God—Abraham

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3. Adult Sunday School 3/0
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5. Training Union 1/6 Adult (English and Yoruba)
6. Children Training Union (English) 1/0
7. Daily (?) 4/

**NOTE:** The above notes seem to be related to literature, with West African currency (shillings & pence)



2.3. What will it cost a person to be a believer.

. It means the denial of oneself. It means the giving up of everything that would hinder us from following Jesus.

4. It might mean suffering and hardships in this world.

#### HOW DOES ONE BECOME A BELIEVER

1. Be Faith in Jesus Christ
2. Acceptance: Receive the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Repentance: Turn away from the old way of life John the Baptist preached repentance, Jesus preached repentance, Peter preached it. The church has preached it from the beginning.
4. Surrender. Our wills must be surrendered to Him.
5. We must walk in the newness of life.

#### After one becomes a believer, what is the next Step,

1. Church Membership
  - (1). Baptism. Matt. 3:13-17; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38
  - (2) The Lord's Supper Matt: 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:23-36

#### 2. Church membership

- (1). We become part of the people of God
- (2). The importance of such an act.
- (3). The responsibility of such an act.

#### The\*work\*of\*the\*church

1. 1. To strengthen the souls of men and women and to build up the church.
2. To preach the gospel to the lost.
- 3 The church is a place where men go to worship God as a group. To sing hymns, to study God's Word. To fellowship with God's people. To bring our offerings, and to pray.

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**[Personal Note (John David McGee): My father considered himself a "moderate;" avoiding "extremes," so to speak. The date of this note is uncertain; however, it refers to the "push-and-pull" that is always present from the "competition" between groups with their own preferred opinions/methods of "interpretation." Since the middle 1970s, the Southern Baptist Convention (U.S.) has suffered from this kind of "splintering." The current situation (of religion and politics) in the U.S. (2024) has been well explained by Jim Wallis, in his recent book, "The False White Gospel," copies of which are available in the libraries of the Baptist seminaries (3), and Colleges of Theology (5) in Nigeria.]**

Gal.  
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Galatians, Chapter 1 (?)

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**[Personal Note (John David McGee): An example of my dad's sarcasm!]**



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Motivation for Missions

I Global Missions -

II The five fingers of Missions -  
 (1) Local - (2) Assn) (3) State - (4) Home  
 (5) - foreign

III We can be Negative or Positive

IV The hinderance to The Progress  
 of Missions -  
 (1) Apathy on our part  
 (2) Anti-Americanism  
 (3) Rank Nationalism

V Things That motivate us -  
 (1) To Give  
 (2) To Pray  
 (3) To go

VI We say we believe The Bible  
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## Motivation for Missions

- I. Global Missions
- II. The five "fingers" of missions: 1) Local; 2) Association; 3) State; 4) Home; 5) Foreign
- III. We can be "negative" or "positive"
- IV. The hindrance to the progress of Missions
  - 1) Apathy—on our part
  - 2) Anti-Americanism
  - 3) Rank "nationalism"
- V. Things that motivate us
  - 1) To give
  - 2) To pray
  - 3) To go
- VI. We say we believe the Bible. Why do we not go by it?

105th.  
ANNUAL SESSION  
CAROLINA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



"The World at Our Doorstep . . .  
Our OPPORTUNITY"

NOTE: My mother and Dad were both very involved in the Carolina Baptist Association (located in Western North Carolina, where they lived during retirement), from the beginning of their return from Nigeria for their retirement (July, 1977).



MOUNTAIN HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

PROGRAM

THEME: THE WORLD AT OUR DOORSTEP . . . . OUR OPPORTUNITY

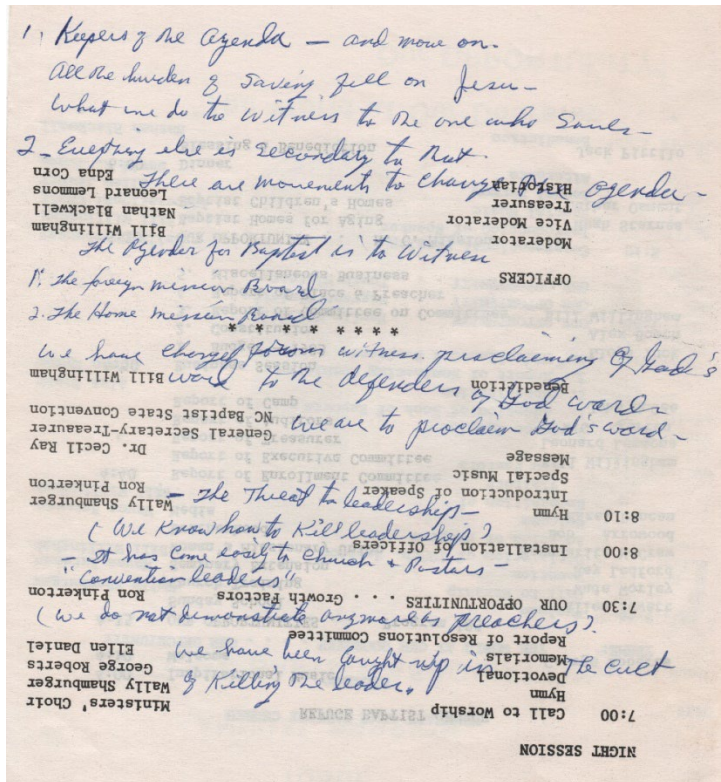
7:00	Prelude	Wally Shamburger
	Call to Worship	Wayne Bateman
	Devotion	Bill Willingham
	Declaration of 105th. Session	
	Adoption of Program	
	Welcome	Wayne Bateman
	Recognition of	Bill Willingham
	Visitors	
	New Pastors	
7:20	Business Session	
	1. Adoption of Book of Reports	
	2. Constitution	Alex Booth
	3. Report of Nominating Committee	John Rymer
	4. Miscellaneous Business	
7:40	OUR OPPORTUNITY . . . Family Ministry	
	OUR OPPORTUNITY . . . Migrant Ministry	
	OUR OPPORTUNITY . . . Youth Ministry	
8:10	Congregational Singing	Wally Shamburger
	Introduction of Speaker	Bill Willingham
	Special Music	Associational Choir
	Annual Sermon	Allen Jewett
	Alternate	David A. Jones
	Benediction	Nathan Blackwell

