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TO YOU WHO BELIEVE, THIS STONE IS PRECIOUS · 1 PETER 2:7

First Peter 1:4 declares that all believers have an inheritance reserved for them in heaven, an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and that does not fade away. For many, the thought is that we will not realize this inheritance until we get to glory. Perhaps this sentiment has been perpetuated by the words of the hymn that reads: "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye, to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie." Unfortunately, it conveys the idea that somewhere—out there—are my spiritual possessions and one day I will enter into the good of them when I cross over to Glory. Yet in Ephesians 1:11 we clearly read that we have "obtained an inheritance" (past tense). What this declares is that in Christ, I presently have an abundance of blessings, an overflow of spiritual resources that are mine now to assist me in my walk with Christ. It is mine because I am an heir of God and co-heir with Christ. I have been adopted into the family of God with all rights and privileges and am accepted in the Beloved. "For all things are yours... and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Cor. 3:21-23). In other words, I do not have to wait till the by and by before I can appreciate at least in measure that which is mine in Christ. Indeed, the fulness of that inheritance will take place when I see the Man in the Glory, when faith will give way to sight and when I shall know even as I am also known. But until that Day, I will have to fight the good fight, run the course that God has set for me, and keep the faith as it has been delivered to us in His precious Word.

Missing the Forest for the Trees?

One of many blessings in that spiritual benefit package includes the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Not an influence but a vital member of the Triune Godhead, the Holy Spirit's work is to call to remembrance the things of Christ, to take what is of His and declare it to us. The Spirit opens the unfathomable riches of Christ and gives us an understanding of God's Word—that which is closed to the natural man—and reveals these truths to the heirs of salvation. To cap it off, He seals us till the day of redemption, forever securing our eternal destiny. There is so much more, but just this is tremendous in itself—what an inheritance is ours!


As a young Christian, someone once handed me a bumper sticker that read: "The Christian's retirement benefits are out of this world!" I proudly displayed that sticker on my first car until the bumper fell off. Unlike my car, it reminded me of a future day of reward and glory. In retrospect, however I do wonder if many believers like me can be guilty of looking down the road and missing the forest for the trees. Are we missing the enjoyment of what is available right now instead of enjoying and entering into the privileges that we have in Christ? Are we "casting a wishful eye" and gazing off into the spiritual distance without realizing what lies at our feet to help us on with our walk with the Lord?

Out on A Limb?

I once heard a preacher say that due to extreme (and often biblically inaccurate) teaching regarding the ministry of the

Spirit, many Christians do not take full advantage of His ministry in their lives. They are so worried about being tagged as a fanatical that they "fail to go up the tree," much less "go out on a limb" for the Lord. Yet a simple check in the Scriptures, shows that the Lord's people were fully aware of the activity of the Spirit in their daily lives. In Luke 2:25-27, the Holy Spirit is seen coming upon Simeon as he was in the temple. Afterwards, the Spirit revealed to him that he would not die before he saw the Lord's Christ. With that, Simeon made the profound declaration of the Gospel message. Simeon was very much aware of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in his life at that moment. How aware are we of the active ministry of the Holy Spirit, of His leading in our life on a moment-by-moment basis? The next time that someone comes to your mind as you are busy in the middle of your regular schedule, perhaps it is the moment that you should take a moment to pray, call, send an email or jot a quick note and send it to the brother or sister who needs a word of encouragement. My mother is in Glory now and has been for just over two years. A year or two before her home call, she had taken sick and had to be hospitalized. One night, as I was working at my desk during this time, I had a very strong impression to pray for her. The time was around 7:30PM. I was busy with a pile of desk work but regardless, I paused to pray since this impression was so strong. There were no voices, no vision, no wind—just an impression in my heart to pray right then and there for her. The next day, when I visited her in the hospital, I bumped into the night nurse, who related to me that a serious medical issue took place with my mother the night before. Her sobering comment to me was: "I thought we were going to lose her", to which I replied: "And what time was that?" Her prompt reply was also sobering: "Somewhere around 7:30PM." It made me more aware than ever before that the ministry of the Spirit is very much a reality in the life of the Christian.

Get up that Tree

The leading of the Spirit is perhaps more obvious than we think. But if we are the children of God than we can also be sure that that we will be led by Him since it is the benchmark of true faith. Take it from a person who works hard to organize and to have things "just so" that there always needs to be some latitude for the Spirit to change our course even if it is at the last minute. If we are aware of these things, we will be more in tune with the leading of the Spirit. 



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Spiritual Gift OR Natural Talent?

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant.” So, begins the 12th chapter of Paul’s first epistle to the assembly at Corinth, introducing three chapters of timeless essential ministry for Christians everywhere. With the greatest chapter on motives in the Bible as the centerpiece (Chapter 13), he methodically instructs these dear saints about the true nature of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the proper human spirit with which they are to be exercised.

In just three or four years from this time, Paul would write to the church at Philippi, and provide personal details about his own previous credentials in religious matters. For our purposes here, we are compelled to compare a decidedly human evaluation of abilities, with those abilities with which God enables every believer. It is obvious and tempting to look upon individuals with impressive credentials and above average abilities, and to perhaps wonder: “I wonder what God could do with such a person as this?”

We may need to recall that our God is not at all confined to our smallish peer comparisons and ratings. He is the One Who has chosen the foolish and weak things of this world to confound the wise, mighty, and noble things of our own estimation. And when we look for the reason why, we are left with His one absolute purpose: *“That no flesh should glory in His Presence”* (1 Cor. 1:29). May this be indelibly inked on our minds, hearts and spirits, governing all that we think, say, and do.

