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## THE GRACE FACTOR

One of the things being noticed by many these days is that we live in a time of tired and discouraged Christians. Many wonder if God is not preoccupied with other things. They wonder also if God is not considering their sins and, therefore, is saying no to our many requests. We are happy to announce that all of these are mistaken ideas. From whence then comes capability?

Perhaps an unexpected answer to that question can be found in a clear statement in the Word of God. The Bible says, *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and*

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## “BOLDLY TO THE THRONE”

*find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:15-16).* What promises are here found in the Word of God? What good results could come to our lives? When we see what Jesus Christ has promised, we will pay breathless attention. What can we learn from these Words from God?

We learn and should never forget that God truly cares for us. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities. Imagine, the God who made the universe is profoundly moved with our weakness, with the feelings of our infirmities. No Christian, therefore, will ever weep in vain. No believer who understands the Word of God will ever abandon himself in a sorrowful corner of a dark room. The One who has said, *“Lo, I am with you always” (Matt. 28:20)* will prove beyond all doubt His love and care for us.

With a little thought, we all must agree that the certainty of the love of God for us is a great truth and a precious treasure. Within it is a promise from God to us of strength from heaven, personal provision for everything and the certainty of supreme divine capability in every circumstance of life. God publicly announces His love for all of us who have come to be His children. Here is the promise of strength for every

hour and tender care in every circumstance of life--without exception. The Bible teaches that nothing, nothing in heaven or earth, will ever separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Here that astonishing provision is announced again, teaching us that we are never to doubt the love that is always and ever extended to us.

This passage reminds us also that Jesus was tempted in every way that we are tempted. This is, of course, very hard to believe, yet it is true. No Christian, therefore, should ever say about God that, *“He doesn’t know what I have been through.”* The answer is immediately available to every doubting Christian and is clearly stated to us. He understands each of us because he has faced every one of our temptations.

This marvelous truth becomes immensely important when we remember the day in which we live. In our time, the culture has been inundated by a tidal wave of iniquity. There is no form of sin that is not practiced openly in our time. The Scripture teaches that every nation that forgets God will come under the judgment of the Lord. The Scripture says, *“The wicked shall*

*be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Ps. 9:17).* This fearful judgment is in our time coming close to the immediate future of all who live. The present condition reminds us of the fearful contradiction between the moral rules of the world and the purity and quality of Jesus Christ and our relationship to Him. There are few who have taken the time to properly appreciate, with a grateful heart, what Jesus Christ did for us. Imagine the meaning of the statement about Jesus Christ which notes that *“For he has made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him” (II Cor. 5:21).*

The core of Christianity centers around the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ and how that perfect righteousness becomes ours when we believe the Gospel. It is the willingness of Jesus Christ to bear all of our sins in His own body on the tree that makes this beautiful reality of Christianity possible. By living a perfect life and never sinning, Jesus Christ, by His deity and His sacrificial atonement, purchases forever the path of redemption for each of us. So the hymnwriter said, “Stay, let me weep while you whisper, Love paid the ransom for me.” We can also restate with confidence that Jesus never sinned, never failed, never was disobedient to the law of God. So He became our eternal Savior.

Living, therefore, in a way that will please God is possible. Jesus does not ask us to do

anything as the basis for our salvation. This was already done by His substitutionary atonement on the cross. Because He sacrificed His life for the sins of the world, we are set free from sin by believing in Him.

This marvelous fact of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ in our place instead is a wonderful provision beyond description. We need, then, to say once more that there is nothing left to do, to change, to fight for, in order to produce salvation. Salvation is *“the gift of God”* which is eternal life. How sad that such a high percentage of the Christians of our time do not truly see this. They believe that there is something heroic of giving Jesus one’s life and doing it in exchange for the gift of everlasting life. It needs to be said again and again that our sacrifice is totally meaningless as a purchase price for our salvation. It is, rather, the sacrifice of the life of Jesus Christ that becomes that ever-sufficient sacrifice of Christ. Through faith in Christ, therefore, the Christian has security for eternity with a life that will never pass away. The Christian is, therefore, always confident with a salvation that will never pass away. Our High Priest was, therefore, perfect in moral understanding. He asks us to believe in Him and promises that we will make no mistake by placing our trust in Him.