REFUGE BAPTIST CHURCH

4:00	Inspirational Music	
4:10	Welcome	George Roberts
4:15	OUR OPPORTUNITIES . . . Program '83	
	Sunday School	Allen Jewett
	Church Training	Wade Worley
	Seminary Extension	Ray Ledford
	Woman's Missionary Union	Margarite McCraw
	Brotherhood	Bob Arrowood
	Media	Hazel Duncan
4:40	Report of Enrollment Committee	Bill Willingham
	Report of Executive Committee	Leonard Lemmons
	Report of Treasurer	W.G. Egerton
	Report of Auditors	John McGee
	Report of Camp	
4:50	Business Session	
	1. Budget - 1983	Lloyd Tuck
	2. Constitution	Alex Booth
	3. Report of Committee on Committees	Bill Willingham
	4. Report of Place & Preacher	
	5. Miscellaneous Business	
5:30	OUR OPPORTUNITY . . . N. C. Missions	
	Baptist Homes for Aging	Hugh Starnes
	Baptist Children's Homes	Luther Osment
6:00	Dinner	
	Blessing & Benediction	Jack Pittilo

NOTE: Regarding the "Report of Camp," for several years my Dad was particularly active in helping to upgrade/improve the camp owned by the Association. He and my mother purchased part of the property, simply to help fund the needed repairs and improvements, along with working on the many projects involved with doing that. (See the last item, under "4:40.")





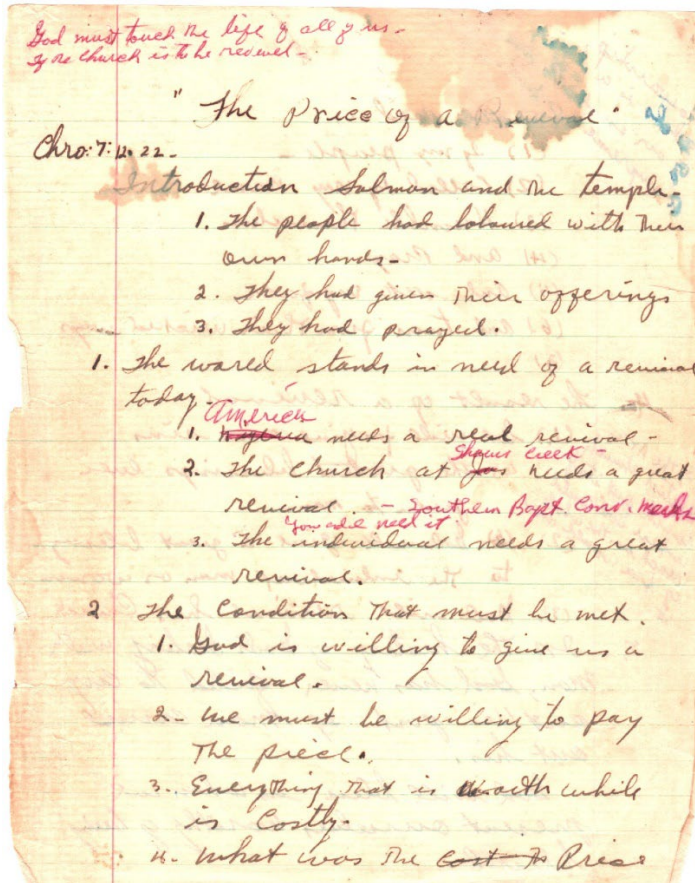
NOTE: On the back of this bulletin, are some notes that my dad wrote, probably during the service itself.

1. Keepers of the agenda—and move on  
 All the burden of saving fell on Jesus  
 What we do to witness to the One who sends
2. Everything is secondary to that  
 There are moments to change the agenda  
 The agenda for Baptists is to witness
  - 1) The Foreign Mission Board
  - 2) The Home Mission Board

We have changed from witness proclaiming of God's Word, to the defenders of God's Word.  
 We are to proclaim God's Word.

The threat to leadership  
 (We know how to kill leadership)  
 It has come easily to churches and pastors (and Convention leaders)  
 We do not demonstrate anymore as preachers!  
 We have been caught up in the cult of killing the leader.