We may then ask, of what real value are earth-earned credentials? I will confess to being relieved when I see that the doctor who will be operating on me has certificates of completion on his clinic walls. And I will sleep better knowing that a chartered professional accountant has prepared my income tax return. In things which pertain to Caesar these credentials are necessary. However, can they be of use to God?

Of course, there are material matters of stewardship where practical abilities are quite useful. Having a plumber in fellowship is useful when a washroom needs repairing and having an electrician in the meeting is important when the lights conk out. I also would not mind if there were a nurse or a doctor on hand, if a beloved brother or sister were to keel over suddenly. In spiritual matters, however, these quickly fade to the background.

Primarily listed in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, and Ephesians 4, the gifts of the Spirit which are given to each Christian, are abilities of an altogether different source and sort. In 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 we learn that our God has enabled each believer to do something extraordinary—in the literal sense of the word—to benefit the others in our fellowship. Some of what the passage goes on to say are versions of what we would consider natural talents. He speaks of teachers, healers, and those with significant language skills. We all know people from everyday life with these abilities. However, in the context of the local church these natural abilities are quite different from spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are abilities that come from God Himself, not from an education degree, medical school, or Dale Carnegie course. And they are typically given to those who seem the least necessary and the feeblest, so that—at the risk of being redundant—no flesh should glory in His Presence.


There are two hazards related to this, which can affect all of us. First off, there can be a tendency to put highly-educated saints on a pedestal of sorts, somehow thinking that their PHD, CPA, or P.Eng designation makes them a more capable asset to the assembly than others. We see this propensity manifested at Lystra (Acts 14:6-18) where the locals attempted to deify Paul and Barnabas because of the works they had witnessed. And we see the immediate reaction of these two faithful servants, to denounce passionately and forcefully what they were doing, and to correct their assumptions.

Paul’s treatise in Philippians 3 gives us a second angle. The apostle’s own credentials from his life as a Pharisee were indeed impressive. It would be understandable for anyone to think that such a person would be quite useful to God. He was well-versed in the Scriptures, accustomed to leadership, an apt teacher, and a devoted follower of what he believed to be God’s will. Anyone might think these things were useful. Anyone but Paul, that is.

In his self-evaluation presented to the saints at Philippi, he not only denounced the worth of these things, but identified them as potential obstacles to his own spiritual growth and usefulness. Not only were his credentials and talents of the wrong sort for use in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, but they could also easily become shackles to make him of no use. In this respect, he counts them as refuse to be abandoned, so that he could serve unfettered. Those things which were once assets by human evaluation, were now repulsive to him, and happily discarded so that he could gain Christ, and all the power and fulness of a life lived for Him.

*This is a
new life we have.*

This is not a renovated old life, nor an enhanced version of what we were before, minus the baggage of sin. This is a different kind of life, a higher form of life. This life has its source in the finished work of Christ, has its enabling in the Person of Christ, and has as its one purpose to be the glory of Christ. If someone expresses a thank you occasionally, or a word of encouragement, we return thanks to our Lord and Master because of it. It is proper, and it is really just plain honest. We know what we are and what we were; but by the grace of God—only the grace of God—we are what we are now. May our gifts be used for Him, and by Him.

“For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen.” (Rom. 11:36). 



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by Rick Morse

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

GOD'S PRECIOUS WORD TO US

We live in an ungodly world that is constantly attacking the Word of God. Despite its critics God's Word has stood the test of time and is popular today worldwide. It is important for believers to consider the role the Scriptures have in our lives.

The Formation of the Scriptures: 2 Peter 1:16-21

In a beautiful section of his second epistle Peter recalls a very special event in his life. Speaking of the Lord Jesus on the mount of transfiguration he said that they "were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Pet. 1:16). Here he was given a preview of when the Lord will come in great power and glory. He said, "we were with Him on the holy mountain" (v. 18). Just an ordinary mountain; the difference was the Lord's presence, because He is holy! Moses who appeared with the Lord had a similar experience seeing a bush that burned but was not consumed. The Lord said, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground" (Ex. 3:5).

Peter had an amazing experience, but knowing that those he was writing to could not relate to it, He gave them something

much more assured—the prophetic Scriptures. They are totally reliable and are given, "as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (v. 19). He reminds us, "no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (vv. 20-21). The Lord Jesus told his disciples, "the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my Name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you" (John 14:26). Paul in Ephesians 3:5 speaking of the mystery of Christ said, "which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets."

The Book of Revelation unveils the Lord Jesus Christ, the Angel sent it to John who communicated to the seven churches of Asia by the Holy Spirit. The Bible, the Word of God, was written by men; they were not its author! The author was the Holy Spirit of God; therefore we must give earnest heed to its content, submitting our lives to its absolute authority. No political leader or world power has

insight into the future like we have. No need for alarm at world events where many hearts fail for fear. What is certain, the coming of our Lord, is very near indeed. Until then bask in the light of the Holy Scriptures giving you confidence, hope, and comfort no matter your circumstances. Praise Him today, *“who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light”* (1 Pet. 2:9).

The Wisdom of the Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:15

Paul says to Timothy *“and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 3:15). Those of you who have been raised in a home where the Word of God was central to daily life, please do not despise your Godly heritage. For Timothy no doubt his biggest influence was his mother and grandmother. Parents and grandparents have a crucial role in their children’s spiritual lives. I also give a challenge to all who are involved in Sunday schools, DVBS, kids’ clubs, youth ministries, camp ministries, and so on. Involvement in sowing the good seed of the Word of God into young and tender hearts is a precious and valuable ministry. Many of the Lord’s people who were saved later in life by the scriptures, learned them when they were young. What incredible wisdom to impart so keep up the good work!