Following this analysis, we have a most exciting structure given to us. It comes in the form of the response to an invitation, *“come boldly unto the throne of*

*grace” (Heb. 4:16).* This is a time of your need and, therefore, it is your moment with God. We know that Jesus Christ will never reprimand us for our failure. Rather, He will remind us that the throne is the throne of grace and we are invited to come boldly. Who would ever dream that the eternal God would invite us into His presence with anything but a humble petitional attitude? But He does, Christ does. We are invited to come boldly. Every young person, every adult, every person who believes the Gospel should remember this. We are not called upon to become a part of a weeping church. Rather, we are called to be a major part of a great spiritual expedition. Christ is calling for brave associates in the battle for truth.

Yes, He will furnish the instructions, the associates, the weapons--everything that it takes to be a victorious officer in the army of the Lord. We have real battles to face, one is called Armageddon. It is the great final struggle between good and evil and the issue is the ownership of the universe. To lose at Armageddon would be to lose everything. To win is to escalate Christians to be masters of the universe and worthy of the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ. There is no excuse, no reason to run from the field. To run before the Devil’s army would be pitiful, cowardice--it would be betrayal of our great Captain. Let us march boldly to the battle and to the victory rally which is promised us. Tents of ease must now be left behind. The battle and the victory are before us. by Dave Breese

# THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

**“ISRAEL IS VERY CONCERNED** about the nuclear capabilities of Iran and their continued threats.[...] They are acutely aware that the time for effective action is fast drawing to a close.

Israel has recently [...] developed new versions of the F-15 and the F-16 aircraft. They now have the most advanced targeting and defensive electronics ever put on an operational aircraft. These new planes can fly to Iran and back without refueling.

Israel also purchased recently 500 ‘bunker buster’ bombs [...] capable of penetrating through seven feet of reinforced concrete before detonation.

[...] The current scenario in Iran and Israel is fast moving toward the predictions of the Bible.”

David Hocking, Israel Watch

**“CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA** often hear of the phenomenal growth of the church in the most unlikely of far-flung places across the globe. [...] Yet, one of the greatest evangelical success stories during the last decade lies just 90 miles from our doorstep. [...]

Despite decades of imposed communism, adversity and oppression under the despotic leadership of Fidel Castro, the Christian church in Cuba has miraculously grown.

Christians on this island nation of 11 million have endured 35 years of persecution, forced to suffer under Castro’s perpetual ‘revolution.’ The average family in Cuba earns \$15 a month. Yet when faced with imprisonment, heavy fines and a spartan lifestyle [...] the church has emerged into a powerful force, its roots tapping deeply into God’s strength. [...]

When asked to describe the greatest need in Cuba today, [...] the emphatic answer given by a major Christian

leader was, ‘Bibles and more Bibles! We need God’s Word to undergird the faith of the new believers.’”

Deryl Edwards, President,  
The Liberty Alliance

**“AMERICAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION (AFA) COMMENDS** its online action supporters and American Family Radio listeners in Kansas for urging their state congressmen to support the Kansas Marriage Amendment.



The Kansas House voted [...] to send the Marriage Amendment to a public vote [...] on the upcoming April 5<sup>th</sup> ballot.

‘Kansans will now get the opportunity to stand up for traditional marriage, and I am confident they will support an amendment to the state constitution with overwhelming numbers.’ [...]

This past year thirteen states added marriage amendments to their state constitutions, and now, the citizens of Kansas have the opportunity for their voices to be heard in the marriage debate.”

AFA Press Release

**BELOW IS AN EXCERPT** from an e-mail sent by Major Scott Stanger of Benton, Arkansas to his wife. Stanger is currently stationed in Baghdad, Iraq as an operations officer. “Today I got to witness first hand a new democracy take its first steps [...] The Iraqi government shut down all traffic in the country so the streets were deserted. At about 10 a.m. the streets were packed with large crowds of people walking to the polls. We were on edge waiting for more attacks that never came. By about 3 p.m. we could start to [...] talk to the people. [...] People everywhere wanted to talk to us [...] to shake our hands and thank us for allowing them to vote. When the Iraqis voted they dipped their fingers

in indelible purple ink so that polling officials could tell who had already voted. [...] The Iraqis would hold their purple finger up in the air as a mark of pride. The Iraqis’ statements to us were all the same. ‘Thank you for your sacrifices for the Iraqi people. . . Thank you for making this day possible. . . The United States is the true democracy in the world and is the country that makes freedom possible. . . God bless the Iraqi people and the United States this day. . .