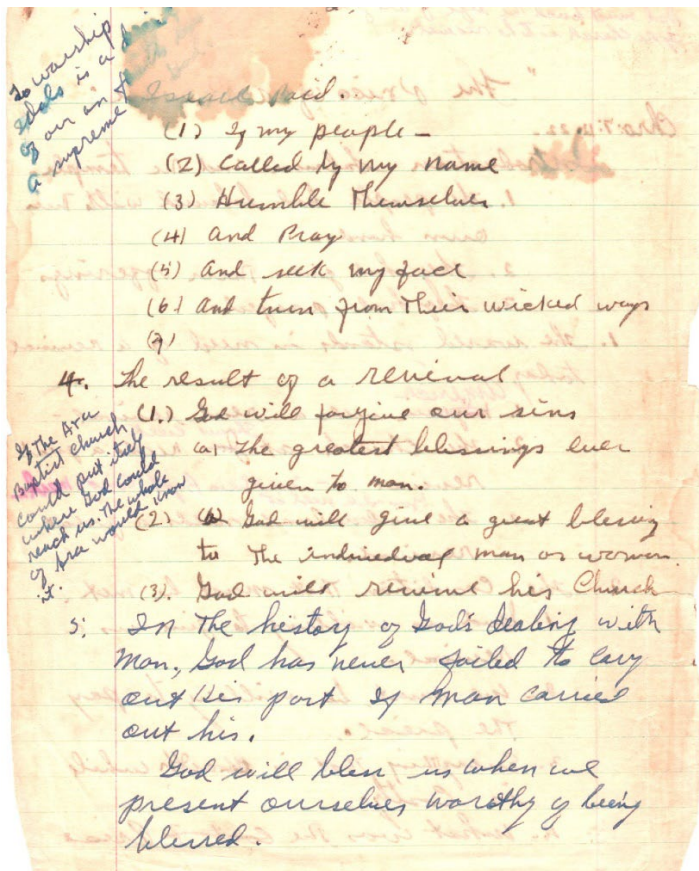
God must touch the life of all of us, if the church is to be revived.

### "The Price of a Revival"

II Chronicles 7:12-22

Introduction: Soloman and the Temple

1. The people had labored with their own hands
2. They had given their offerings
3. They had prayed.
1. The world stands in need of a revival today
  - 1) America needs a real revival
  - 2) The church at Shaws Creek needs a great revival. Southern Baptist Convention needs it.
  - 3) The individual needs a great revival (you and I need it)
2. The condition that must be met:
  - 1) God is willing to give us a revival
  - 2) We must be willing to pay the price
  - 3) Everything that is worthwhile is costly
  - 4) What was the price?



Isaiah said:

- 1) If my people
- 2) Called by my name
- 3) Humble themselves
- 4) And pray
- 5) And seek my face
- 6) And turn from their wicked ways

The result of a revival:

- 1) God will forgive our sins
  - a) The greatest blessings ever given to man
  - b) God will give a great blessing to the individual man or woman
  - c) God will revive His Church

In the history of God's dealing with man, God has never failed to carry out His part, if man carried out his.

God will bless us when we present ourselves worthy of being blessed.

(NOTE: In the "margin:" "If the Ara Baptist Church could put itself where God could reach us, the whole of Ara would know it.")



*New men in Christ -*

On Being Born Again  
"New Creatures in Christ Jesus"

*Renewed creature in Christ*

Scripture Reading Jno. 3:1-18

*An example of spiritual blindness*

Introduction:

- 1 Nicodemus came to Jesus by night.
2. Why? We do not know.
3. Why?? He was an honest seeker of truth.
4. He was a man who knew biological science.

I. Jesus sets forth the plan of redemption.

1. Jesus would not argue with Nicodemus. He knew his deepest need.
2. Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as one who had come from God. For no man could such miracles as he did except he come from God.
3. Jesus knew that Nicodemus was a religious man.
  - (1). He liked one thing
  - (2). He was still in the flesh
4. This earthly Kingdom is an earthly Kingdom.
  - (1). Every living thing has a fleshly birth. The only way we can get into this world is to be born into it.
  - (2). Man is essentially a spiritual being.
    - a. Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God.
    - b. The only way to get into the kingdom of God is to be born into it.
    - c. From Adam to Christ man looked for a redeemer.
    - d. Because flesh and blood could not inherit the kingdom of God.

II. Nicodemus like every thinking man asked the question, how can these things be?

1. Jesus sets forth the plan of redemption.
2. He relates to Nicodemus the story of the Cross in the wilderness.
  - (1). Man was sick, he had been bitten by a venomous serpent.
  - (2). When he gazed upon the serpent, he was healed.



3. Jesus said even so if the son of man be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto himself.

III. Then came the greatest and clearest words ever spoken.

1. If we had no other Bible, this would be sufficient.

2. God so loved the world

(1). That he gave his greatest gift.

(2). Men who have received this gift have lived and died in peace.

(3). Why, That whosoever believes in Him, might not perish, but have eternal life.

(4). But say I do not believe, then to you the message has been given.

(5). To believe in Christ is to throw one's self upon Him.

3. There will be no judgement for those who are in Christ. They who believe in Him are not judged, because they have believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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(2). No other man who ever lived has claimed to do such a thing.

4. The plight of those who refuse to accept Him.

(1). Man without Christ stands condemned before God.

(2). Life outside of Christ has no beginning nor does it have an end.

(3). Every man with Christ will march of the stage of this life with honors.

Conclusion: Quote the Song " A Ruler once came to Jesus by night. No. 366

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" The Power of God's Word"

1. Hebrews 4:12
2. Psalm 119: 9 : 105
3. Romans 1:16

Introduction: The Bible Should have its rightful place in our hearts.

1. It is not to be used as a charm ; 2 a juju ; a fetish.
2. Beyond its sacred page I seek thee Lord my spirit pants for the O living Word.

I. Our redemption is made know through it.

1. It is the cradle in which Jesus can be found.
2. He is our redemption; every road that does not lead to him is a dead end road.
3. Ripley's stairs that lead up to a blank wall.
4. Romans 1:16. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.
5. Apart from the Scriptures man could never find God.
6. No pagan religion has ever given a true concept of God.