The Searching of the Scriptures: Acts 17:1-11

In Paul’s missionary journey after leaving the City of Philippi, he visited the City of Thessalonica (Acts 17:1). He was there for a few weeks which was enough time to teach on three Sabbath days at the synagogue. He reasoned from the Scriptures that *“this Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ (Messiah)”* (Acts 17:3). This resulted in some Jews, a number of devout Greeks, and a few notable women being persuaded. The outcome was a local church planted, a source of joy to Paul. He learned of their *“work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father”* (1 Thess. 1:3). The Jews who did not believe gathered an evil mob and stirred the people against them, accusing them of *“turning the world upside down”* (Acts 17:6).


Paul escaped and came to Berea where he was well received. They *“received the Word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out if these things were so”* (Acts 17:11). What a wonderful example for us today! Far too often more credibility is attributed to the ministers who preach than to the Scriptures themselves. It is always dangerous putting men in the place of prominence; Paul condemned this in 1 Corinthians 1:12. The Corinthians were following their favorites: Paul, Peter, and Apollos. Paul reminded them these servants were not in competition but a complement to each other. Each one was needed for their spiritual development and growth. The best way to avoid error and false teaching is a serious searching of the wonderful truths of Holy Scripture.

The Profit of Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Even in busy lives it’s important to take some time in the day to read, study, and meditate on the Word of God. It enlightens our minds, enriches our hearts, and encourages us through the various circumstances of life. Second Timothy 3:16 speaks of profit in the area of doctrine (teaching). When good wholesome teaching is set aside, it leaves the believer open to anything and everything false being circulated today. It’s profitable for reproof showing when you wander off and go astray. Another profitable aspect is correcting and leading us back into the right way. Instruction in righteousness is profitable in keeping us on the right course. David said, *“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”* (Psa. 119:105). How necessary for the man or woman of God, to *“be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work”* (v. 17). Our life and service for the Lord will only be truly effective if we are steeped in the Scriptures of Truth.

The Exposition of Scripture: Luke 24:24-27

Turning now we look at the interesting journey our risen Lord took with two of his disciples returning home to Emmaus. They were sad and surprised that the Stranger who joined them did not know the events that took place in Jerusalem. In conversation they told Him certain women had gone to the tomb and found it empty. They said angels appeared to them saying, *“He is alive! Jesus said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?’ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself”* (vv. 25-27). I would have loved to listen to the greatest of all teachers expound from the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

To everyone who handles the Word of God may it bring the hearers to the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. The exposition of Scripture is so essential in developing deeper personal relationships with our Lord. This enables us to love, worship, and serve Him better. When He is at the center of our lives everything else will fit exactly into place! 



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by Jim Paul



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS *Lamentations 3:23*

Flying by Occupation, Grounded in Faith The Testimony of Sherman Fray

I was born into a Christian home in New York City on October 2, 1956, the fourth of five children. At the time my parents were fellowshipping at Grace Gospel Chapel in the Bronx. However, they soon branched off to White Plains, NY, joining with others to start a Sunday School in a garage before establishing Shiloh Gospel Chapel in 1958.

I grew up at Shiloh Gospel Chapel, literally! My father was an elder which meant that we pretty much attended every scheduled meeting, many times opening, closing, and cleaning the building. His dedication and commitment to each gathering of the saints would be a lesson not soon forgotten. Put the LORD first and everything else after. My Shiloh “Elder’s Kid” (EK) experiences would guide most of my life going forward.

“In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path” (Prov. 3:6). In the summer of 1962, our family flew to Kingston, Jamaica to visit family and for the independence celebration of my father’s homeland. I vividly remember boarding the Pan Am Boeing 707, watching the wings gently flex as we taxied, the feeling of acceleration as we raced down the runway, the gentle feeling of flight as we lifted off and climbed away from the ground and then being in and out of clouds as we flew. I was instantly hooked and thinking, “I don’t know what those guys are doing up there (in the

cockpit), but that’s what I want to do.” The LORD would not only direct a path for my childhood desire, but along the way further demonstrate the things learned as an EK.

At a Sunday night gospel meeting, when I was just seven years old, the LORD opened my heart to respond to the preaching and teaching from God’s Word. I realized I was a sinner, understood my need for a personal Savior, and asked the LORD Jesus to come into my heart. There and then I was a sinner saved by grace, a child of God, a lost soul that was found and heaven bound, sealed with the Holy Spirit at a very early age. My faith was grounded!

Hospitality was the norm in the Fray household. Typically, guests for the Sunday after-meeting meal would include a visiting speaker and/or someone from the congregation. In the summer of 1974, we hosted one half of Carl South’s family. He was a missionary to Philadelphia with a big family, so the other half went to my uncle’s house. I guess you could kind of say we got the best half? Many times, Sunday guests were not seen again for a long time, but this time our guest Abby South and I made an attempt to stay in touch. We agreed to call and write each other, and I once received a care package of goodies she baked, but with me now off to college in Daytona Beach and her in Philadelphia our correspondence only lasted one semester.

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Prov. 22:6). College/flight school was my first “when he is old” opportunity. I knew



in my heart that although week nights might be taken up with studies or school activities, there would be something seriously wrong if I was not gathered for the LORD'S Supper with the saints on a Sunday morning. My father looked in the Assembly Guide and found New Smyrna Bible Chapel. I was welcomed, baptized, and able to sit under the teaching of brother Phil Morgan. Away from home the LORD kept me close to His people and fed with me His Word.

