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"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."
Billy Graham

Return and Rest

By Dr. David Reike

The big word we hear from people so often in this time of year and in our present economy is STRESS. We feel threatened politically, personally and financially. So we tend to live on the ragged edge, flying from one obligation to another, sleeping as little as possible, eating unhealthy foods because they are "fast foods," raising our blood pressures, and crowding out the relationships, church involvement and personal worship times that matter most in life.

Some 700 years before Jesus was born, the people of Israel were under the constant threat of attack by the mighty nation of Assyria, and they felt STRESS. As we tend to do when we are under stress, the Israelis took extraordinary action. In opposition

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Worthy of all Acceptation

From *Awake My Heart* by J. Sidlow Baxter

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

Is all this really true? Yes, for it is a "faithful saying"; it is completely true and trustworthy. Perhaps not all the sayings which floated around among Christians in the early days were models of accuracy and succinctness; but this one was. It was true in every syllable and was therefore "worthy of all acceptance". It was true then, and it is true now.

Away back in 1914, the following incident was narrated in a British magazine. The young Prince Edward, heir to the throne, was

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BI 201C New Testament Survey I
(1CR/NBC/DR)

Monday Evenings, 6:55-8:40 pm, Jan. 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15 (5 weeks)
Course Description:
A chronological and theological study of the book of Acts with emphasis on the key doctrines, persons, events, places, and circumstances connected with the early church and the initial growth of the Christian faith in the Bible lands.

BI 202A New Testament Survey II
(1CR/NBC/DR)

Monday Evenings, 6:55-8:40 pm, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (5 weeks)
Course Description:
A summary of Paul's 13 epistles in the New Testament. In this course each epistle will be summarized, compared with other biblical writings, and located in the great scheme of God's redemptive plan. Certain key teachings and statements in each epistle will be given special attention and consideration for life-application.

BI 286b Issues of Spiritual Formation in Acts and the Pauline Epistles

(1CR/AHBC/DR)
Tuesdays Evenings, 7:00-8:30 pm, Jan. 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; Mar 2, 9 (8 weeks)
Course Description:
The continuation of our "Spiritual Formation in the New Testament" (Pg.3)

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to God's desires, they sent ambassadors to their perennial enemies, the Egyptians, in hopes of securing their aid in a stand against Assyria.

In this context Isaiah was sent to tell the people that their desperate efforts were in vain. God wanted the national leaders to recall their ambassadors from Egypt ("return") and fall back on His divine help alone ("rest"). *Isaiah 30:15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.*

This text makes me wonder how much of the wild activity going on around me is really just more fruitless wheeling and dealing, like the sending of ambassadors to Egypt—a lot of trouble for nothing. There will always be another way to make just one more dollar, to sleep just a little less, to get just a little more of the admiration we crave, but maybe God isn't in favor of all our scheming and striving. Maybe He would have us cease our human efforts in certain matters altogether. What we really want can sometimes be found only in quiet worship and reliance on the God who has a fabulous plan for each and every one of His children—a plan that doesn't involve the bother of another desperate meeting in Egypt.

For the past year or so all of us with some connection to Faith Bible College have been going through economic and logistical uncertainties along with the rest of America. But haven't we've seen God's gracious provision in these threatening times? Rest. Quietness. Confidence. This is our mandate and our comfort.

We've moved!

By Terry Spencer

Grunts, groans, a little bit of logistical engineering, and a herculean effort by staff proved productive in getting College offices from our long-time gig at the Discovery Center to our new digs at Norview Baptist Church. We're glad for our partnership with Norview and, as always, ever so grateful to Tabernacle Church for its provision.

We're up and running with office functions and soon, classes will be filled with students. Praises!

Course Locations and Instructors:

(NBC): Norview Baptist Church
(AHBC): Avalon Hill Baptist Church
(DR): Dr. David Reike
(TS): Dr. Terry Spencer

"wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow."
Isaiah 1:16-17

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BI 286b Continued:

series. Following the examples of the earliest Christians and the spiritual formation doctrines in Paul's writings to the churches, we will engage in a spiritual exercise of examining our lives with a view toward bringing them in line with God's demands and preferences. Spiritual formation texts including those dealing with personal sacrifice, prayer, fasting, meditation on God's words, one's attitude toward money, toward neighbors, etc. will be discussed, practiced and evaluated over the course of eight weeks.

TH 202 Systematic Theology II
(3CR/NBC/TS)

Tuesday Evenings, 6:55-9:30 pm, Jan. 13 (15 weeks)
(No class at spring break)
Course Description:
This course examines the issues and theological considerations of the doctrines of Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and the end times. The student will deal with the implications for Christian living and ministry of the doctrines. Erroneous views will be considered with scriptural teaching to refute the views. The study is systematic, showing the relation of the doctrine to each other, and biblical, building the doctrines on the teachings of the Bible. An examination of historical theology shows how theology changes and meets the challenges of culture and philosophy.

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visiting a small hospital where thirty-six hopelessly injured and disfigured veterans of the First World War were tended. He stopped at each cot, shook hands with each veteran, and spoke words of encouragement. He was then conducted to the exit, but he observed, "I understood you had thirty-six patients here; I have seen only twenty-nine." The head nurse explained that the other seven were so shockingly disfigured that for the sake of his own feelings he had not been taken to see them. The prince insisted that he must see them, and he stayed long enough to thank each soldier for the great sacrifice he had made, and to assure each that it should never be forgotten. Then he turned to the nurse again. "But I've seen six men. Where is the seventh? He was informed that no one was allowed to see him. Blind, maimed, dismembered, the most hideously disfigured of them all, he was isolated in a room which he would never leave alive. "Please do not ask to see him," the nurse pleaded. The prince, however, could not be dissuaded, and the nurse reluctantly led him into the darkened room. The royal visitor stood there, with white face and drawn lips, looking down at what had once been a fine man but was now a horror. Then the tears broke out, and with lovely impulse the prince bent down and reverently kissed the cheeks of the broken hero.

There is one who has stooped far, far lower, to kiss a far, far worse ugliness--not the physical disfigurement of a broken hero whose brokenness called forth reverent gratitude, but the leprous, evil ugliness of corrupt sinners and hard rebels against infinite love. Oh, there never was a story to equal it. Calvary is the gracious, compassionate, redeeming kiss of the condescending Prince of Heaven upon these sinful hearts of ours. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners". Is not that "worthy of all acceptance"?----and if we refuse it, is not our refusal the most unworthy behavior we could indulge? Friend, you may receive the best and biggest and dearest of all Christmas gifts right here and now. Years ago, a workman high up on the huge glass roof of the famous Crystal Palace, London, England, took his mid-day break for lunch, and was eating it, high up there when a curious thing happened. For weeks he had been in deep concern about his soul, and wanted to be saved. Suddenly, and apparently from nowhere, a sonorous voice rang out, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"! To that solitary man up there, it was the voice of God direct from heaven. He lay full length on the roof, accepted Christ into his heart, and became saved. The fact was that the great Victorian preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, had gone into the Crystal Palace, to test the voice for a meeting there. Ring it out again this Christmas: "worthy of all acceptance".

Student Life

Wednesday, January, 27th
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February, 24th
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31st
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Note: TH 201 Systematic Theology I is not required for enrollment.

Join us in the sanctuary at Norview Baptist Church, 1127 Norview Ave. Norfolk, VA. 23513, for worship and lunchtime prayer.