II. Our lives are ordered by it.

Psalms 119:9-11; 105

1. The lives of great men and women have been ordered by it.
2. It inspires men to greatness.
- 3/ There are some in the world who would discredit its worth. And laugh at it when it is mentioned.
4. Dr. McCay of Frenston: *we try to lay no price - destiny in church + the N.T.*
5. The Anvil of God's Word:

III. Our Destany is revealed by it.

1. Our minds are illumined by the power of God's word and we are delivered by the power of His love.
2. Life after Death has been decreed by God's word.
3. Jesus taught us **much** about life after this life.
4. There is no reason why we should walk through the halls of the hospitals in subdued silence because we do not know the language of death.
- 5/ Everything is recorded in God's word that we need to know about life after death.

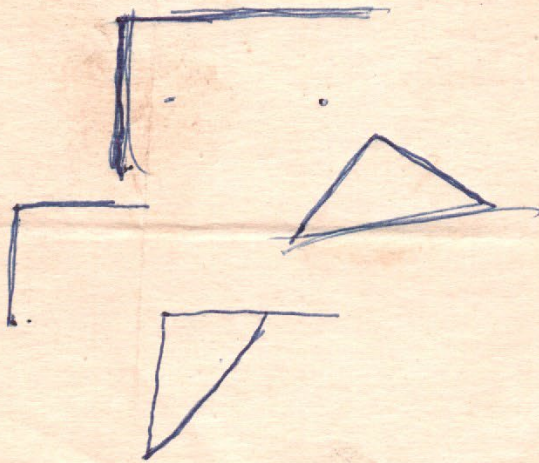
Conclusion: The Word of God is our sufficient guide; we need nothing else to order our lives. People who know the New Testament are not always confused in their faith. The New Testament produces a profound faith in God.



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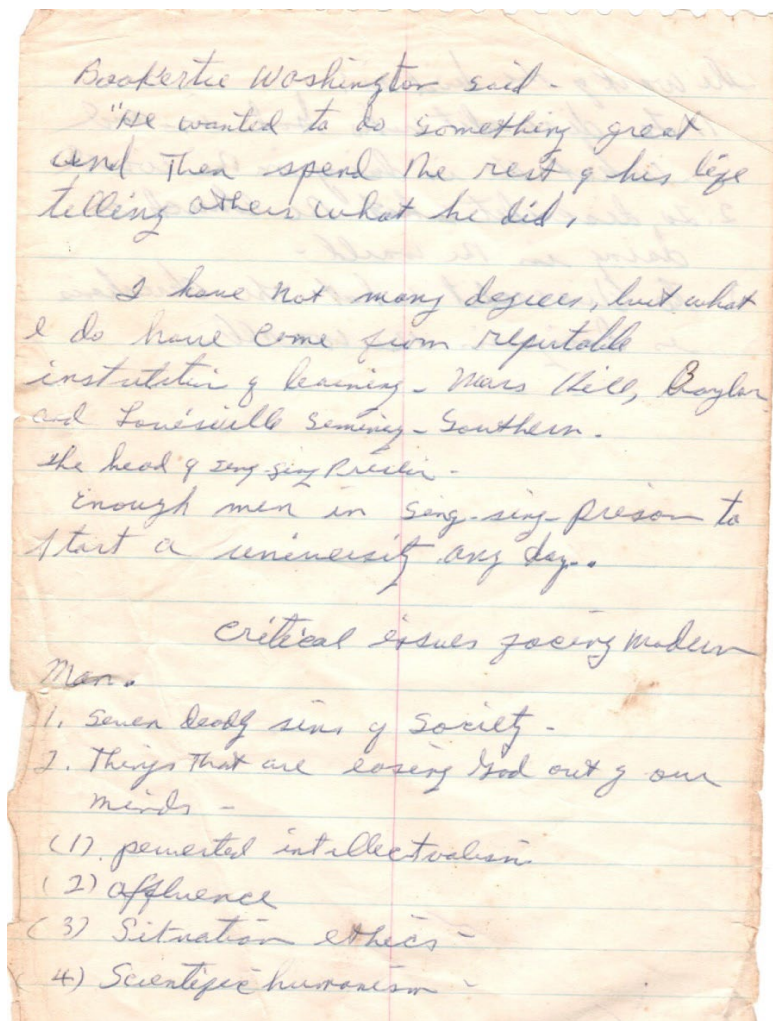
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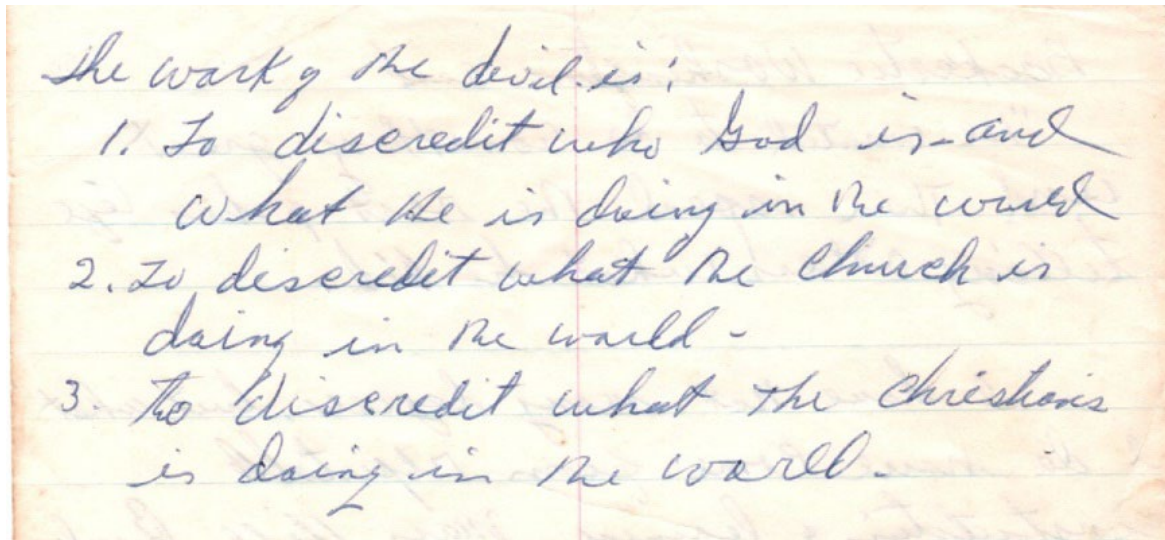
"He wanted to do something great, and then spend the rest of his life telling others what he did."