Flying came naturally so in tandem with my four-year BS Degree I graduated with all the pilot ratings needed to get an airline job. However, in the late 70s pilot jobs were hard to come by. For three years my occupation was being a ticket agent for British Airways at JFK International airport. With travel benefits, I was somewhat able to see the world, but at work seeing the airline pilots highlighted the fact that I was not where I should be. Fortunately, in 1980 the Air Force realized they had a pilot shortage. The LORD directed my paths to the right recruiter, guided me through officer training school, allowed me to soar at pilot training, landed me an assignment at McGuire AFB, NJ and housed me off-base (near Philadelphia). I give all the glory to the LORD for the abilities, opportunities, and directions He gives His people. Now I was piloting a multiengine transport to worldwide destinations, moving troops and cargo in support of military missions, and being a part of whatever else was happening in the world. Looking again to the Assembly Guide, I found the assembly of believers at Community Gospel Chapel in Voorhees, NJ.


Then I remembered that I knew someone in Philly. It was almost nine years after the Sunday dinner at home when Abby and I re-met. We soon realized that with such similar backgrounds and desires, each of us was the person the other one was looking for; the LORD had a plan for the Elder and Missionary Kids. We married and raised a family of three sons. We became actively involved in the assembly. We continued the Fray norm of hospitality by extending our home to saints far and near, and for many years served as Family Camp Directors for Camp Iroquoia.

After my active-duty commitment ended I joined the AF Reserves and got hired by Northwest Airlines. I was ecstatic as the dream of a five-year-old had come true. The LORD had directed my paths through training, provided me skills and experience, and had given me the opportunity to become the airline pilot, a flying soul that He would use for the next

31 years. Of the five different aircraft types I've piloted the Boeing 747 was the one I spent the most time on (19 years), spending much time in Asia and Europe. Combined with my Air Force flying I've spent the equivalent of over two and a half years in the sky, and have been to almost every US state and six of the seven continents (missed Antarctica).

Similar to my EK experience, there were many experiences and lessons learned during my flying career that kept me grounded in my faith. Here are a few:

- "... walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). Let my speech and actions be my witness. Talk of politics and religion are undesirable flight deck topics due to the potential for heated conversations at critical flight phases, but what you say and how you present yourself can be the only bible some ever read.
- God answers prayer, sometimes more than you expect. He not only granted me the skill to fly, but graduated me first in my AF training class, and used me to instruct and evaluate other pilots.
- Look for and fellowship with believers wherever you are. Flights took me all over the world and with the help of the Assembly Guide I was able to gather for the LORD'S Supper and meet with fellow believers in many places such as Alabama, Arizona, and Australia. Singing "Amazing Grace" in Arabic was amazing.
- Find ways to be hospitable. In 1995, as we had a Philadelphia layover, I was able to bring the crew (pilots and flight attendants) to my home for Thanksgiving dinner. What a shared blessing it was!

Although I have spent many years flying around the world, I am thankful that I was grounded in the faith as a child, and that the LORD was and remains my Pilot. May the LORD richly bless you in your walk of faith. 



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by Sherman Fray

Report: Everyday Publications Inc.

Publishing the Name of the Lord



Bible without help. She searched for Bible commentaries that could be translated into Swahili, but most were too advanced or too expensive to meet their needs. In 1963, she asked Dr. Ed Harlow for advice. He asked, if he were to write a simple commentary on Genesis, would she translate it into Swahili? She eagerly agreed! This first title, *The Start of the Race*, was published in 1964. This was the beginning of Everyday Publications.

Dr. Harlow was an educator with a master's degree in Hebrew and a doctorate in Educational Testing. After the submission of his thesis, he had prayed, "Lord, only allow me to get this degree if I can use it for Your work." Indeed, the Lord did use Dr. Harlow's training for His work. But more important than his training was his vision and love for the people of Africa. He began writing additional commentaries. As he did, he continued to research the language style he felt would best help the translators in producing material that was clear, concise, easy to read, and understand. As a result, he developed a style of English that he would call Everyday English. He said of it, "I want people who speak English as a second language to know—as soon as they see the label Everyday English—that they can understand that book. It will have a vocabulary of eighteen hundred words, and straightforward sentences with a subject-verb-object style." Most Everyday Publications books are still produced in Everyday English, although books in Standard English are also available for more advanced readers.

As with most ministries, Everyday Publications began not with a business plan or marketing strategy but with a deep burden to reach believers who had a desire to grow in their faith. Gertrud Koppel, a young missionary from the Congo, had worked with a translation team to develop a new Congo Swahili Bible that was eventually published in 1960. But she also recognized that new believers in African villages would have difficulty understanding much of the





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The first burden of the Harlows was to make available material in languages that people could easily understand, preferably their native language. But they were also burdened to provide books to missionaries and foreign national workers free of charge, including shipping. They never wanted the cost of the materials to be an obstacle to making them available to needy people. Early on, the Harlows made the decision that they would never solicit funds, preferring to commit everything to the Lord, trusting His provision. We give testimony to the Lord's continued provision through His people, and we thank Him for it.

For nearly 60 years, Everyday Publications has continued to keep these two burdens a priority. Each year we ship more than 90% of all materials free of charge, including shipping, to missionaries and foreign workers, as the Lord provides. Our burden is especially for countries where poverty puts owning a book out of the reach of most people. The joy on the face of a believer when they receive a Bible, hymnbook, or Bible commentary is priceless. We hear many stories like this one from the Congo: After the Second Civil War ended in the Congo in July 2003, the UN arrived with food on the same day as a shipment of books arrived from Everyday Publications. People quickly lined up for books first, stating that "books were more important than food." We have many similar stories from countries where missionaries were forced out, but books were left behind for the people. The Lord multiplied the blessing of those books as they were shared repeatedly through entire villages.