We have never known a day like this under Saddam. . . This day is like a great feast, a wonderful day.’ [...]

[...] I thought about our sacrifices that we have made. I wondered if the three men that my unit has sent home in flag-draped coffins was worth what I saw today. I am still not sure [...] but when a grown Iraqi man thanks me with tears running down his face, it made me feel better about what we had accomplished.”

**JUST THINKING...** Over and over again, we hear people from the so-called “pro-choice” movement insisting that a woman should have the right to say what happens to her own body. Generally speaking, that ought to be true. But when a new life forms inside her, that new life has rights of its own. It ceases to be “all about her!” Old Testament law provided harsh penalties to those who caused a woman to lose an unborn child. Obviously, in the eyes of God, that fetus was a living valuable soul worth protecting. Let’s put to rest the old canard about the right to choose “what happens to her own body.” It’s not just “her body” any more.  
by Dave Weeden



# CALVARY'S LOVE

*Shall ever I forget the day  
When grace my soul enthralled?  
When Calvary's love became my hope  
And all my guilt absolved.  
This grand, eternal life is mine,  
By grace through faith alone,  
Since on the cross my Savior bled  
For all men to atone.*

*Hence this "So Great Salvation" is  
Now fully, freely mine,  
By virtue of that finished work  
Which love and grace combine,  
Purchased by that priceless blood  
Which coursed from Jesus' veins,  
To wash me now and evermore  
From sin's malignant stains.*

*So now, with Christ forever mine,  
I never shall be lost.  
But what shall I then give to Him?  
Can I repay the cost?  
To this I hear Him say, "My son,  
Thou dost not understand.  
Repay the cost? Of Calvary's love?  
What hast thou in thine hand?"*

*With tears I see that naught I have  
Of proper recompense,  
My childish prayers, my feeble works,  
My speech of little sense.  
But yes, I have but one small gift--  
Myself I have to give.  
This then I do my Lord, my God,  
For You I now shall live.*

*Living then for Thee I find  
I have not lost but gained.  
My life has been returned to me  
With every grace entrained.  
Hence all is mine that I shall need  
And serve Him well I will.  
We'll live the great adventure here  
And meet on Zion's hill.*

*Redemption's awesome mystery then  
Shall have my highest mind.  
His purpose moves from age to age,  
His grace to all mankind.  
The love that flowed from Calvary's mount  
My single theme shall be  
For loss, for gain, for life, for death,  
For all eternity.*

*by Dave Breese*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



“Thank you for keeping me on the mailing list in recent years. I am grateful! The **Destiny Newsletter** has so many highlights, gleanings from Dave’s writings, national and international updates, Dave’s beautiful and positive poems and those wonderful ‘quotes.’ He would be proud and joy-filled with your manner of carrying on. Please send me ‘Seven Men who Rule the World From the Grave.’ I’m endeavoring to set aside a bit more time for reading.” – Eau Claire, WI

“Thank you to the person who wrote the answer to a question about the Church and Israel. I appreciated it very much!”  
– West Lafayette, IN

“I recently shared a newsletter with special long-time friends at church. When one gentleman asked who the newsletter was put out by, I responded with ‘**Christian Destiny**, a ministry of David Breese.’ Well, one man blew me away when he told me he was saved under David Breese’s ministry as a teenager attending a YFC Conference at Winona Lake, IN. He is now 62! I want to share how much I treasure ‘My Highest Mind’ as I love to read and write poetry. God’s blessings come in so many ways! I wanted you to know the blessings you and David and Christian Destiny newsletters have brought to me and consequently to my friends, etc...” – Churubusco, IN

“We enjoy your monthly newsletters so much, too. Christian Destiny is such an oasis in the midst of terrible turmoil. The sea and the waves roaring.” – Burlington, ONTARIO CANADA

“Thank you for continuing the work in such a great manner. I especially enjoy the newsletter each month. May God bless you in this coming year.” – Wichita, KS