I have not many degrees, but what I do have come from reputable institutions of learning—Mars Hill (College); Baylor (University); and Louisville Seminary (Southern Baptist Theological Seminary).

The head of "Sing-Sing Prison (San Francisco, California) (said): There are enough men in Sing-Sing Prison to start a university any day.

Critical issues facing modern man:

1. Seven deadly sins of society
2. Things that are easing God out of our minds
  - 1) Perverted intellectualism
  - 2) Affluence
  - 3) Situation Ethics
  - 4) Scientific humanism



The work of the devil is:

1. To discredit who God is—and what He is doing in the world
2. To discredit what the Church is doing in the world
3. To discredit what the Christians are doing in the world



"For Such a time as this"

Into: I find in Jesus as I have mirrored him in the scriptures for the past 35 years:

1. A good man

As I have searched the prophets and the Gospels and other writings, I find no flaw in Him.

2. We find several photographs Jesus in the Old and new testaments.

Matt. 12: 19-21 Isaiah 53. Luke 4:18-19

(H) He makes good men of you and me.  
He takes bad men and makes them good  
He takes good men and makes them better.

Francis of Assisi...

(1). Jesus not only taught forgiveness, he forgave. He not only taught love, he loved.

II. Jesus was a compassionate man.

1. He looked upon the multitudes and had compassion on them.
2. He sat over beyond Jerusalem and cried aloud.
3. He had compassion for all mankind.
4. He gives us compassion for all peoples  
He enlarges our capacity for compassion and love
4. It is out of this compassion that moves us when we see humanity suffer.
5. Our world needs compassion

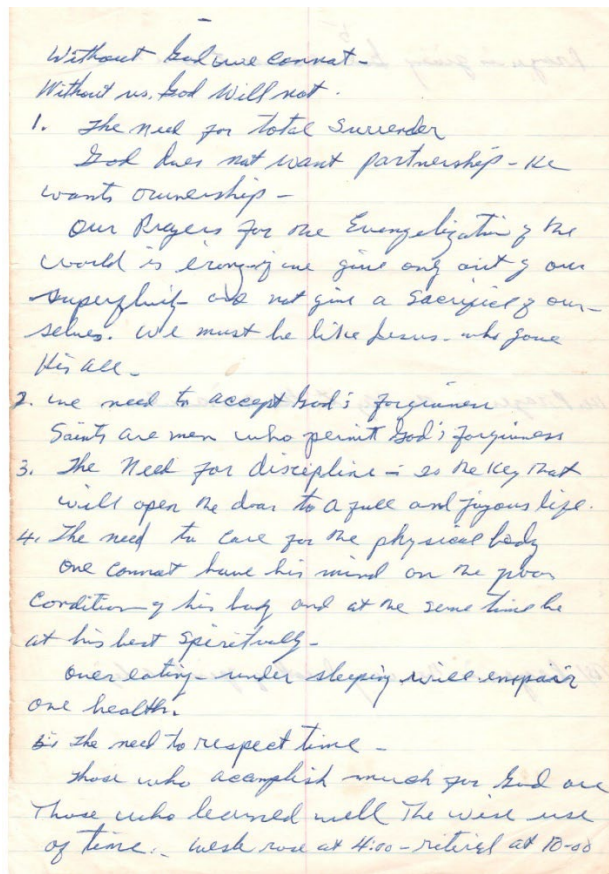
III. Jesus was a universal man.

1. We must go through Samaria
2. Jesus included in his redemptive plan all of mankind.
3. Jesus produces in you and me a universal man  
We become a part of all mankind

IV. What does all this mean.

1. It means Death To self, to our pride, to our littleness. We must be crushed.
- " We have to be made over to fit his design.

3. We must be born of the spirit. Possessed of the spirit. Filled with the spirit.
4. We may have to be crushed before we can be borned with the spirit.
5. When we have the gift of the Spirit, we have that eternal longing to be like Him and to serve him.
6. We can best serve Him by serving humanity.
7. Once we come to know Jesus, we find ourselves at home in God's universe.
8. This brings to us a sense of contemptment and joy.  
May we let God into our lives now.



Without God, we cannot.

Without us, God will not.

1. The need for total surrender

God does not want partnership—He wants ownership

Our prayers for the evangelization of the world is wrong if we give only out of our superficiality, and (by) not giving a sacrifice of our selves. WE must be like Jesus, who gave His all.