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Our colleagues in the Congo are making progress on a number of important translation projects. Gertrude Harlow had completed the translation of the *Believers' Bible New Testament Commentary* as far as the book of Hebrews. The translators have redoubled their efforts to complete the New Testament and are now beginning work on the book of First Peter. They are also reading through the current Congo Swahili Bible to make corrections and updates to the language, which will be incorporated in...

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THE LORD'S TABLE AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

These two phrases are often used interchangeably in assembly circles. This begs the question, are they both referring to the same thing? Do we gather on a Sunday at the Lord's Table to observe the Lord's Supper or is there a distinction?

Context

A proper interpretation of any Scripture must start with context. This includes the broader context of the book along with a narrower context of the particular passage. 1 Corinthians easily divides into two main parts. In chapters 1-6, Paul deals with problems in the assembly reported to him by the household of Chloe (1:11). In chapters 7-16, Paul answers questions submitted to him from the saints (7:1).

In this second section Paul first deals with a question about marriage (ch. 7), then about food offered to idols and Christian liberty (ch. 8-10), then he goes on to deal with order in the assembly (ch. 11-14), the resurrection (ch. 15) and finally offerings (ch. 16). This outline shows that the teaching on the Lord's Table (ch. 10) and the Lord's Supper (ch. 11) are in different contexts.

The teaching in chapter 10: 14-22 flows from the example of Israel and their participation in pagan rituals. The application is that Christians must not do the same by joining with pagans in sacrificial feasts in a pagan temple. There is nothing wrong with the meat in and of itself, but to engage in pagan rituals is to be involved in demonic activity.

The teaching on the Lord's Supper in 11:17-32 focuses on the corporate gathering of the Church dealing first with abuses and then the need for reverence and remembrance. The very activity of partaking is a proclamation of the Lord's death, a gospel object lesson. The section concludes with warnings about self-examination and the danger of judgment or discipline.

Contrasts

A careful reading of the two passages, (10:14-22, and 11:17-32), reveal a number of distinctions between the Table and the Supper. The following list (some inferred and others explicit) may help to highlight the differences:

	Table	Supper
Theme is	Fellowship	Remembrance
Timing	Always	As often as
Set	By the Lord	For the Lord
Order	Cup first	Bread first
Purpose	Communion	Proclamation
Bread	Church	Christ
Warning	Idols	Unworthy
Condition	Cannot	Must not

Content

Once the context is established, the next step is to examine the passage with care. This involves defining words, determining the paragraph breaks, and following the flow of thought. When applying these steps to these two passages, it becomes clear that two different concepts are in view.

The Lord's Table presents fellowship (communion), as the theme. The Lord's Supper emphasizes remembrance not mentioning fellowship at all. The bread at the Lord's Table speaks of the unity of the body of Christ whereas the loaf at the Supper speaks of the body of Christ given for us.

The order is different with the cup first at the Table and second at the Supper. The basis for the unity depicted in the bread at the Table is the shed blood of the Lord Jesus. The emblems at the Lord's Supper conform to the order at its institution in the upper room.

The Lord's Table includes an impossibility that is beyond what we as humans can enforce. One cannot partake of the Lord's Table and the table of demons. Only the Lord knows all that takes place in a week and He knows if a person is out of fellowship with Him due to sin in their life. Fellowship at the Lord's Table is His jurisdiction.

The Lord's Supper comes with a warning to individuals to self-examination so as not to eat in an unworthy manner. Paul adds these words to the warning, "For if we would judge ourselves we would not be judged." The implication is that as individuals we should examine our lives and if there is unconfessed sin we must make things right and then partake

of the emblems. There is no indication that the individual is to be barred from participation.


Conclusion

The final step in serious Bible study is to do an exegesis of the passage leading to the interpretation. That is, what did the author have in mind and how did the recipients understand the message. This is vital to sound theology. After establishing the meaning we can move to application, which is, how does the teaching apply today and how should it affect my life or the local assembly. Much damage occurs when application super-cedes interpretation.

This process has taken place and likely still does where the teaching on the Lord's Table is applied to the Lord's Supper. The absolute prohibition in chapter 10, "cannot partake" refers to the fellowship of a believer with His Lord. When this is applied to the Lord's Supper it destroys the picture of the bread at the Lord's Table, the unity of the body of Christ. The other result of an improper view is that men usurp the authority of the Lord Jesus who alone knows the activities and direction taken during the week.

The Lord's Table is where we as believers can sit everyday of the week to enjoy feeding on Him. We forfeit this privilege and blessing when we are out of fellowship with Him. The Lord's Supper is where we gather corporately with a view to sharing what we glean at the Lord's Table during the week. Poverty of thought and expression on a Sunday is an indication of spiritual malnutrition from missing time at the Lord's Table.

The exposition and then application of chapter 11 is that individuals have a responsibility for self-examination and the responsibility to make things right. Participation at the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner, that is irreverently or with unconfessed sin, can lead to judgment or discipline, as was the case in Corinth. Though the passage is about a corporate gathering, the directives are to individuals with regard to their behavior as part of a local assembly.

In light of these distinctions, it is not proper to refer to the physical table spread on a Sunday as the Lord's Table. Instead, we gather to remember the Lord and to partake of the Lord's Supper. Hopefully as we do, we have already enjoyed time at the Table during the week in communion with Him. 