“Thank you for your faithfulness in teaching the Word! Thank you that you edify us and bring glory to a Holy God! Here is a small donation for this month. May God multiply it so that it can be of some use.” – Fort Mill, SC

“Bless you and your workers with God’s love and care. Keep the Good News going about Jesus for we need His love and care. Hope you can read these notes, for in the mornings I’m quite shakey, but I love all of you. Thanks for your prayers. In His name.” – Woodland Park, CO

## WORTH QUOTING

“One man with courage makes a majority.” -- Andrew Jackson

“Before you try to convince anyone else be sure you are convinced, and if you cannot convince yourself, drop the subject.” -- John H. Patterson

“Faith is not trying to believe something regardless of the evidence; faith is daring to do something regardless of the consequences.”  
-- Sherwood Eddy

“The man who wins may have been counted out several times, but he didn’t hear the referee” -- H. E. Jansen

“The power of words is immense. A well-chosen word has often sufficed to stop a flying army, to change defeat into victory, and to save an empire.”  
-- Emile De Girardin

“The political machine triumphs because it is a united minority acting against a divided majority.”  
-- Will Durant

**But especially,**  
*“To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne”  
(Rev. 3:21).*

# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED



**Q. Things seem to be very confused and dangerous in today's world. I am afraid of what might happen. What shall I do?**

A. We can be sure then that God is in perfect control of everything. We assume that what He allows, He does for the purpose of maturing us so that we will be good stewards of the kingdom in heaven which may be soon to come. Don't be discouraged. Be ready. The word of God says, *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turns it wherever he will"* (Prov. 21:1).

**Q. I am not rich like other people seem to be. Can I make it through in this life?**

A. God makes you a wonderful promise in His Word and wants us to be discerning about money. In His Word, the Lord says, *"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold"* (Prov. 22:1). If we will seek to please the Lord about money and everything else, we can be sure that He will help, provide, and bless our life no matter what may be its economic status.

**Q. I do some drinking and it doesn't seem to hurt. Is this okay?**

A. You're playing with fire. Alcohol can be the ruin of your life and we would advise against

it. The Scripture says, *"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise"* (Prov. 20:1).

**Q. I am discouraged when I see the easy and rich lives of so many people whom I know to be evil. Is this the way God wants it?**

A. Be sure that God knows about your situation and wants you to patiently trust Him no matter what may be your outward circumstances. In the Scripture, God says, *"For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the Lord upholds the righteous. The Lord knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever... But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away"* (Ps. 37:17,18,20).

**Q. Is it true that the Bible teaches the fall and rise of the house of Israel. How shall I understand this?**

A. Yes indeed, the Bible teaches that the house of Israel is fallen and desolate. Jesus said, *"Behold, your house is left unto you desolate"* (Matt. 23:38). Christ continued saying, *"For I say unto you, You shall not see Me hereafter, till you shall say, BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD"* (Matt. 23:39). *"I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if*

*the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?"* (Romans 11:11-12). When God brings to pass the fulness of the Gentiles, that will be a marvelous day in both Gentile and Jewish history. That era could come to pass soon.

## THE COMING ISLAMIC INVASION OF ISRAEL

by Mark Hitchcock



Final Jihad: How close are we? The Islamic faith has been hijacked by those who demand that political power be anchored in religious zeal. Their core followers are impoverished youth, staring at us coldly from the pages of the daily newspaper. Their numbers are legion, and growing...

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# THINKING TOGETHER

## NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY

### IN SEARCH OF THE REAL THING

There are both animated and taciturn conversations across the world today about a most important subject. That subject is “Christianity.” This marvelous spiritual reality called *“the faith. . . once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3)* manifests itself in our times in a hundred different forms. One of them we have come to call “nominal Christianity” is certainly the most common form of the Christian religion which is in existence in the world today. We do well, therefore, to ask the question, “What is nominal Christianity?”

The word “nominal” means “in name only.” When used with reference to Christianity, it refers to those who call themselves Christians, but who are not the real thing. They are Christians in name only, but they constitute what probably can be called the most common form of the Christian religion in our time. It even may be suggested that nominal Christians far outnumber the real thing. A very long discussion could be created around the question, “How do we know a nominal Christian?” “Can a nominal Christian be easily identified?”