2. WE need to accept God's forgiveness.

Saints are men who permit God's forgiveness.

3. The need for discipline—is the key that will open the door to a full and joyous life.

4. The need to care for the physical body. One cannot have his mind on the poor condition of his body, and at the same time be at his best spiritually.

Over-eating—under-sleeping will impair our health.

5. The need to respect time

Those who accomplish much for God are those who learned well the wise use of time. (?) rose at 4:00—retired at 10:00.



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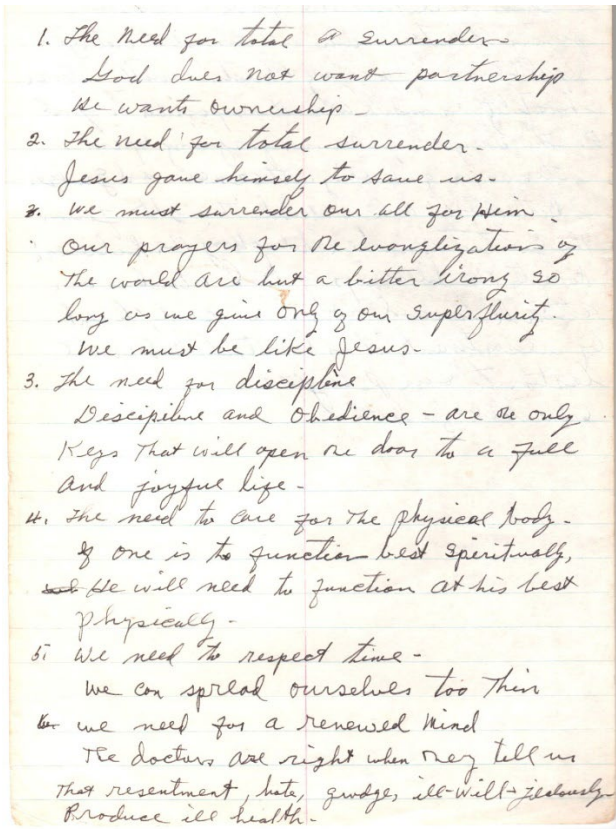
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Discipline and obedience are the only keys that will open the door to a free and joyful life.

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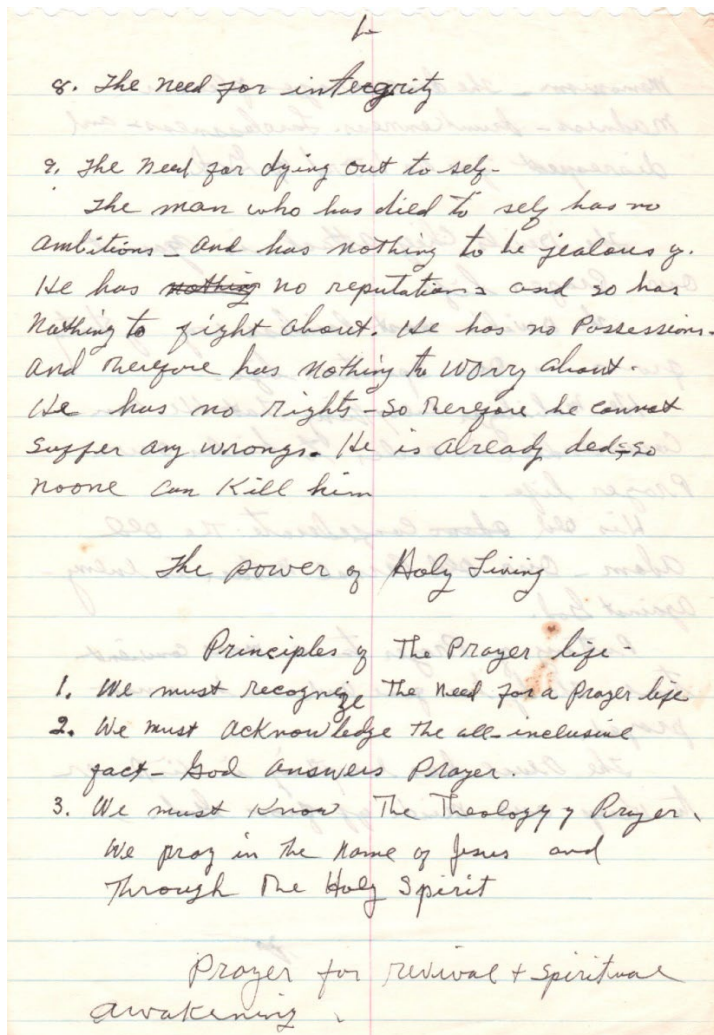
5. We need to respect time.

We can spread ourselves too thin.

6. We need for a renewed mind

The doctors are right when they tell us that resentment; hate; grudges; ill-will; jealousy, produce ill health.





7. The need for integrity

8. The need for dying out to self

The man who has died to self has no ambitions—and has nothing to be jealous of. He has no reputation, and so has nothing to fight about. He has no possessions, and therefore, has nothing to worry about. He has no rights—so therefore, he cannot suffer any wrongs. He is already dead (? “dead to self”), so no one can kill him.

The power of Holy Living

Principles of the prayer life:

1. We must recognize the need for a prayer life
2. We must acknowledge the all-inclusive fact—God answers prayer.
3. We must know the theology of prayer. We pray in the name of Jesus and through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer for revival and spiritual awakening.