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by Gary McBride

THE *Blessing* OF Contentment



Contentment was a mindset that directed the early days of Jim and Elisabeth Elliot, quoted originally from Amy Carmichael's poem entitled *"In Acceptance Lieth Peace."* This is truly a discipline of the mind that blesses the heart and soul with peace in whatever situation is faced. Paul speaks of this in Philippians 4 and 1 Timothy 6 using the words "content" and "contentment."

The Contextual Setting

The Philippian church had regularly provided financial assistance to Paul. For some unspecified time period, they could not send a gift. But things changed and now they are able once again to send support by Epaphroditus (v. 18). Paul doesn't want them to feel bad about their lack of support, so he shares with them his confidence in them and his contentment in his present state, being in prison.

In the context of chapter four, Paul exhorted the saints to have a healthy mind (4:8-9). He now moves on in the following verses (4:10-13) to the subject of keeping a contented spirit. These verses are connected, in that our ability to be content in all things is in direct response to our practice of thinking biblically. Contentment is the fruit of a disciplined God honoring mind.

The subject of contentment is very broad. It's use in the New Testament focuses on the sufficiency of material things, such as food, clothing, and money. It is dealt with in the context of wealth, riches, and the lack thereof. However, the principles that support this teaching are of great value and application to our present-day situations

and pressures of life. First, let's define the terms "content" and "contentment" as used in Scripture.

The Word Study

According to Vine's Dictionary, these words are seen as a verb, adjective or noun. The primary verses used are Luke 3:14, Phil. 4:10-13, 1 Tim. 6:6-8, Heb. 13:5, and 3 John 10. We will focus our attention in this article on Philippians 4. The Greek text from which our English words, "content" and "contentment" are translated express the following meanings: to be sufficient in strength; to be enough for a certain thing; to defend, set up a barricade against covetousness; to be satisfied; to be sufficient in one self; and to be independent, adequate, needing no assistance.

Using Kenneth Wuest's Expanded Translation, consider again Phil. 4:11-13 and 1 Tim. 6:6, 8: *"It is not that I speak as regards a need, for, so far as I am concerned, I have come to learn in the circumstances in which I am placed, to be independent of these and self-sufficient. I know in fact how to discipline myself in lowly circumstances. I know in fact how to conduct myself when I have more than enough. In everything and in all things, I have learned the secret, both to be satiated and to be hungry, to have more than enough and to lack. I am strong for all things in the One who constantly infuses strength in me"* (Phil. 4:11-13). *"But godly piety associated with an inward self-sufficiency which is its natural accompaniment is great gain. And having food and clothing, by these we shall be fortified sufficiently"* (1 Tim. 6:6, 8).

Christ's Teaching on Contentment

Jesus first used the term "content" when responding to the soldiers in Luke 3:14; He told them to be content with their wages. This is still good advice for us all today. This set a pattern for His teaching on contentment, dealing with money, food, and clothing. In Matthew 6:25-32 Christ calls us to a life of contentment assuring us that He is in complete control, providing us the basic essentials of life here on earth. All creation is an example of His divine provisions. Furthermore, the Lord reveals in verse 33 that a life of contentment opens the door to spiritual growth by trusting in Him: *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."* Paul reminds us, *"Godliness with contentment is great gain"* (1 Tim. 6:6). In Luke 12:15 Jesus responded to a man seeking a material inheritance and said unto him *"Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth."* Christ identifies the opposite of contentment, it is covetousness, which is sin. Therefore, "discontentment" is really a sin against God, as it is He who has promised us His divine care to meet all our needs.

Practical Application

This subject of contentment is very broad, far-reaching into all the closets of our life (no pun intended). For most of us in a developed culture, application to lack of food, clothing, and shelter is normally not our primary concern. However, we may not be satisfied with the quality or quantity that is served on the table or is hung in our wardrobe. More and better seem to haunt our desires in an affluent society. Materialism competes with Christianity for the love and devotion of our hearts for Christ. Believers find themselves in the race of "keeping up with the Jones." Dissatisfaction leads to discontentment.

But contentment can be tested in many other areas of life: job satisfaction; higher education; social acceptance; just to name a few. A common struggle for contentment emerges over marital status, singleness, infertility, loneliness, and loss of a spouse. Believers may become discontent with their local assembly fellowship, declaring that the needs of the family are not being met. Discontentment is one of the early tools of Satan used within a family or Church fellowship. This leads to discouragement, division, and ultimate devastation. For this reason, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of contentment, not only materially but also spiritually. True satisfaction can be found only in Christ, resting in His promises and living in accordance with His principles in Scripture.

Signs of Contentment from Philippians 4:10-13

The following is a brief outline from this passage as Paul speaks of his own experience with contentment. At this point it would be good for us to take personal inventory.

Are these indicators of a contented spirit present in our life?

- v. 10 A willingness to wait on the Lord's provision
- v. 10 Allowing our joy to remain within material shortages
- v. 10 Accepting the "good faith" of other weaker supporters
- v. 11 Recognizing "wants" as different from "needs"
- v. 11 Embracing contentment is a virtue that must be learned
- v. 11 Exercising contentment in all areas of life
- v. 11 Understanding that our needs in life are Divine appointments of God's provisions
- v. 12 Realizing that in the extremes of life contentment is tested
- v. 12 Times of abundance call for contentment just the same as times of lack
- v. 13 The term "content" involves personal discipline that avoids unnecessary dependence on others, resting in our personal God appointed sufficiency in the everyday trials and testings' of life, and above all, abiding in the faithfulness of God's promises, trusting in the Lord's providential care.
- v. 13 Our contentment in all things, at all times, can only be strengthened by God's all-powerful strength and wisdom infused in us by His Spirit

Closing Thoughts from the Old Testament

Our study of contentment has been drawn largely from the New Testament. However, the Old Testament has ample material to further study this subject. In the Hebrew, the most common synonym for "contentment" is the word "satisfied, or satisfaction." Can we say with the hymnwriter of old *"Satisfied with Thee, Lord Jesus, I am blessed."* The Psalmist David could say, *"Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even Thy holy temple"* (Ps. 65:4).