That question presses us to take a quick look at our society and even the culture of the Church. This because the danger

of a large expansion of nominal Christianity may well be upon us. One of its forms is when the name “Christianity” is attached to a thing, a program, for the purpose of producing an image of that thing, which image may be far from the truth.

In Germany, there is a major political party called “The Christian Democratic Party.” It is a significant factor in the German democratic process, but no one would argue that its membership consists only of born-again Christians. Quite obviously the name Christian was chosen for political reasons and has nothing to do with the faith of individuals.

Within the aberrant religions of the world, the name of Christianity appears. One wonders and even smiles at the activities of our world that come under the name of “Christian.”

The aspect of this for which we should be genuinely concerned is the hypocritical use of the name Christian among individuals. An individual who bears the name Christian but is not in fact a Christian. He is at best a nominal Christian. A nominal Christian can be attached to a church or a movement and uses Christianity as a title. An individual called a Christian may well be in his heart of hearts something that is a far cry from real Christianity.

A nominal Christian pays no heed to his faith because, of course, he has none. A real Christian rejoices daily in the reality of Jesus Christ.

Nominal Christians may well make a small but public gift while a real Christian makes his offering and cares not for promoting it.

A nominal Christian pays a great deal of attention to public promotion while a real Christian is happy to do his alms in secret.

A real Christian is an earnest student of the Word of God whereas a nominal Christian scarcely can recite the books of the Bible.

For the nominal Christian, the Bible bears no message about faith and conduct. For the real Christian, however, the Bible is the Word of God and is our only rule for faith and practice. The preoccupation of the nominal Christian is with his image in this world. The spiritual Christian, however, rejoices in the hope of eternal life and brightly anticipates the day when he will move from this world to the world to come.

In thinking about these things, we can simply come to the conclusion that we need a lot more of real Christianity

and a good deal less of the counterfeit, nominal type. It is high time that we have within this true and marvelous thing called Christianity a real revival. We speak not of the superficial kind, but rather a revival of the preaching of the true Gospel, of the call to commitment to Christ, of vital Christian godliness and genuine consecration to Christ. We are close to the place where nominal Christianity will become the only kind there is. This must not happen. We who believe vitally true historic Christianity can prevent this. The time is now to be up and doing that the world may see a vital Christianity for what it truly is. by Dave Breese

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
MARIAN!**



Marian Estep, wife of the late Dr. Howard Estep, has served the Lord for 70 years. Dr. and Mrs. Estep were the founders of *World Prophetic Ministry* and *The King Is Coming* telecast.

Dave had the privilege of being the speaker on the telecast for 15 years.

God bless you Marian as you continue in His service!

**FIRST TV PROGRAM  
MADE BY IRAQI CHRISTIANS FOR IRAQIS**

“The Gospel of Jesus Christ is going forward in Iraq. SAT-7 wrote this last week in a news release: ‘Their lives are threatened. Their churches have been bombed. The recent election has been overlooked in the world press. In spite of this, some Iraqi Christians, who make up about 3% of the population, are reaching out and ministering to their communities. New churches have started, Christian bookstores have opened, and an Iraqi pastor has created, for SAT-7, what we believe to be the first Christian satellite TV show made by an Iraqi for Iraqis.’

‘I want to encourage my community, my people in Iraq,’ says Pastor Haitham Akaram, the writer and host of SAT-7’s new program *Help from the Highest*. The program includes interviews with people on the streets of Baghdad, asking their opinions on topics ranging from ‘Anger and Revenge’ and ‘Dealing with Traumatized Children’ to ‘Hope for the Future.’ The show’s Jordanian producer says, ‘I believe Iraqis will be blessed when they hear an Iraqi talking about the issues they are all facing. I trust it will bring them hope.’

Debbie Brink, SAT-7 executive director, says. ‘We are encouraging Christians in North America to pray for Iraq’s minority Christian population during this pivotal time.’”

**FINALLY**



Dear Special Friend of Christian Destiny,

These, as we will agree, are days of opportunity and challenge. The present, surprising developments in our world are calling upon us to take advantage of spiritual opportunity. Anxious people across the world need to hear and will respond to the Gospel. The challenge is very real as well. No one of us can do everything, but together we can do much.

Sincerely,

Carol Breese  
Christian Destiny, Inc.