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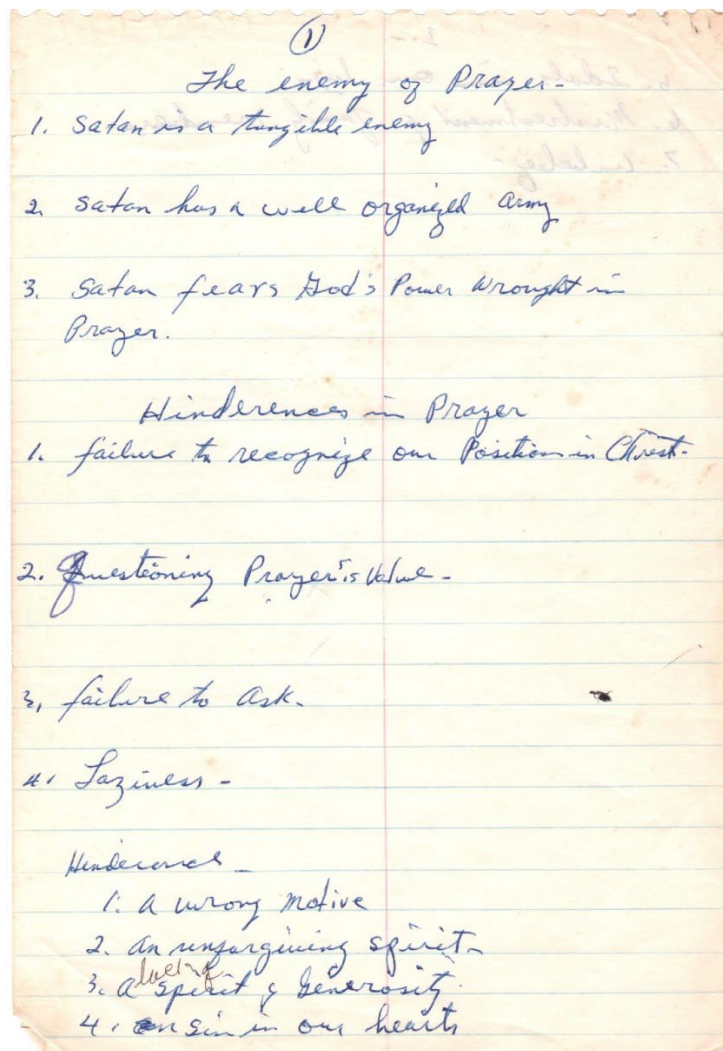
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3. Failure to ask
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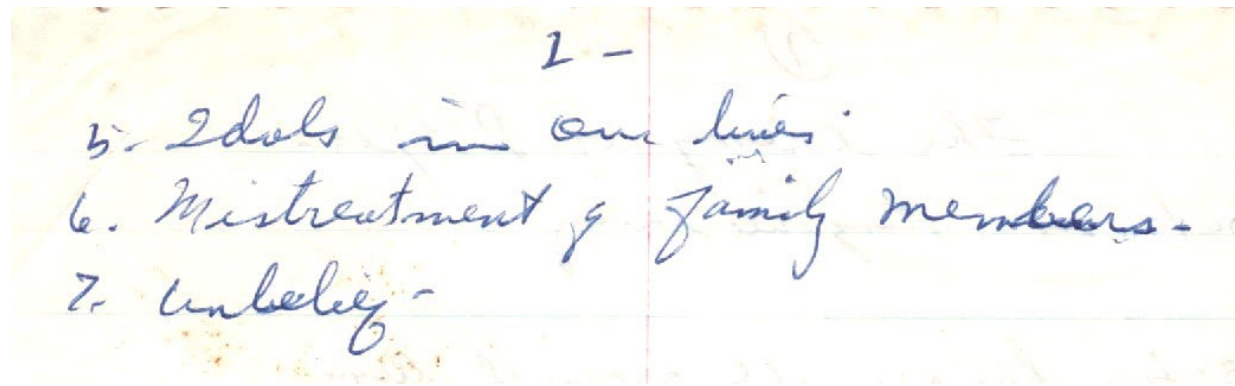
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Idols in our lives

Mistreatment of family members

Unbelief

where do we start with prayer?  
We start with the awareness of the  
Presence of God in our lives -

"Behold I stand at the door and  
knock. If any man will hear my voice  
and open the door, I will come in to him  
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[Personal Note (John David McGee): ***This was one of my dad's favorite verses.***]



## Spirit Filled Wives

Text: Acts: 2:1-28

" I shall pour out my Spirit upon all Flesh, Young Sons and your daughters shall Prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions.

I. Pentacost and its meaning to the Jews. Spiritual Pentacost; The harvest three thousand souls born into the Kingdom.

1. Jesus as Emanuel before the day of Pentecost.
  1. But the promise of the Father was a "Paraclyte" Comforter.
  2. Jesus said, In that day you shall know that I am in the Father and you in me and I in you.
  3. The Holy Spirit had manifested himself in the Old Testament in many ways.
    - a. In the Creation
    - b. In the pillar of cloud and fire that led the Israelites out of the wilderness.
    - c. He closed Himself with men
    - d.
  4. Not until the day of Pentecost did the Holy Spirit come upon all flesh.

II What was the spiritual Pentecost?

1. Its Manifestation.  $\frac{3}{4}$  Symbolic- wind- In the Old Testament wind represented the presence of God. and fire cleansing. This was God's manifestation that the holy Spirit was upon the church of God.
2. Results: The disciples were filled with the Spirit.
  - a. They spake in tongues
  - b. Peter preached his sermon...The Spirit of God who had come with the sound and symbol of fore and wind, turned this cringing fearful man of seven weeks ago into a prophet, and apostle, and evangelist of the new age. and made him victorious in the delivering his first message. Which resulted in the salvation of three thousand souls.
  - b. Seven weeks before Peter was on the other side of Pentecost. Jesus was emanuel to him and had not infused himself into him.