In Acceptance Lieth Peace

*I will accept the breaking sorrow
Which God tomorrow
will to His son explain.
Then did the turmoil deep within me cease.
Not vain, the word, not vain;
For in acceptance lieth peace.*

Amy Carmichael 



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by **Sam Thorpe**


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...coming years. These translation projects in Swahili will be proofread by two of our board members, Bob Watt and Rex Trogdon, who both served the Lord in the Congo for many years. A number of other Everyday Publications' books have been translated into Spanish, French, Portuguese, and Mandarin, to which we will soon add a new title in Korean.

Remarkably, Everyday Publications does all this with a relatively small team. We are grateful to have four families, all commended workers, who are in the office every day, as well as our off-site language coordinator, also a commended worker. Each brings skills and experience to the ministry in languages, editing, typesetting, printing, shipping, bookkeeping, and managing our computer networks, as do a network of volunteers around the world.

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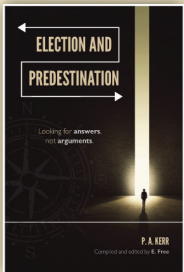


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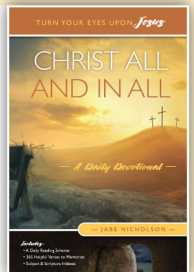


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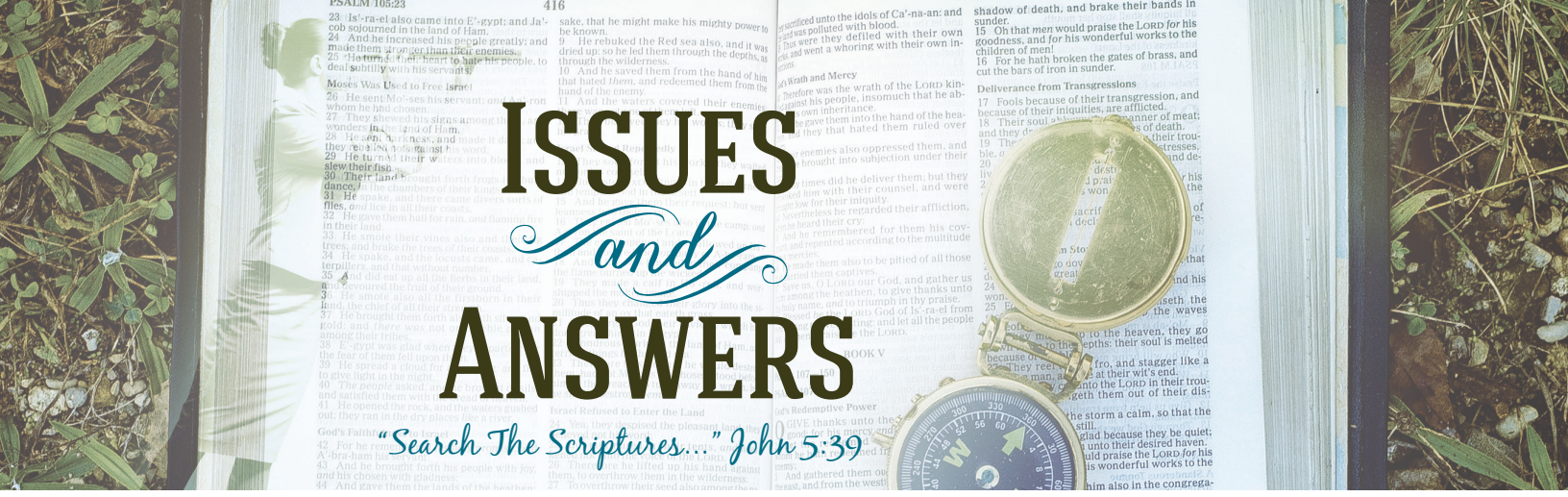
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Who did Christ preach to 1 Peter 3:19?

First Peter 3:18-20 says, *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water”* (NKJV).

Many believe this event occurred between Christ’s death and resurrection and that Christ proclaimed His just completed victory at Calvary to imprisoned fallen angels (Gen. 6:1-8; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6-7), a distinct class of demons discussed in the March/April Issues & Answers. This is the majority view and has much to commend it.

However, this column would agree with those who say that this event happened in Noah’s time. The key phrase is *“who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah.”* It was in the days of Noah that Christ by the Spirit preached through Noah to those who eventually perished in the flood and were at the time of Peter’s writing still in Hades.


Second Peter 2:5 describes Noah as a preacher of righteousness. As he was building the ark, many would have questioned him and given him opportunity to tell them that judgment was coming but that God was providing a way of salvation to escape the coming flood. The Son of God was the source of the message but it was proclaimed under the unction of the Holy Spirit by Noah. Though the Holy Spirit did not permanently indwell the Old Testament saints as He does the believer today, the omnipresent Spirit was still active in the world restraining evil and convicting of sin.

Considering the phrase *“spirits in prison,”* though it is true that the word *“spirits”* normally refers to angels or demons, it is also used to refer to Old Testament saints in Hebrews 12:23. Additionally, though he doesn’t specifically use the word Paul speaks of departed believers as being, *“absent from the body and... present with the Lord”* (2 Cor.

5:8). They are spirits in the sense that they are presently bodiless. In our passage, Peter is referring to the bodiless, unbelieving dead who perished in the flood. They cannot escape the prison of Hades and await the resurrection of the lost at the end of time when they will be judged and cast into the lake of fire.

The word *“disobedience”* in verse 20 would better apply to humans and not to fallen angels. Since fallen angels cannot be redeemed, God does not strive with them to repent. These demons have no message to obey. But He does strive with humanity. Speaking of the evil in Noah’s day Genesis 6:3 states, *“And the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”* After 120 years of preaching, only eight souls were saved, all of whom were in Noah’s family. The rest were “disobedient” to God’s message.

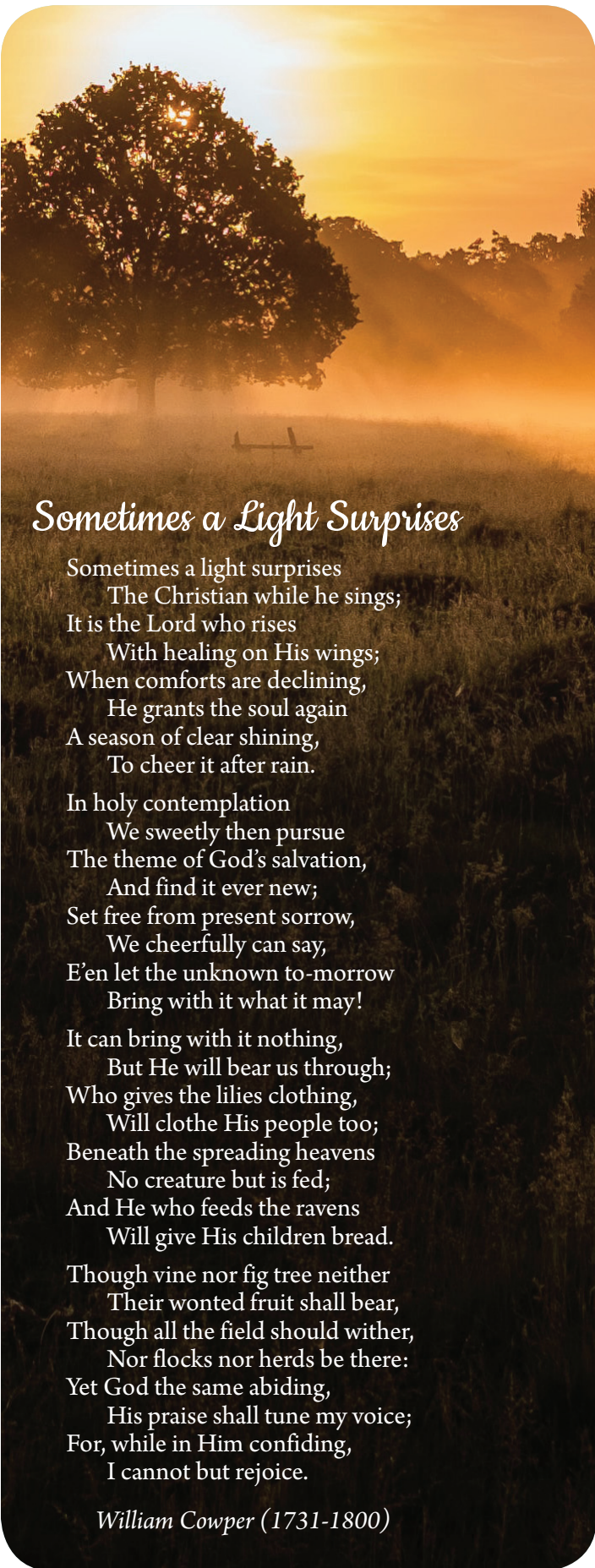
The phrase *“Divine longsuffering”* shows the tremendous patience and striving with humanity by a God who loved them, one who is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. He waited 120 years allowing ample opportunity for everyone to heed His warning.

Christ’s message in Noah’s era is the same today—judgment is coming. By the Spirit Christ is striving through our gospel witness with men and women to be saved. He shed His blood at Calvary so we may escape eternal judgment for our sins. Today is the day of salvation for once we perish all hope is gone. Christ is the only hope, and He is the only Savior. 



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by George Ferrier



Sometimes a Light Surprises

Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord who rises
With healing on His wings;
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
To cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say,
E'en let the unknown to-morrow
Bring with it what it may!

It can bring with it nothing,
But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing,
Will clothe His people too;
Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens
Will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither
Their wonted fruit shall bear,
Though all the field should wither,
Nor flocks nor herds be there:
Yet God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

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Would you let me ask you kindly
Have you thought about your soul?

You may reach the highest portals
And your dreams may all come true
Wealth and fame may be your portion
And success may shine on you
All your friends may sing your praises
Not a care on you may roll
What about the great tomorrow
Have you thought about your soul?

Don't forget your days are numbered
Though you may be riding high
But, like all of us poor mortals
Someday you'll just up and die
Your success and fame and glory
Won't be worth the bell they toll
Let me ask you just one question
Have you thought about your soul?

If you've never thought it over
Spend a little time today
There is nothing more important
That will ever come your way
Than the joys of sins forgiven
And to know you've been made whole
In the Name of Christ the Savior
Have you thought about your soul?