3. From this time until the close of the apostolic era the church was militant and marched forward to conquer the world. Someone has said that the church was taken out of the hands of the Holy Spirit and put into the hands of the bishops. God's preachers began to confine themselves with the futility of the churches and sent the deacons out to preach the gospel.
4. For nearly two thousand years now the church has been without the recognition of the Holy Spirit of this power. Until a church receives this power, it is dead. The Christian Messenger must know by experience or he cannot preach with power.
5. Many of us are spending our time on dead issues. We do not have this power.
6. We shall never have victorious lives until we are filled with the spirit. I baptize you with water, but there stands one among you who shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.
7. Paul says be ye drunken with the spirit and not with wine.
8. I have never known a church and very few individuals who manifested this power. Perhaps one.
- 9.

III. What can we do to receive the infilling?

1. Every Christian has the Spirit of God, but not all have the manifestation of it.
2. Illustration...Gloves
3. Pipe line..that led to the city
4. He that does the will of God.
5. He that has His commandments and keepeth them
6. God grant to us the courage to seek his best for us-- to be in union with him..to receive of him and give out what we have received.

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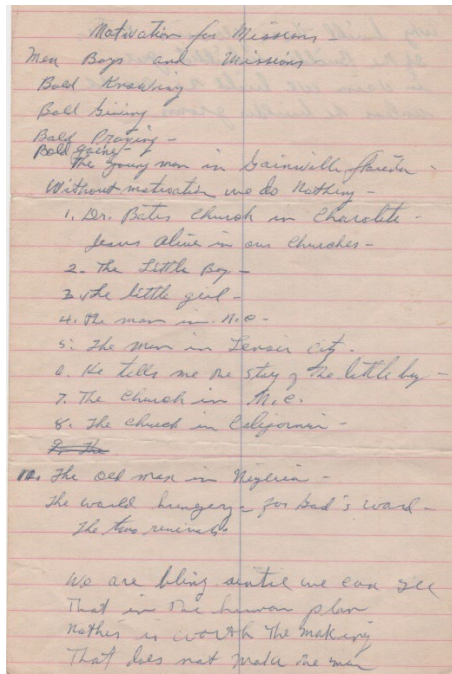
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Motivation for Missions  
Men, Boys and Missions  
Bold knowing  
Bold giving  
Bold praying  
Bold going

The young man in Gainsville (?) Without motivation, we do nothing.

1. Dr. Bates's church in Charlotte (1<sup>st</sup> Baptist) -- Jesus alive in our churches
2. The little Boy
3. The little girl
4. The man in North Carolina
5. The man in Lenoir City (N.C.)
6. He tells me the story of the little boy
7. The church in North Carolina
8. The church in California
9. The old man in Nigeria

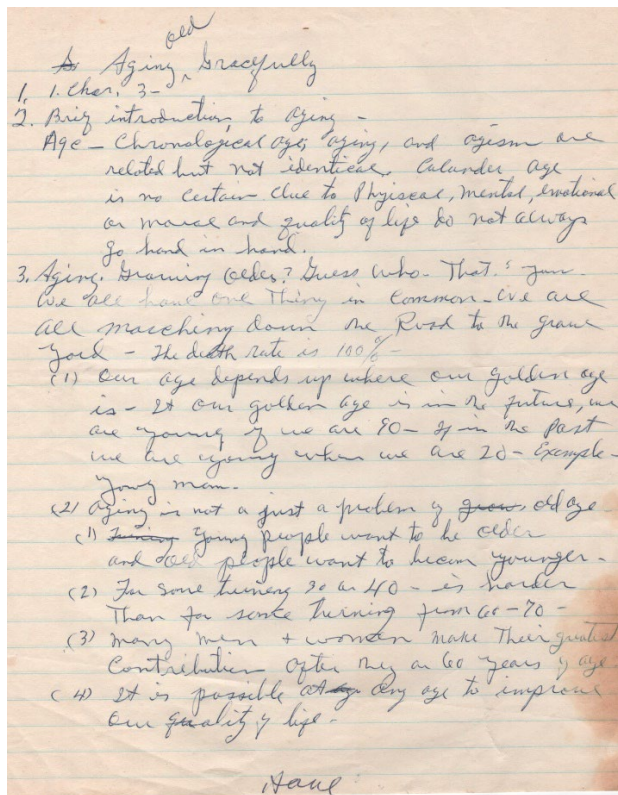
The world hungry for God's word.

The two revivals

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## Aging Old, Gracefully

### 1. I Corinthians 3

### 2. Brief introduction to aging

Age: Chronological age; aging; and agism are related, but not identical.

Calendar age is no certain clue to physical; mental; emotional or moral and quality of life; do not always go hand-in-hand.

### 3. Aging: Growing older? Guess who? We all have one thing in common. We are all marching down the road to the graveyard. The death rate is 100 percent.

1) Our age depends upon where our golden age is. If our golden age is in the future, we are young, if we are 90. If in the past, we are young when we are 20. Example: young men.

2) Aging is not just a problem of old age

1) Young people want to be older, and old people want to become younger.

2) For some turning 30 or 40, is harder than for some turning from 60—70.

3) Many men and women make their greatest contribution after they are 60 years of age.

4) It is possible at any age to improve our quality of life.



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